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**Summary of Safety and Effectiveness Information [510(k) Summary]**

**1. SPONSOR NAME AND ADDRESS**

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**2. DEVICE NAME**

Common/Usual Name: Cranioplasty plate and plate fastener  
Proprietary Name: Synthes (U.S.A.) Resorbable Fixation System

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

Cranioplasty plate and plate fastener have been classified as Class II devices, under 21 CFR 882.5320, 882.5330, and 882.5360.

**4. INTENDED USE**

Synthes Resorbable Fixation System is intended for fractures of the craniofacial skeleton, including, but not limited to, comminuted fractures of the nasoothmoidal and infraorbital areas, comminuted fractures of the frontal sinus wall, and midfacial fractures; and reconstructive procedures of the midface or craniofacial skeleton. Do not use in the mandible.

Synthes Resorbable Fixation System is not intended for: 1) areas with active infection; 2) patient conditions including: blood supply limitations, insufficient quantity or quality of bone, or latent infections. This device is not designed for use in the mandible or for use in full load bearing procedures.

**5. DEVICE DESCRIPTION**

Synthes (U.S.A.) Resorbable Fixation System contains various plates, meshes, and screws which are made from a resorbable copolymer, 70:30 poly(L/DL-lactide). The product line consists of a small system based upon 1.5 mm screws and a large system based on 2.0 mm screws.

The system is provided pre-sterilized by gamma radiation and is not intended to be resterilized by the user.

**6. SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCE**

Synthes (U.S.A.) Resorbable Fixation System is substantially equivalent to Class II metallic implants, such as Synthes Maxillofacial Titanium Micro Set (K912932), and Synthes Midfacial System (K953806). Synthes (U.S.A.) Resorbable Fixation System is also substantially equivalent to other absorbable plates and screws, such as the Lorenz LactoSorb® Trauma Plating System (K955729, K960988), which is manufactured from 82:18 poly(L-lactide-co-glycolide)



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Re: K974554  
Trade Name: Synthes (U.S.A) Resorbable Fixation System  
Regulatory Class: II  
Product Code: JEY  
Dated: December 3, 1997  
Received: December 4, 1997

Dear Ms. Silvestri:

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 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 (Pre-market 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 Good Manufacturing Practice for Medical Devices: General (GMP) regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic GMP 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 pre-market 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) 594-4692. 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" (21 CFR 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/dsmamain.html>".

Sincerely yours,



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and General Hospital Devices  
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Enclosure

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Susan Paves

(Division Sign-Off)  
Division of Dental, Infection Control,  
and General Hospital Devices

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Prescription Use yes  
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

OR

Over-The-Counter Use No