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Synthes USA Products, LLC  
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Re: K141897  
Trade/Device Name: Synapse System and OC Fusion System  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 888.3050  
Regulation Name: Spinal interlaminar fixation orthosis  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: KWP, MNH, MNI  
Dated: July 11, 2014  
Received: July 14, 2014

Dear Mr. Ohiwa:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and 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) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). 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. Please note: CDRH does not evaluate information related to contract liability warranties. We remind you, however, that device labeling must be truthful and not misleading.

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Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)  
K141897

Device Name  
Synapse System

### Indications for Use (Describe)

These Systems are intended for the following:

#### Hooks, Plate/Rods, Plates, Rods and Screws

When intended to provide stabilization as an adjunct to fusion of the cervical spine and occipitocervical junction (occiput-T3), the plate/rod, plates, rod, hook and screw (3.2 mm cortex) components of the Synthes CerviFix, Axon, OC Fusion and Synapse Systems are indicated for skeletally mature patients using allograft and/or autograft for the following:

- Degenerative Disc Disease (DDD) (defined as neck pain of discogenic origin with degeneration of the disc as confirmed by patient history and radiographic studies)
- Spondylolisthesis
- Spinal Stenosis
- Fracture/dislocation
- Atlantoaxial fracture with instability
- Occipitocervical dislocation
- Revision of previous cervical spine surgery
- Tumor

When used to treat these cervical and occipitocervical conditions, screws are limited to occipital fixation only.

#### Hooks and Rods

The rod and hook components are also intended to provide stabilization to promote fusion following reduction of fracture/dislocation or trauma in the cervical/upper thoracic (C1-T3) spine.

#### Rods, Clamps, Screws, Nuts, Variable Axis Screws, Locking Screws, and Transverse Bars

The rods, clamps, screws, nuts, variable axis screws, locking screws, and transverse bars are intended to promote fusion following reduction of fracture/dislocation or trauma in the upper thoracic spine (T1-T3).

The use of these screws (3.5 mm, 4.0 mm and 4.5 mm cancellous, and 3.5 mm and 4.2 mm cortex) is limited to placement in T1-T3 in treating thoracic conditions only. They are not intended to be placed in or treat conditions involving the cervical spine.

The Synthes CerviFix, Axon, and Synapse Systems can also be linked to the Synthes Universal Spinal System using the 3.5 mm/6.0 mm and 4.0 mm/6.0 mm parallel connectors from that system and via the CerviFix tapered rods using lamina hooks, transverse process hooks, pedicle hooks, 4.2 mm screws, and the 5.0 mm/6.0 mm parallel connector.

Warning: This device is not intended for screw attachment or fixation to the posterior elements (pedicles) of the cervical, thoracic (T4-T12), or lumbar spine.

Type of Use (Select one or both, as applicable)

Prescription Use (Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D)

Over-The-Counter Use (21 CFR 801 Subpart C)

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## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)  
K141897

Device Name  
OC Fusion System

### Indications for Use (Describe)

The Synthes OC Fusion System is intended to provide stabilization as an adjunct to fusion of the occipital-cervical junction. A complete occipital-cervical-thoracic construct can be created by using hooks (C1-T3) and screws (T1-T3) that have been previously cleared within the Synthes CerviFix System, Synthes Axon System, and Synthes Synapse System.

The OC Fusion System is indicated for skeletally mature patients using allograft and/or autograft for the following indications:

- Degenerative disc disease of the cervical vertebrae (neck pain of discogenic origin with degeneration of the disc as confirmed by patient history and radiographic studies)
- Spondylolisthesis
- Spinal Stenosis
- Fracture/dislocation
- Atlanto/axial fracture with instability
- Occipital-cervical dislocation
- Revision of previous cervical spine surgery
- Tumors (primary and metastatic)

The use of screws is limited to placement in the occiput. Screws are not intended to be placed into the cervical spine.

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**510(K) SUMMARY****A. Submitter Information**

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**B. Date Prepared** September 2014

**C. Device Name**

Trade/Proprietary Name: Synapse System  
OC Fusion System

Common/Usual Name: Spinal interlaminar fixation orthosis

Device Classification and Regulation: Class II, per 21 CFR 888.3050

Subsequent Regulation: 21 CFR 888.3070

Classification Product and Panel Code: KWP (Orthopedic)

Subsequent Product and Panel Codes: MNH (Orthopedic)  
MNI (Orthopedic)

**D. Predicate Device Name**

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Synthes Synapse System (most recently K133698)

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Synthes OC Fusion System (most recently K091689). "cpf  
Synthes CerviFix/Axon (K023675, most recently K030377 for CerviFix System)

## **E. Submission Purpose**

The purpose of this submission is to include additional components in the Synapse and OC Fusion Systems.

## **F. Device Description**

The Synapse System is a hook, pedicle screw, and rod spinal system which is designed to provide spinal fixation to allow for stabilization of spinal segments in skeletally mature patients as an adjunct to fusion. The Synapse System is composed of multiple components to allow the surgeon to build an implant system to fit the patient's anatomical and physiological requirements. The Axon System and CerviFix System also included in the indications for use statement are additional hook, pedicle screw, and rod spinal systems. These systems consist of anchors including bone screws, pedicle screws and hooks; interconnection mechanisms including locking screws, set screws, parallel rod connectors, clamps, transverse bars, rod collars and nuts; longitudinal members including rods and rod/plates; and transverse connectors including transconnectors.

The OC Fusion System consists of occipital plates, occipital clamps, occipital screws, and rods intended to provide stabilization as an adjunct to fusion of the occipital-cervical junction. The OC Fusion System can be used with components from the Synthes CerviFix System including Axon and Synapse components to create a complete occipital-cervical-thoracic spinal construct.

Fixation of the rods included in the Synapse and OC Fusion Systems is achieved by using hooks from one of the aforementioned cleared systems. System components in the Synapse and OC Fusion Systems are implanted with Class I general use surgical instruments.

## **G. Indication for Use**

### Synapse System

#### **Hooks, Plate/Rods, Plates, Rods and Screws**

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### **Hooks and Rods**

The rod and hook components are also intended to provide stabilization to promote fusion following reduction of fracture/dislocation or trauma in the cervical/upper thoracic (C1-T3) spine.

### **Rods, Clamps, Screws, Nuts, Variable Axis Screws, Locking Screws, and Transverse Bars**

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### OC Fusion System

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The OC Fusion System is indicated for skeletally mature patients using allograft and/or autograft for the following indications:

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### **H. Summary of Similarities and Differences in Technological Characteristics, Performance, and Intended Use**

The proposed additional components to the Synapse and OC Fusion Systems share the same intended use, indications for use, and technological characteristics as the previously cleared components in the Synapse, OC Fusion, and CerviFix/Axon Systems.

## **I. Materials**

The proposed additional components to the Synapse and OC Fusion Systems are manufactured from titanium aluminum niobium (Ti-6Al-7Nb (TAN)). The same material is used in the components of the previously cleared Synapse, OC Fusion, and CerviFix/Axon Systems. The material conforms to ASTM F1295-11 Standard Specification for Wrought Titanium-6Aluminum-7Niobium Alloy for Surgical Implant Applications and ISO 5832-11 Implants for surgery – Metallic materials – Part 11: Wrought titanium 6-aluminum 7-niobium alloy.

## **J. Performance Data**

The proposed additional components to the Synapse System required no additional mechanical testing. The proposed additional components to the OC Fusion System were evaluated in mechanical testing including static compression bending testing, dynamic compression bending testing, static torsion testing, and dynamic torsion testing. The mechanical tests performed followed ASTM F2706-08, Standard Test Methods for Occipital-Cervical and Occipital-Cervical-Thoracic Spinal Implant Constructs in a Vertebrectomy Model. Test results and analyses showed that the proposed components to the Synapse and OC Fusion Systems were substantially equivalent to or better than the predicate devices.

## **K. Conclusion**

The substantial equivalence justification demonstrates that the proposed additional components to the Synapse and OC Fusion Systems are as safe, as effective, and perform as well as the predicate components in the Synapse, OC Fusion, and Axon Systems.