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Re: K150900

Trade/Device Name: Flexicare Heated Wire Breathing Systems

Regulation Number: 21 CFR 868.5270

Regulation Name: Breathing System Heater

Regulatory Class: Class II

Product Code: BZE, BTT

Dated: April 30, 2015

Received: May 1, 2015

Dear Mr. Job:

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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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.

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Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)

Device Name

Flexicare Heated Wire Breathing Systems

Indications for Use (Describe)

Flexicare Heated Wire Breathing Systems are intended for use to connect a patient's airway to a Ventilator and Humidification Chamber as part of a complete system to provide warmed and humidified inspired respiratory gases to ventilated patients and those receiving respiratory support. Intended for Adult patients within a hospital environment. Compatible with Fisher & Paykel MR850 Respiratory Gas Humidifier. Available in Adult (038-31-748U) size.

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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## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)

Device Name

Flexicare Autofill Humidification Chamber

Indications for Use (Describe)

Humidification Chambers are intended for use to hold water required to humidify the air being delivered to patients. Intended for any patient requiring active humidification within a hospital environment.

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

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## **SECTION 4**

510(k) Summary



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## **510(k) Summary**

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### Device Name:

Trade Name: Flexicare Heated Wire Breathing Systems

Common/Usual Name: Heated Breathing System

Classification Name: Breathing System Heater: 21 CFR 868.5270

Product Codes: BZE (breathing system heater) and BTT (respiratory gas humidifier).

### Legally Marketed Equivalent Device:

Flexicare's Adult Heated Wire Breathing Systems are substantially equivalent to Fisher & Paykel's Adult RT380 Heated Breathing Circuit cleared under K122432.

Flexicare's Autofill Humidification Chamber is substantially equivalent to Fisher & Paykel's MR290 Autofill Humidification chamber cleared under K934140.

### Device Description:

Flexicare Heated Wire Breathing Systems are sterile single patient use devices which form part of a respiratory humidification system. In this system the inspiratory limb delivers heated humidified gas to the patient and expiratory limb carries the expired gas away from the patient.



Flexicare Heated Wire Breathing Systems are supplied with an Auto-fill Humidification chamber. When in use a Humidification Chamber holds a volume of water and is placed onto a heater unit and fills automatically from a suspended water source.

The air from the ventilator is passed through the Humidification Chamber, gaining heat and humidity. This air is then channeled through the Heated Wire Breathing System to the patient.

The inclusion of a heated wire within the lumen of both the System tubes reduces the amount that the humidified air cools when travelling to/from the patient. This in turn reduces the amount of condensation and water build-up within the System.

Flexicare's Heated Wire Breathing Systems are comprised of disposable connectors, tubing and heated wire assemblies. The systems are intended for Adult patients.

Intended Use: \_\_\_\_\_

Flexicare Heated Wire Breathing Systems are intended for use to connect a patient's airway to a Ventilator and Humidification Chamber as part of a complete system to provide warmed and humidified inspired respiratory gases to ventilated patients and those receiving respiratory support. Intended for Adult patients within a hospital environment. Compatible with Fisher & Paykel MR850 Respiratory Gas Humidifier. Available in Adult (038-31-748U) size.

Humidification Chambers are intended for use to hold water required to humidify the air being delivered to patients. Intended for any patient requiring active humidification within a hospital environment.

Substantial Equivalence: \_\_\_\_\_

Flexicare's Heated Wire Breathing Systems have the same intended use as the predicate device.

Flexicare's Heated Wire Breathing Systems and the Predicate device are single patient use devices. Supplied in Adult sizes.

Neither manufacturer's devices are life supporting or life sustaining.

Patient Contact –

Skin Contact & Externally Communicating – Prolonged duration <30days (for max 7 days use)

Neither Flexicare's Heated Wire Breathing Systems nor the predicate device by Fisher & Paykel require software to operate/function.

Flexicare's Heated Wire Breathing Systems & the predicate device require connection to an electronically powered Fisher & Paykel MR850 Respiratory Gas Humidifier.

Flexicare's Heated Wire Breathing Systems are supplied sterile in individual EO permeable pouches. Fisher & Paykel's devices are supplied non-sterile in sealed Polybags.



Both devices are able to be used with industry standard devices such as ventilators and catheter mounts.

Both Flexicare's Heated Wire Breathing Systems & the predicate device are designed for the same intended use in the same intended conditions.

Both designs consist of components made from injection molded & extruded plastics.

During comparison testing it was determined that there were no invasive components in either of the manufacturer's devices.

The gas delivering tubing of both the Flexicare and predicate device are manufactured from Low density Polyethylene. Both manufacturers' device's feature an inspiratory limb angled 22mm female connector with temperature port. Both manufacturers' device's also feature a Y-piece connector with temperature port at the patient end.

All connectors on both Flexicare and Predicate devices are conical connectors compliant with ISO 5356-1:2004.

Flexicare Heated Wire Breathing System tubes are blue and/or colorless with all connectors blue in color except for the angled machine-end connectors which are colorless. The Fisher and Paykel Heated Wire Breathing System tubes are blue and/or colorless with colorless connectors.

Any differences in color/shade between the Flexicare devices and the predicate devices is by manufacturer's choice/ branding, and is not related to sizing, intended use, gender of patient or performance of device.

Both manufacturer's devices are supplied with an automatically filling humidification chamber.

Both Flexicare Heated Wire Breathing Systems and Predicate device have 1.6m breathing tube length.



## Substantial equivalence comparison table - Adult Heated Wire Breathing Systems

Flexicare's Heated Wire Breathing Systems are substantially equivalent to RT380 Heated Wire Breathing System manufactured by Fisher & Paykel (510(k) K122432)

The Table below shows the similarities and differences between the Flexicare Medical Adult Heated Wire Breathing Systems and Fisher & Paykel predicate device.

Characteristic compared	Flexicare Adult Heated Wire Breathing Systems	Predicate Device F&P RT380
510K	K: Unknown	K:122432
Intended use	Flexicare Heated Wire Breathing Systems are intended for use to connect a patient's airway to a Ventilator and Humidification Chamber as part of a complete system to provide warmed and humidified inspired respiratory gases to ventilated patients and those receiving respiratory support. Intended for Adult patients within a hospital environment. Compatible with Fisher & Paykel MR850 Respiratory Gas Humidifier. Available in Adult (038-31-748U) size.	The RT380 and RT385 'Adult Evaqua 2' dual-heated breathing circuits are intended as conduits of breathing gas for ventilation of adult patients, and to maintain the temperature of humidified inspired gas.  Source: K122432 SE letter from FDA
Target population	Adult	Adult
Indications for use	Instruction leaflet	Instruction leaflet
Environment used	Hospital	Hospital
Product labelling	Heated Wire Breathing System	Heated Wire Breathing System
Volume (ml)	926	1090
Tube length (m)	Ins – 1.6m Exp – 1.6m	Ins – 1.6m Exp – 1.6m
Wire resistance (ohms)	Ins – 18.55 Exp – 25.9	Ins – 17.5 Exp – 22.6
Tube material and designated diameter	Ins – Corrugated 22MM Exp – Smoothbore 22MM	Ins – Corrugated 22MM Exp – Smoothbore 22MM
Rated Flow	40L.min	40L.min
Compliance (ml/Kpa)	7.68ML/kPa	8.93ML/kPa
Resistance to flow @ 30 lpm (mb)	0.3	0.2
Compatibility with the environment and other devices.	To be used with Flexicare Autofill Humidification Chamber. Compatible with F & P MR850 Respiratory Gas Humidifier.	To be used with F & P MR290 Humidification Chamber. Compatible with F & P MR850 Respiratory Gas Humidifier.

Active controller	No – Humidifier controlled	No – Humidifier controlled
Energy used and or delivered	Due to the wire resistance, heat is dispersed into the breathing tube lumen. As a result, the air passing through the tubing is warmed whilst travelling to patient, reducing the water condensation in the breathing System. The raising of the gas temperature does not exceed 37°C	Due to the wire resistance, heat is dispersed into the breathing tube lumen. As a result, the air passing through the tubing is warmed whilst travelling to patient, reducing the water condensation in the breathing System. The raising of the gas temperature does not exceed 37°C
Sterility	Sterile – Ethylene Oxide Gas	Non-Sterile
Standards Met	ISO 5367 ISO 5356 ISO 8185 IEC 60601-1 ISO 10993 BS EN 556	ISO 5367 ISO 5356 ISO 8185 IEC 60601-1 ISO 10993
Biocompatibility	ISO 10993 compliant	ISO 10993 compliant
Electrical Safety	IEC 60601-1 compliant IEC 60601-1-2 compliant	IEC 60601-1 compliant IEC 60601-1-2 compliant
Non-clinical Test Results	Verification tests were performed to establish the safety and efficacy of Flexicare’s 038-31-748U Heated Wire Breathing System. These Non-clinical tests included Visual inspection/comparison, Dimensional inspection, Internal Volume, Heated wire resistance, resistance to flow, humidifier start up/compatibility, conical connector compliance, connector strength, leaking, drop testing, tensile strength, tube compliance, humidification output, shelf life verification, Electromagnetic Capability, Electrical Safety and Biocompatibility. Testing demonstrated that the relevant features, design and performance of each manufacturer’s device are substantially equivalent.	
Conclusion	Flexicare’s 038-31-748U Heated Wire Breathing System is considered to be substantially equivalent to the Fisher & Paykel RT380 Breathing Circuit. The comparison of features, performance, materials and intended use demonstrate that Flexicare’s 038-31-748U Heated Wire Breathing System is as safe and effective as the predicate device for its intended purpose.	

## Substantial equivalence comparison table - Autofill Humidification Chamber

Flexicare's Autofill Humidification Chamber is substantially equivalent to MR290 Autofill Humidification Chamber manufactured by Fisher & Paykel (510(k) K934140)  
The Table below shows the similarities and differences between the Flexicare Medical Autofill Humidification chamber and Fisher & Paykel predicate device.

Characteristic compared	Flexicare Autofill Humidification Chamber	Predicate Device F&P MR290
510K		K:934140
Intended use	Humidification Chambers are intended for use to hold water required to humidify the air being delivered to patients. Intended for any patient requiring active humidification within a hospital environment.	Humidification chambers are intended for use to hold water required to humidify the air being delivered to patients.
Target population	Any patient using a heated humidifier	Any patient using a heated humidifier
Indications for use	Instruction leaflet	Instruction leaflet
Environment used	Hospital	Hospital
Product labelling	Autofill Humidification chamber	Autofill Humidification chamber
Fill Volume (ml)	Full = 292 Max = 114.9	Full = 340 Max = 83.9
Weight (g)	124	109.5
Leakage (ml/min)	No leakage	No leakage
Compliance at empty (ml/Kpa)	5.5	5.5
Resistance to flow @ 60 lpm (mb)	0.1	0.3
Moisture output (mg/l) at 10lpm	46.6	53.9
Compatibility with the environment and other devices.	To be used with Flexicare's Heated Wire Breathing Systems and F & P MR850 Respiratory Gas Humidifier.	To be used with F & P Heated Wire Breathing Systems and F & P MR850 Respiratory Gas Humidifier.
Energy used and or delivered	Electrical energy within heater unit is used to raise the temperature and humidity of the gas delivered to the patient	Electrical energy within heater unit is used to raise the temperature and humidity of the gas delivered to the patient
Sterility	Sterile – Ethylene Oxide Gas	Non-Sterile
Standards Met	ISO 5367 ISO 5356 ISO 8185 IEC 60601-1 ISO 10993 BS EN 556	ISO 5367 ISO 5356 ISO 8185 IEC 60601-1 ISO 10993
Biocompatibility	ISO 10993 compliant	ISO 10993 compliant
Electrical Safety	IEC 60601-1 compliant IEC 60601-1-2 compliant	IEC 60601-1 compliant IEC 60601-1-2 compliant

Non-clinical Test Results	Verification tests were performed to establish the safety and efficacy of Flexicare's Autofill Humidification Chamber. These Non-clinical tests included Visual inspection/comparison, Dimensional inspection, Internal Volume, resistance to flow, conical connector compliance, connector strength, leaking, tensile strength, compliance, humidification output, shelf life verification, Electromagnetic Capability, Electrical Safety and Biocompatibility. Testing demonstrated that the relevant features, design and performance of each manufacturer's device are substantially equivalent.
Conclusion	Flexicare's Autofill Humidification Chamber is considered to be substantially equivalent to the Fisher & Paykel MR290 Humidification Chamber. The comparison of features, performance, materials and intended use demonstrate that Flexicare's Autofill Humidification Chamber is as safe and effective as the predicate device for its intended purpose.

Summary of performance Testing: Flexicare's Heated Wire Breathing Systems have been evaluated in accordance with standards listed in table:

Test	Standard / Pre-Determined Acceptance Criteria	Outcome
Visual inspection	Pre-Determined Acceptance Criteria	Pass
Dimensional inspection	Pre-Determined Acceptance Criteria	Pass
System internal volume	Pre-Determined Acceptance Criteria	Pass
Wire resistance	Pre-Determined Acceptance Criteria	Pass
Tubing resistance to flow	Pre-Determined Acceptance Criteria	Pass
MR850 start-up test/ system compatibility check	Pre-Determined Acceptance Criteria	
Means of connection	ISO 5367:2000	Pass
Tubing resistance to flow		
Increase in flow with bending		
Leakage		
Compliance		
Packaging Pouch Integrity	ASTM F1886-09 ASTM F88-09 ASTM F1929-12	Pass
Conical Connector compliance	ISO 5356-1:2004	Pass
Leak testing		
Drop testing		
Cytotoxicity, Irritation, Sensitization, Systemic Toxicity, Genotoxicity, Implantation, Sub-Acute Toxicity	10993-10:2010 10993-5:2009 10993-3:2014 10993-6:2009	Pass
Testing to ISO 5367, temp probe tensile testing, temp port leaking	ISO 8185:2007	Pass
Electromagnetic capability & Electrical safety testing	BS EN 60601-1:2006 BS EN 60601-1-2:2007 IEC 60601-1:2005 +CORR.1:2006 CORR. 2:2007	Pass



All Samples passed the performance testing when tested against methods and criteria from both pre-determined acceptance criteria methods and relevant FDA Recognized standards. The results of this testing show that Flexicare Heated Wire Breathing Systems pass all performance tests and performs at least as well as the marketed predicate devices.

Although very similar in design and function there are some differences, as described below, between the Flexicare Heated Wire Breathing Systems and the predicate devices from Fisher & Paykel.

The Flexicare Heated Wire Breathing System has a corrugated inspiratory limb and a smoothbore expiratory limb whilst the Fisher and Paykel device has corrugated limbs for both inspiratory and expiratory.

Another difference between Flexicare's device and its predicate device from Fisher & Paykel is the colour of tubing, connectors and accessories. However, these differences in colour are only due to individual company branding/marketing.

The overall conclusion from the comparison testing is that Flexicare's Heated Wire Breathing Systems are considered to be substantially equivalent to that of the predicate devices.