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Device Description

Triathlon™ Cruciate Retaining (CR) Total Knee System
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The Triathlon™ Cruciate Retaining (CR) Total Knee System consists of three primary components: Triathlon™ Cruciate Retaining (CR) Femoral Component, Triathlon™ Cruciate Retaining (CR) Tibial Insert, and Triathlon™ Patellar components (available in two styles – symmetric and asymmetric). These components are intended to be used with the previously cleared Triathlon™ Primary Cemented Tibial Tray in primary or revision total knee arthroplasty. The Triathlon™ Patellar components are intended to be used with both the Triathlon™ CR Femoral component, the previously cleared Triathlon™ PS Femoral component, or the femoral components of the Duracon® Total Knee System. Duracon® patellar components may be used with both the Triathlon™ PS and Triathlon™ CR femoral components. The use of a patellar component is optional. The Triathlon™ CR components are described below:

The Triathlon™ Total Knee Cruciate Retaining (CR) Femoral Component is fabricated from cast cobalt-chromium-molybdenum alloy, and is intended for cemented application to replace the articulating surface of the distal femur. This cruciate retaining femoral component is utilized when total knee replacement is indicated, and accommodates the posterior cruciate ligament if it is present.

The Triathlon™ Total Knee Cruciate Retaining (CR) Femoral Component is available in right and left configurations, and eight proportional sizes (sizes 1 to 8) to accommodate differences in patient anatomy. The interior surface of the component is grit-blasted to increase surface roughness - this is intended to promote interdigitation of the polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA) bone cement with the surface texture and the apposing bone. This femoral component features cast-in pegs to help in femoral component placement, and to provide rotational stability.

The Triathlon™ Cruciate Retaining (CR) Tibial Insert is neutral in configuration, and is available in seven proportional sizes (sizes 2 to 8) and varying thicknesses (9mm, 11mm, 13mm, 16mm, and 19mm). The insert is fabricated from ultra high molecular weight polyethylene and cobalt-chromium alloy. The minimum thickness of the tibial insert on the bearing surface is 6mm. The tibial insert is designed to accommodate the posterior

cruciate ligament if it is present. There is a relief on the anterior aspect of the tibial insert to accommodate the patellar tendon and patellar fat pad.

The Triathlon™ CR Tibial Insert incorporates a locking wire feature on the anterior aspect of the insert. This locking wire is fabricated from cobalt-chromium alloy, and engages under tabs on the anterior rim of the Triathlon™ Primary Tibial Baseplate. This wire-tab locking mechanism secures the insert into the baseplate. This insert-baseplate locking mechanism is identical to the locking mechanism utilized on the Triathlon™ PS Total Knee System.

Triathlon™ Patellar components are available in two styles: symmetric and asymmetric. Both are fabricated from ultra high molecular weight polyethylene. The symmetric design is available in six diameters (27mm, 29mm, 31mm, 33mm, 36mm, and 39mm) and four thicknesses (8mm, 9mm, 10mm, and 11mm). The symmetric design features a central cement recess, and three pegs on the bone interface surface. The Triathlon™ Symmetric patellar component is intended to be implanted via a resurfacing or inset surgical technique. The asymmetric design is available in five superior/inferior dimensions (29mm, 32mm, 35mm, 38mm, and 40mm) and three thicknesses (9mm, 10mm, and 11mm). The asymmetric design features a flare on the lateral aspect of the component. The asymmetric patellar component also has a central recess with three pegs for cement fixation. The Triathlon™ Asymmetric patellar component is intended to be implanted using a resurfacing surgical technique.

Equivalent products include:

1. Triathlon™ PS Total Knee System
2. Duracon® CR Femoral Component
3. Scorpio® CR Femoral Component
4. Duracon® A/P Lipped Tibial Insert
5. Duracon® Symmetric Patellar Component
6. Duracon® Asymmetric Patellar Component
7. Kinemax® All Polyethylene Patella

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Testing was presented to support a claim of substantial equivalence to the predicate devices.



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Re: K040267

Trade/Device Name: Triathlon™ Cruciate Retaining (CR) Total Knee System

Regulation Number: 21 CFR 888.3560

Regulation Name: Knee joint, patellofemorotibial, polymer/metal/polymer semi-constrained
cemented prosthesis

Regulatory Class: II

Product Code: JWH

Dated: February 4, 2004

Received: February 5, 2004

Dear Ms. Crowe:

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.

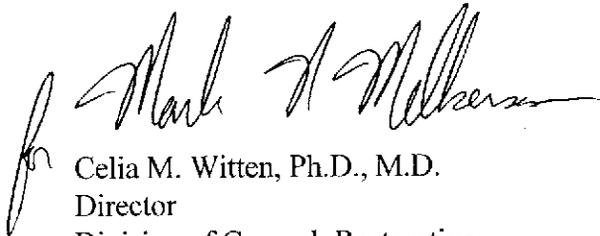
Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's 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.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Celia M. Witten", is written over the typed name.

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Enclosure

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Indications for Use

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Division of General, Restorative,
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510(k) Number (if known): K040267

Device Name: Triathlon™ CR Total Knee System

Indications For Use:

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Prescription Use X
(Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D)

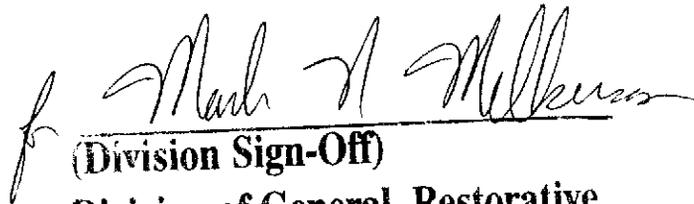
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Over-The-Counter Use _____
(21 CFR 807 Subpart C)

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)



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