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Re: K160818

Trade/Device Name: STERRAD NX<sup>®</sup> Sterilizer with ALLClear<sup>™</sup> Technology  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 880.6860  
Regulation Name: Ethylene oxide gas sterilizer  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: MLR  
Dated: August 25, 2016  
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Dear Jamie Byun:

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.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); medical device reporting (reporting of medical

device-related adverse events) (21 CFR 803); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please contact the Division of Industry and Consumer Education at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 796-7100 or at its Internet address

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ResourcesforYou/Industry/default.htm>. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). For questions regarding the reporting of adverse events under the MDR regulation (21 CFR Part 803), please go to

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/ReportaProblem/default.htm> for the CDRH's Office of Surveillance and Biometrics/Division of Postmarket Surveillance.

You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Industry and Consumer Education at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 796-7100 or at its Internet address

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ResourcesforYou/Industry/default.htm>.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)  
K160818

Device Name  
STERRAD NX® Sterilizer with ALLClear(TM) Technology

### Indications for Use (Describe)

The STERRAD NX Sterilizer is designed for sterilization of both metal and nonmetal medical devices at low temperatures. The STERRAD sterilization process is a multiphase sterilization process that utilizes a combination of exposure to hydrogen peroxide vapor and plasma to affect sterilization. The STERRAD NX Sterilizer can sterilize instruments which have diffusion-restricted spaces, such as the hinged portion of forceps and scissors.

Medical devices with the following materials and dimensions can be processed in the STERRAD NX Sterilizer STANDARD cycle:

- Single channel stainless steel lumens with
- An inside diameter of 1 mm or larger and a length of 150 mm or shorter†
- An inside diameter of 2 mm or larger and a length of 400 mm or shorter†

Medical devices, including most flexible endoscopes, with the following materials and dimensions can be processed in the STERRAD NX Sterilizer ADVANCED cycle:

- Single channel stainless steel lumens with
- An inside diameter of 1 mm or larger and a length of 500 mm or shorter†

- Single channel polyethylene and Teflon (polytetrafluoroethylene) flexible endoscope with
- An inside diameter of 1 mm or larger and length of 850 mm or shorter\*

Note: With the exception of the 1 x 850 mm flexible endoscopes, validation studies were performed using a validation load consisting of one instrument tray weighing 10.7 lbs. The 1 x 850 mm flexible endoscope was validated without any additional load.

†The validation testing for this lumen size was conducted using a maximum of 10 lumens per load. Hospital loads should not exceed the maximum number of lumens validated by this testing.

\*Only one flexible endoscope can be processed per sterilization cycle with or without a silicone mat. No additional load.

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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## 510(k) Summary

### Advanced Sterilization Products STERRAD NX<sup>®</sup> Sterilizer with ALLClear<sup>™</sup> Technology

This summary of 510(k) safety and effectiveness information is being submitted in accordance with the requirements of SMDA 1990 and 21 CFR 807.92.

#### **General Information**

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#### **Device Name**

Proprietary Name: STERRAD NX<sup>®</sup> Sterilizer with ALLClear<sup>™</sup> Technology

Common Name: Hydrogen Peroxide Gas Plasma Sterilization System

Classification Name: Ethylene oxide gas sterilizer

Device Class: Class II

Product Code: MLR

CFR Section: 21 CFR 880.6860

#### **Predicate Device**

STERRAD NX Sterilizer cleared under K042116 and K142454

#### **Device Description**

The STERRAD NX Sterilizer is a self-contained stand-alone system of hardware and software designed to sterilize medical instruments and devices using a patented hydrogen peroxide gas plasma process. Hydrogen peroxide vapor is generated by injecting a 59% aqueous hydrogen peroxide into the vaporizer subassembly where the solution is heated and



vaporized and relatively low temperatures through a process that utilizes a combination of heating and sub-ambient pressures created by an on-board vacuum pump. The vaporized hydrogen peroxide is then introduced into the chamber under sub-ambient pressure to allow perfusion of the hydrogen peroxide throughout the chamber and facilitate hydrogen peroxide contact with the surfaces to be sterilized. The vapor in the chamber is transformed into gas plasma using electrical energy. The chamber is then vented to allow the sterilization chamber to return to atmospheric pressure. This process is repeated an additional time to complete a full STERRAD NX Sterilization cycle (i.e., the full sterilization cycle is composed of two identical half-cycles). The STERRAD NX Sterilizer has two cleared sterilization cycles, the STANDARD and ADVANCED Cycles, both of which follow the general process described here.

The hardware for the STERRAD NX Sterilizer consists of a sterilizer chamber, constructed with aluminum, and a variety of instruments and components which are housed in a covered frame. Other major components of the system are constructed from passivated stainless steel, Viton (a copolymer of vinylidene fluoride and hexafluoropropylene), Ultem (polyetherimide), injection molding, and structural foam. The sterilizer also uses accessories such as reusable instrument trays, printer paper, and an optional movable cart. The STERRAD NX Sterilizer can be placed directly on a table, counter top, or on the movable STERRAD NX cart.

The STERRAD NX Sterilizer uses a disposable sterilant cassette that contains the 59% nominal hydrogen peroxide solution in a plastic cell pack and cassette shells. As previously described, the hydrogen peroxide is concentrated before introduction into the sterilizer chamber and its concentration is monitored during the cycle. The sterilizer cancels the cycle if the hydrogen peroxide monitor data does not meet the pre-defined minimum concentration specification.

The STERRAD NX Sterilizer with ALLClear Technology incorporates enhancements and new features to improve reliability and usability, as briefly described following:

- **Load Conditioning Feature:** Reduces canceled cycles by performing load and system checks and executing a load conditioning step prior to starting a sterilization cycle.
- **Enhanced Graphical User Interface (GUI):** Added information to the error messages enabling users to take actions related to that error message. GUI enhancement also provides more intuitive navigation.
- **Improved cassette insertion.**
- **New Touchscreen Display:** Larger, higher resolution, and wider viewing angle.
- **New External Panels:** Enhance aesthetic appearance and accommodate the larger display.
- **Capability for future “ecosystem” connectivity:** Will allow communication and integration with future ASP biological indicator reader(s), as well as other potential future communication features.



The technological characteristics associated with the sterilization process for the STERRAD NX Sterilizer with ALLClear Technology are identical to those of the previously cleared STERRAD NX Sterilizer; the software and hardware changes associated with the described enhancements and new features do not modify the existing sterilization cycles.

The intended use of the STERRAD NX Sterilizer, as described in the labeling, has not changed as a result of the modifications nor are there any differences between the predicate STERRAD NX and STERRAD NX with ALLClear Technology indications for use.

### **Intended Use/Indications For Use**

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<sup>1</sup> The validation testing for this lumen size was conducted using a maximum of 10 lumens per load. Hospital loads should not exceed the maximum number of lumens validated by this testing.

<sup>2</sup> Only one flexible endoscope can be processed per sterilization cycle with or without a silicone mat. No additional load.



**Non-Clinical Data**

- **Verification testing** was conducted in support of the enhancements to the STERRAD NX Sterilizer that is the subject of this submission; all testing yielded passing results. This testing is summarized in the following table.

**Summary of Performance Testing**

<b>Verification Testing</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Pass/ Fail</b>
Load Check Design Verification	Study demonstrated that the modified device, with load conditioning feature enabled, is able to detect load out-gassing from moisture that has been absorbed into the load materials.	Pass
Load Conditioning Design Verification	Study demonstrated that the modified device with load conditioning feature enabled is effective in correcting load out-gassing.	Pass
Titer Enumeration of STERRAD CYCLESURE® 24 BI With and Without Load Conditioning Feature	Study verified that the load conditioning has no significant impact on the CYCLESURE 24 BI	Pass
Chemical Indicator Functionality Testing	Study verified the functionality of the STERRAD Chemical Indicator (CI) Strip, SEALSURE® Chemical Indicator Tape, Chemical Indicator Disc on the CYCLESURE BI, and Tyvek® self-seal and heat-seal pouches with STERRAD Chemical Indicator following exposure to the load conditioning feature.	Pass
Load Temperature Verification	Study demonstrated that the modified STERRAD NX system, with load conditioning feature enabled, does not exceed the load temperature limit.	Pass
Final Process Qualification - STANDARD Cycle	Testing demonstrated that the sterilizer performs consistently within its process specifications with the load conditioning feature enabled.	Pass
Final Process Qualification - ADVANCED Cycle	Testing demonstrated that the sterilizer performs within its process specifications with the load conditioning feature enabled.	Pass
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Delivery System Design Verification	Study demonstrated that the cassette insertion modifications allow easier insertion and also detect cassette alignment.	Pass
Panel Subsystem Design Verification	Study verified that the new panels consist of all the parts to enclose the sterilizer functional subsystems and control user-access to only appropriate areas.	Pass
Panel Subsystem Design Verification for Internal Enclosure Air Temperature	Study verified that internal air temperature during operation at maximum ambient temperature is within the temperature allowed for sterilizer operation.	Pass
Panel Materials Testing	Study verified that the effects of 70% isopropyl alcohol (IPA) and hydrogen peroxide on the new panel material are within the acceptable range.	Pass
Display Assembly Subsystem Design Verification	Study verified that the characteristics of the new display assembly and confirmed compatibility with the modified STERRAD NX system.	Pass
System Verification	Study verified new and related system requirements which were not tested at the subsystem level.	Pass



Verification Testing	Description	Pass/ Fail
System Tests (Environmental)	Study verified that the modified device operates reliably and effectively at ambient conditions.	Pass
Summative Usability Testing	Usability testing assessed user interaction with the modified device.	Pass

- **Biocompatibility testing**

In addition to the biocompatibility data submitted in the predicate device 510(k)s, an additional study was performed to assess residual hydrogen peroxide on worst case medical device materials (known to absorb hydrogen peroxide) following load conditioning in conjunction with an ADVANCED sterilization cycle. This study demonstrated that mean residual hydrogen peroxide level was statistically significantly less than the acceptable threshold level.

- **Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) testing** was conducted to demonstrate that the modified STERRAD NX complies with the requirements for radiated and conducted emissions in accordance with the following standards:

- IEC/EN 60601-1-2:2014 *Medical Electrical Equipment, Part 1: General Requirements for Safety, Section 2: Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic Compatibility*
- EN 55011 *Group I Class A limits, based on CISPR 11:2010, Group I Class A limits (subset of EN 60601-1-2)*

- **Electrical Safety testing** was undertaken to demonstrate that the modified STERRAD NX is electrically and mechanically safe when operated and maintained in accordance with the User’s Guide. Based upon this testing, the modified STERRAD NX Sterilizer conforms to the applicable sections of the standards listed following:

- CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-1:2004 + Update 1:2008 R: 2009 *Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use*
- CAN/CSA-C22.2 No. 61010-2-040:2007-12 R:2013 *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – Part 2-040: Particular requirements for sterilizers and washer-disinfectors used to treat medical materials*
- UL 61010-1/R:2008-10 *Standard for Safety for Electrical Equipment for Laboratory Use*
- IEC/EN 61010-1:2001 *Safety Requirements for Electrical Equipment for Measurement, Control, and Laboratory Use*
- IEC/EN 61010-2-40:2005 *Particular Requirements for Sterilizers and Washer-disinfectors used to Treat Medical Materials, First Edition*



- **Software verification and validation testing** was conducted and documentation was provided within the submission as recommended by *Guidance for the Content of Premarket Submissions for Software Contained in Medical Devices*, dated May 11, 2005. Unit, Integration, and System level testing were successfully completed.

**Clinical Data**

No clinical data was submitted in support of this Premarket Notification.

**Summary**

The STERRAD NX Sterilizer with ALLClear Technology and its predicate device, the originally cleared STERRAD NX Sterilizer, have the same intended use and indications for use. Further, the STERRAD NX Sterilizer with ALLClear Technology utilizes the same technology, sterilant, and cycles to sterilize medical devices as does its predicate device. Refer to the following tables for comparisons between the modified and predicate device characteristics and sterilization cycles.

<b>Comparison of Device Characteristics</b>		
<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Predicate STERRAD NX Sterilizer K042116 and K142454</b>	<b>STERRAD NX Sterilizer with ALLClear Technology</b>
Intended Use	Designed for sterilization of both metal and nonmetal medical devices at low temperatures. Because the cycle operates within a dry environment and at low temperatures, it is especially suitable for instruments sensitive to heat and moisture.	Same
Sterilization Process	Hydrogen peroxide gas plasma	Same
Principle of operation	Combined use of hydrogen peroxide vapor and plasma safely and rapidly sterilizes most medical instruments and materials without leaving toxic residues.	Same
Sterilization Cycles	STANDARD and ADVANCED	Same
Recommended Materials	Common materials found in reusable medical devices. <i>All medical devices should be processed in accordance with the medical device manufacturer's recommendations.</i>	Same
Load Conditioning Feature	N/A	Yes
Sterilizer Approx. Weight	325 lb.	Same
Sterilizer External Dimensions	22.0" W x 33" H x 32" D (558.8 mm x 838.2 mm x 812.8 mm)	22.3" W x 35.7" H x 31.2" D (565 mm x 906 mm x 792 mm)
Sterilizer Internal Dimensions	12.6" W x 23.6" H x 6.2" L (320 mm x 600 mm x 157 mm)	Same



<b>Comparison of Device Characteristics</b>		
<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Predicate STERRAD NX Sterilizer K042116 and K142454</b>	<b>STERRAD NX Sterilizer with ALLClear Technology</b>
Shelves		
<i>Shelf Dimensions</i>	Upper & Lower: 23.6" L x 12.3" W (600 mm x 312 mm)	Same
<i>Shelf Weight Capacity</i>	24.3 lb (11 kg)	Same
<i>Distance Between Shelves</i>	3.4" (86 mm)	Same
Chamber Volume	Usable: 30 liters (1.1 ft <sup>3</sup> ) Total: 51.3 liters (1.8 ft <sup>3</sup> )	Same
Major Component Materials		
<i>Chamber Components</i>	Aluminum	Same
<i>Shelves</i>	Passivated stainless steel	Same
<i>Chamber Door O-Ring</i>	Viton (copolymer of vinylidene fluoride & hexafluoropropylene)	Same
<i>Injector and Vaporizer</i>	Aluminum, Ultem (Polyetherimide), Stainless steel, Viton	Same
<i>Exterior Panels</i>	Structural Foam	Injection molding and Structural Foam
Operator Interface		
<i>Flat Panel Display</i>	6.4" touch screen TFT (thin-film transistor) LCD	8.4" touch screen IPS (In Plane Switching) LCD
<i>Graphical User Interface</i>	Geode SC2200 266 MHz.	AMD Geode family CPU
Hydrogen Peroxide Monitor	Cancels sterilization cycle if the areas under the concentration-time curve or rate constant do not meet predetermined specifications.	Same
Temperature	Chamber, chamber door and vaporizer/condenser thermistors	Same
Pressure	Chamber pressure transducers Chamber atmospheric pressure switch Vaporizer/condenser pressure transducer	Same
Door sensors	Lock sensor Closed sensor	Same
Connectivity	DTI (Digital Transfer interface) Network connectivity software allows the hospital IT department to connect the sterilizer to a hospital local area network	Same



<b>Comparison of Device Characteristics</b>		
<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Predicate STERRAD NX Sterilizer K042116 and K142454</b>	<b>STERRAD NX Sterilizer with ALLClear Technology</b>
Accessories	STERRAD NX Cassette Test Pack CycleSure® Biological Indicator STERRAD Chemical Indicator (CI) Strip STERRAD SealSure™ CI Tape Tyvek® Pouches Instrument Trays	Same

<b>Comparison of Sterilization Cycles</b>		
<b>Phase</b>	<b>Predicate STERRAD NX Sterilizer K042116 and K142454</b>	<b>STERRAD NX Sterilizer with ALLClear Technology</b>
Exposure 1 <i>Delivery</i>	The hydrogen peroxide is transferred from the cassette into the vaporizer.	Same
<i>Vaporization Pumpdown</i>	The pressure within the chamber and vaporizer/condenser is reduced. Water is removed from the hydrogen peroxide solution, leaving behind a concentrated hydrogen peroxide solution in the condenser.	Same
<i>Chamber Pumpdown</i>	The chamber is isolated from the vaporizer/condenser. The chamber pressure is reduced to remove air from the lumens.	Same
<i>Transfer</i>	The concentrated hydrogen peroxide solution is transferred to the chamber where it penetrates throughout the load.	Same
<i>Diffusion</i>	Chamber pressure is increased in order to drive hydrogen peroxide through the load packaging onto the surfaces of the devices and into the lumens of the load.	Same
<i>Plasma Pumpdown/Plasma</i>	Plasma power is applied to the electrode screen and the plasma is lit.	Same
<i>Vent</i>	The chamber is vented to atmospheric pressure.	Same
Exposure 2	Identical to Exposure 1	Same
Final Vent	The chamber is vented to atmospheric pressure.	Same
Total Cycle Time <i>STANDARD</i>	28 minutes	Same
<i>ADVANCED</i>	38 minutes	Same



### **Conclusion**

Based on the intended use, technological characteristics, and non-clinical performance data, the STERRAD NX Sterilizer with ALLClear Technology that is the subject of 510(k) K160818 is substantially equivalent to the predicate devices cleared under K042116 and K142454.