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SUMMARY OF SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS

- This 510(k) summary of safety and effectiveness information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 21 CFR Part 807.87(h).

- Identification of Submitter
  Larry A. Kroger, Ph.D., 414-544-3894, February 19, 1999

- Identification of the Product
  3.0T Signa VH/*i* Magnetic Resonance System

  Manufactured by: GE Medical Systems
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- Marketed Devices

  The 3.0T Signa VH/*i* Magnetic Resonance System is substantially equivalent to the currently marketed Signa CV/*i* Magnetic Resonance System with the only difference being a different magnetic field strength. The Signa CV/*i* Magnetic Resonance System has a magnetic field strength of 1.5Tesla and is a whole body scanner while the 3.0T Signa VH/*i* Magnetic Resonance System has a magnetic field strength of 3.0T and is a head only scanner.

- Device Description

  The 3.0T Signa VH/*i* Magnetic Resonance System is a modification to the Signa CV/*i* Magnetic Resonance System which utilizes a superconducting magnet to acquire 2D single-slice and multi-slice, and 3D volume images. The GE 3T Signa VH/*i* MR System is a high resolution, head imaging system operating at 3 Tesla. The system can image in the sagittal, coronal, axial, oblique and double oblique planes, using various pulse sequences. Images are acquired and reconstructed using 2D and 3D Fourier transformation techniques. The system is intended for high resolution anatomical applications and shorter scan times.

- Indications for Use

  The Signa VH/*i* System is a head-only scanner designed to support higher resolution imaging and shorter scan times. The Signa VH/*i* system is indicated for use as a diagnostic imaging device to produce transverse, sagittal, coronal and oblique images of the internal structures of the head.. The images produced by the Signa VH/*i* system reflect the spatial distribution of protons (hydrogen nuclei) exhibiting magnetic resonance. The NMR properties that determine the image appearance are proton density, spin-lattice relaxation time (T1), spin-spin relaxation time (T2) and flow. When interpreted by a trained physician, these images provide information that can be useful in determining a diagnosis.

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° Comparison with Predicate

The 3.0T Signa VH/*i* Magnetic Resonance System is comparable to the Signa CV/*i* Magnetic Resonance System with the main differences being the higher magnetic field strength and no body coil since the 3.0T Signa VH/*i* System is a head only scanner.

° Summary of Studies

The 3.0T Signa VH/*i* Magnetic Resonance System was evaluated to the appropriate NEMA performance standards as well as the IEC 601-1 International medical equipment safety standard and IEC 601-2-33 Particular requirements for the safety of magnetic resonance equipment for medical diagnosis. The 3.0T Signa VH/*i* Magnetic Resonance System is comparable to the Signa CV/*i* Magnetic Resonance System.

° Conclusions

It is the opinion of GE that the 3.0T Signa VH/*i* Magnetic Resonance System is substantially equivalent to the Signa CV/*i* Magnetic Resonance System. The 3.0T Signa VH/*i* Magnetic Resonance System does not include any new indications for use, nor does use of this device result in any new potential hazards.

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Re: K990550
3.0T Signa VH/I magnetic Resonance System
Dated: February 19, 1999
Received: February 22, 1999
Regulatory Class: II
21 CFR 892.1000/Procode: 90 LNH

Dear Dr. Kroger:

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 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). 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 (Premarket 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 Current Good Manufacturing Practice requirements, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic QS 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 premarket 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) 594-4613. 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/dsma/dsmamain.html".

Sincerely yours,

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Radiological Health

Enclosure

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

David A. Seguin

(Division Sign-Off)
Division of Reproductive, Abdominal, ENT,
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510(k) Number K990550

Prescription Use ✓ OR Over-The-Counter Use _____
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)