

510(k) SUMMARY OF SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS

K991051

This summary of 510(k) safety and effectiveness information is being submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Safe Medical Devices Act (SMDA) of 1990 and 21 CFR 807.92. All data included in this document is accurate and complete to the best of KSEA's knowledge.

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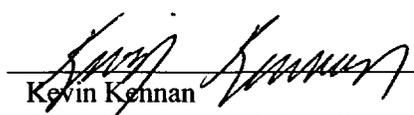
Device Identification: Common Name:
Flexible Fiberscope

Trade Name: (optional)
Karl Storz Epiduroscope

Indication: The Epiduroscope is indicated for use in the lumbar and sacral spine for observing epidural anatomy and pathology.

Device Description: The KSEA Epiduroscope is a manually operated surgical devices. The KSEA Epiduroscope is a flexible fiberoptic telescope which utilize fiber-optic technology. The body contact portions of the KSEA Epiduroscope are composed of medical grade polyurethane.

Substantial Equivalence: The KSEA Epiduroscope is substantially equivalent to the predicate devices since the basic features, design and intended uses are the same. The minor differences between the KSEA Epiduroscope and the predicate devices raise no new issues of safety and effectiveness, as these design differences have no affect on the performance, function or intended use of the devices.

Signed: 
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Mr. Kevin Kennan
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Re: K991051
Trade Name: KSEA Epiduroscope
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: HRX
Dated: March 26, 1999
Received: March 30, 1999

Dear Mr. Kennan:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

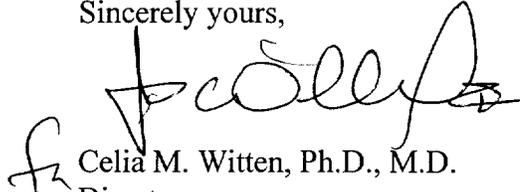
If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (Premarket Approval), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the current Good Manufacturing Practice requirement, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic (QS) inspections, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will verify such assumptions. Failure to comply with the GMP regulation may result in regulatory action. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register. Please note: this response to your premarket notification submission does not affect any obligation you might have under sections 531 through 542 of the Act for devices under the Electronic Product Radiation Control provisions, or other Federal laws or regulations.

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This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4595. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its internet address "<http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsmamain.html>".

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Witten", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosure

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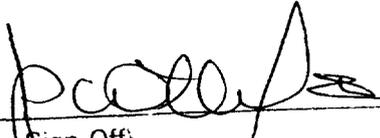
Indications for Use: The Epiduroscope is indicated for use in the lumbar and sacral spine for observing epidural anatomy and pathology.

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IF NEEDED)

Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use: X OR Over-The-Counter Use: _____
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

(Optional Format 1-2-96)



(Division Sign-Off)
Division of General Restorative Devices

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