## 510(k) Summary

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| Trade Name: | Synthes USS Connector |
| Classification: | 21 CFR 888.3050–Spinal interlaminar fixation orthosis  
21 CFR 888.3060–Spinal intervertebral body fixation orthosis  
21 CFR 888.3070–Pedicle screw spinal system, Class III  
Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel  
Product Code: NKB, MNH, MNI, KWQ, KWP |
| Predicates: | Synthes USS, K963045  
Synthes Click‘X, K992739  
Synthes Click‘X, K031175  
Synthes USS Iliosacral and Polyaxial, K082572  
Synthes Matrix System, K092929  
Synthes Matrix System, K100634  
Synthes Matrix System, K100952  
Synthes USS Connectors, K111358  
Synthes MIRS, K113044  
Synthes USS Connectors, K113149 |
| Device Description: | The Synthes USS Connector is an addition to Synthes’ existing non-cervical spinal fixation devices intended for posterior pedicle screw fixation (T1-S2/ilium), posterior hook fixation (T1-L5), or anterolateral fixation (T8-L5). These components are rod-to-rod connectors which can connect spinal rods of 5.5mm diameter. The rod-to-rod connectors are comprised of TAN (Titanium-6 Aluminum-7 Niobium, per ASTM F1295-05). |
| Intended Use/Indications for Use: | The Synthes USS are non-cervical spinal fixation devices intended for posterior pedicle screw fixation (T1-S2/ilium), posterior hook fixation (T1-L5), or anterolateral fixation (T8-L5). Pedicle screw |
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When used with the 3.5 mm/6.0mm parallel connectors, the Synthes USS 6.0 mm rod systems can be linked to the CerviFix 3.5mm Systems. In addition, when used with 3.5 mm/5.0mm parallel connectors, the Synthes Small Stature USS can be linked to the CerviFix 3.5mm Systems. When used with the 5.0 mm/6.0mm parallel connectors, the Synthes Small Stature USS can be linked to the Synthes USS 6.0 mm rod systems. When used with the 5.5 mm/6.0mm parallel or extension connectors, Synthes USS 5.5 mm rod systems can be linked to the Synthes USS 6.0 mm rod systems. 5.5 mm/5.5mm parallel or extension connectors can be used to link all Synthes USS 5.5 mm rod systems to one another. 6.0 mm/6.0mm parallel or extension connectors can be used to link all Synthes USS 6.0 mm rod systems to one another.

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**Comparison of the device to predicate device(s):**
The intended use, indications for use, and materials of manufacture of the subject devices are the same as the predicate Synthes USS. The overall design and function of the predicate(s) are unaffected by the current additions.

**Performance Data (Non-Clinical and/or Clinical):**
Synthes conducted non-clinical testing according to ASTM F1717-10 – static compression bending, dynamic compression bending, and static torsion – to determine that the Synthes USS Connector is substantially equivalent to the predicate devices identified. Clinical data were not needed for this device.
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Re: K120571
Trade/Device Name: Synthes USS Connector
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 888.3070
Regulation Name: Pedicle screw spinal system
Regulatory Class: Class III
Product Code: NKB, MNH, MNI, KWP, KWQ
Dated: February 24, 2012
Received: February 29, 2012

Dear Mr. Mehta:

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
go to http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDRH/CDRHOffices/ucm115809.htm for
the Center for Devices and Radiological Health’s (CDRH’s) Office of Compliance. 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 Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number
(800) 638-2041 or (301) 796-7100 or at its Internet address

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mark N. Melkerson
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Division of Surgical, Orthopedic
and Restorative Devices
Office of Device Evaluation
Center for Devices and
Radiological Health

Enclosure
7  Indications for Use Statement

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- 5.5 mm Rod Systems: Matrix, MIRS
- 5.0 mm Rod System: USS Small Stature

**CerviFix**
- 3.5 mm Rod Systems: CerviFix, Axon, Synapse
- 4.0 mm Rod System: Synapse

Prescription Use X AND / OR Over-the-Counter Use (21 CFR 801 Subpart D) (21 CFR 801 Subpart C)

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