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Re: K143255
Trade/Device Name: Prelude Snap Splittable Sheath Introducer
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 870.1340
Regulation Name: Catheter Introducer
Regulatory Class: Class II
Product Code: DYB
Dated: April 3, 2015
Received: April 6, 2015

Dear Alina Stubbs,

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.

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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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<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 Industry and Consumer Education at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 796-7100 or at its Internet address

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ResourcesforYou/Industry/default.htm>.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Food and Drug Administration

Indications for Use

Form Approved: OMB No. 0910-0120
Expiration Date: January 31, 2017
See PRA Statement below.

510(k) Number (if known)
K143255

Device Name
Prelude SNAP™ Splittable Sheath Introducer

Indications for Use (Describe)
For the introduction of various types of pacing leads and catheters to the heart and coronary venous system.

Type of Use (Select one or both, as applicable)

Prescription Use (Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D) Over-The-Counter Use (21 CFR 801 Subpart C)

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K143255 510(k) Summary

General Provisions	Correspondent Name:	Merit Medical Systems, Inc.
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	Date of Preparation:	April 3, 2015
Registration Number:	2529252	

Subject Device	Trade Name:	Prelude SNAP™ Splittable Sheath Introducer
	Common/Usual Name:	Sheath Introducer
	Classification Name:	Introducer, Catheter (21 CFR §870.1340)

Predicate Device	Trade Name:	ClassicSheath™ Splittable Hemostatic Introducer System
	Classification Name:	Introducer, Catheter (21 CFR §870.1340)
	Premarket Notification:	K934901 – Tear-Away Sheath Introducer Set With Integral Hemostasis Valve
	Manufacturer:	Merit Medical Systems, Inc. 65 Great Valley Parkway Malvern, PA 19355 (formerly operating as Thomas Medical Products, Inc.)

Classification	Class II
	21 CFR §870.1340
	FDA Product Code: DYB
	Review Panel: Cardiovascular

Intended Use	Prelude SNAP™ Splittable Sheath Introducer is indicated “For the introduction of various types of pacing leads and catheters to the heart and coronary venous system”.
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Prelude SNAP™ Splittable Sheath Introducer is a splittable hemostatic introducer system that is intended for the introduction of various types of pacing leads and catheters. The Prelude SNAP™ Splittable Sheath Introducer system consists of a splittable sheath introducer (with or without side-port), dilator, 18g introducer needle, guide wire, and a syringe. The device is provided sterile and intended for single use only. It is for use in hospitals or healthcare facilities.

**Device
Description**

The splittable sheath introducer contains a hemostasis valve to minimize blood loss and air ingress during use. The introducer is available with or without a side-port with three-way stopcock that provides means for air or blood aspiration, fluid infusion, blood sampling, and pressure monitoring. The splittable sheath introducer is available in two lengths: 13cm and 25cm. The dilator is designed to conform to the inner diameter of the introducer and has a tapered tip.

The materials of construction are primarily polymers with the exception of the guide wire and needle cannula which are stainless steel.

Summary of the technological characteristics of the modified device compared to the predicate devices:

Comparison to Predicate

Technical Characteristics	Predicate Device (K934901)	Subject Device
Device Dimensions (nominal)		
Sheath introducer inner diameter (French)	6F through 12.5F	6F through 12.5F
Sheath introducer length (cm)	13 & 25 cm	13 & 25 cm
Dilator outer diameter (French)	6F through 12.5F	6F through 12.5F
Dilator length (in)	13 cm: 8.95" and 25 cm: 13.67"	13 cm: 8.34" and 25 cm: 13.09"
Dilator tip ID (in)	0.038"	0.039"
Introducer needle length (cm)	7 cm	7 cm
Introducer needle outer diameter (gage)	18 g	18 g
Guide wire length & diameter (in. x cm)	13 cm: 0.038" x 45 cm J-Tip and 25 cm: 0.038" x 80 cm J-Tip	13 cm: 0.038" x 50 cm J-Tip and 25 cm: 0.038" x 80 cm J-Tip
Syringe volume (cc)	12 cc	12 cc or 10 cc
Device Materials		
	The materials of construction are primarily polymers with the exception of the guide wire and needle cannula, which are stainless steel.	The materials of construction are primarily polymers with the exception of the guide wire and needle cannula, which are stainless steel.

Note: All dimensions are nominal.

The Prelude SNAP™ Splittable Sheath Introducer has been thoroughly tested through verification of product specifications and user requirements. The following quality assurance measures were applied during the development of the Prelude SNAP™ Splittable Sheath Introducer:

**Safety &
Performance
Tests**

- Risk Analysis
- Requirements/Specification Reviews
- Design Reviews
- Performance Testing (Verification) including but not limited to:
 - Dimensional Tests
 - Introducer tube outer diameter (OD)
 - Introducer tip inner diameter (ID)
 - Introducer free length
 - Dilator tube outer diameter (OD)
 - Dilator tip inner diameter (ID)
 - Dilator protrusion from introducer when assembled
 - Functional Tests
 - Introducer hub break force
 - Introducer peel
 - Introducer side-port pull force
 - Introducer tube to hub joint strength
 - Dilator tube to hub joint strength
 - Simulated Use Test
 - Introducer hemostasis
 - Device insertion through introducer valve
 - Introducer valve hemostasis (liquid leakage)
 - Introducer liquid leakage
 - Introducer insertion
 - Dilator to introducer engagement
 - Dilator luer functionality
 - Dilator liquid leakage
 - Visual Tests
 - Introducer pad printing
 - Introducer soft touch pad attachment
- Sterilization validation
- Biocompatibility Testing
 - Cytotoxicity
 - Sensitization
 - Irritation
 - Acute System Toxicity
 - Pyrogenicity
 - Genotoxicity
 - Hemocompatibility

No performance standards have been established under section 514 of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act for this device. Performance testing of the Prelude SNAP™ Splittable Sheath Introducer was conducted based on the risk analysis and based on the requirements of the following international standards:

**International
Standards**

- ISO 11070: 1998(E), Sterile, single-use intravascular catheter introducers
- ISO 594-2:1998, Conical Fittings with a 6% (Luer) taper for syringes, needles, and certain other medical equipment – Part 2: Lock fittings
- ISO 11135-1: 2007, Sterilization of health care products – Ethylene oxide – Part 1: Requirements for development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices
- AAMI TIR28:2009, Product adoption and process equivalence for ethylene oxide sterilization
- ISO 10993-1: 2009, Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices Part-1: Evaluation and Testing within a risk management process,
- ISO 10993-3: 2003, Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices Part-3: Tests for Genotoxicity, Carcinogenicity and Reproductive Toxicity
- ISO 10993-4: 2002, Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices Part-4: Selection of Tests for Interactions with Blood, as amended 2006
- ISO 10993-5: 2009, Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices Part-5 Tests for In Vitro Cytotoxicity
- ISO 10993-7: 2008, Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices Part-7 Ethylene Oxide Sterilization Residuals
- ISO 10993-10: 2010, Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices Part-10 Tests for Irritation and Skin Sensitization
- ISO 10993-11: 2006, Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices Part-11 Tests for Systemic Toxicity
- ISO 10993-17: 2002, Biological evaluation of medical devices – Part 17: Methods for the establishment of allowable limits for leachable substances
- USP 37-NF 32 <85>: 2014, United States Pharmacopeia 37, National Formulary 32, 2014 <85> Bacterial Endotoxins Test
- ASTM D4169-09, Standard Practice for Performance Testing of Shipping Containers and Systems
- ISO 11607-1: 2009, Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices – Part 1: Requirements for materials, sterile barrier systems and packaging systems
- ISO 14971:2012, Medical devices – Application of risk management to medical devices

**Summary of
Substantial
Equivalence**

Merit Medical Systems, Inc. considers the Prelude SNAP™ Splittable Sheath Introducer substantially equivalent to the currently marketed predicate device (ClassicSheath™ Splittable Hemostatic Introducer System – K934901). This assessment is based upon analysis of similar technological characteristics, bench testing, and indications for use.
