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510(k) SUMMARY

Reference: Vanguard Medical Concepts, Inc.
Section 510(k) Notification
Reprocessed Used, Disposable Cutters, Staplers and Appliers

Classification name: Manual Surgical Instruments
LSR Disposable Linear Stapler

Common/Usual Name: Disposable Surgical Instruments

Proprietary Name: Reprocessed Used, Disposable Cutters, Staplers and
Appliers

Establishment Reg. No.: 1649663

Classification: The FDA has classified Manual, General Surgical
Instruments as Class I devices under the General and
Plastic Surgery Panel (21 CFR 878.4800) Class II

Vanguard intends to market Reprocessed Disposable Cutters and Staplers, that have removable reloads. Vanguard reprocesses only the hand held instrument. All reloads are removed and discarded before being reprocessed. Reprocessing Cutters, Staplers and Appliers is performed by Vanguard to Vanguard protocol Number 40018.

"Reprocessed," means all operations performed to render a contaminated single-use device patient ready (*Enforcement Priorities for Single-Use Devices Reprocessed by Third Party Reprocessors and Hospitals*). Vanguard is a "third party reprocessor" and reprocesses used single-used medical devices.

Vanguard does NOT reprocess the re-loads. Reloads must be supplied by the hospital.

Vanguard believes that single-use Cutters, Staplers and Appliers can be considered "reusable" - by Vanguard " as defined in the Food and Drug Administration Compliance Policy Guide #7124.16: they are able to withstand the necessary cleaning and sterilization process, the physical characteristics or quality of the device will not be adversely effected, and the device remains safe and effective for its intended use.

Linear staplers deliver staggered rows of staples in order to approximate internal tissues. Linear Cutters are hand held surgical devices used to deliver staggered rows of staples while simultaneously dividing the tissue. Appliers are hand held surgical instruments that litigate tubular structures and vessels.

Vanguard reprocessed devices are substantially equivalent to Ethicon Linear Cutter: 510(k) Number K843034 and K892927, Ethicon Linear Stapler 510(k) Number K821994 and Ethicon Appliers 510(k) Number K830503



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Food and Drug Administration
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Vanguard Medical Concepts, Inc.
c/o Mr. Mark W. Aldana
Adven Medical, Inc.
3706 76th Street
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Re: K032973

Trade/Device Name: Reprocessed Disposable Cutters, Staplers and Appliers
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 878.4750
Regulation Name: Implantable staple
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: GDW
Dated: September 22, 2003
Received: October 3, 2003

Dear Mr. Aldana:

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.

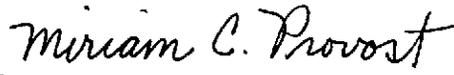
If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish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

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 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), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4659. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer 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,


for Celia M. Witten, Ph.D., M.D.
Director
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and Neurological Devices
Office of Device Evaluation
Center for Devices and Radiological Health

Enclosure

Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known): ~~K032973~~ K032973

Device Name: Reprocessed Disposable Cutters, Staplers and Appliers

Indications For Use:

Cutters, Staplers and Appliers are indicated for resection, transection or ligation of tissue in abdominal, gynecological, pediatric and thoracic applications.

Prescription Use X
(Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D)

AND/OR

Over-The-Counter Use _____
(21 CFR 807 Subpart C)

(PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE-CONTINUE ON ANOTHER PAGE IF NEEDED)

Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Miriam C. Provost
(Division Sign-Off)
Division of General, Restorative
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