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Food and Drug Administration
9200 Corporate Boulevard
Rockville MD 20850Gary Gilmore
President and General Manager
Syncor® Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
1313 Washington Avenue
Golden, CO 80401Re: K994018
PharmaSeed Model BT-125-3
Dated: April 24, 2000
Received: April 25, 2000
Regulatory class: II
21 CFR 892.5730/Procode: 90 KXX

Dear Mr. Gilmore:

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 legally marketed predicate 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 requirements, 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.

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) 594-4591. 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" (21CFR 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/dsma/dsmamain.html>".

Sincerely yours,

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Abdominal, and Radiological Devices
Office of Device Evaluation
Center for Devices and
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Enclosure(s)

510(k) Number (if known): K 994018

Device Name: PharmaSeed BT-125-3 Brachytherapy Seeds

Indications for Use:

The intended use of Syncor Pharmaceuticals' BT-125-3 seeds is to deliver radiation for brachytherapy in the treatment of cancer with sources in close proximity to, or within, the tumor.

These seeds are indicated for permanent interstitial treatment of tumors which are localized and unresectable, and which have a slow growth rate and low to moderate radiosensitivity. Superficial, intrathoracic, and intraabdominal tumors, such as those in the head, neck, lungs, pancreas and prostate are commonly treated in this manner. The seeds may also be implanted in recurrent tumors or in residual tumors following completion of a course of external radiation therapy.

Total activity of BT-125-3 seeds required for treatment is dependent upon the tumor volume and the radiation history of the site. To calculate the total activity needed, determine the placement of the sources in the tissue, and evaluate the dose distribution achieved, established practice should be followed.

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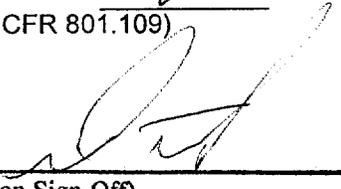
Concurrence of CDRH; Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription
Use
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

OR

Over-The-Counter
Use _____

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