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Medtronic Xomed, Inc.  
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Re: K151067

Trade/Device Name: Ventilation (Tympanostomy) Tubes  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 874.3880  
Regulation Name: Tympanostomy Tube  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: ETD  
Dated: April 20, 2015  
Received: April 21, 2015

Dear Ms. Hughes:

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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If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please contact 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>. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR 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.

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

Sincerely yours,

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Center for Devices and Radiological Health

Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)

Device Name

Ventilation (Tympanostomy) Tubes

Indications for Use (Describe)

Intended Use/ Indications for Use:

When inserted through a myringotomy, a ventilation tube provides a passageway for movement of air between the auditory canal and the middle ear. The unobstructed passageway may also allow a means of drainage of fluids resulting from acute or chronic otitis media from the middle ear into the auditory canal. In addition, surgical placement of ventilation tubes also provides a means of equalizing air pressures between the outer ear and the middle ear and continued ventilation to prevent fluid accumulation within the middle ear.

The surgeon must use medical judgment and consider the patient's medical history prior to a decision to surgically insert a ventilation tube. Pathologic conditions for which ventilation tubes are indicated include but not limited to:

- Chronic otitis media with effusion characterized as serous, mucoid, or purulent
- Recurrent acute otitis media which fails to respond satisfactorily to alternative therapies
- A patient with a history of persistent high negative middle ear pressure which may be associated with conductive hearing loss, otalgia, vertigo and/or tinnitus
- Atelectasis resulting from retraction pocket of the tympanic membrane or eustachian tube dysfunction

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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## 510(k) Summary

April 20, 2015

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**Proprietary Trade Name:** Ventilation (Tympanostomy) Tubes

**II. Common Name:** Tympanostomy Tubes

**III. Classification Name:** Tympanostomy Tubes (21 CFR 874.3880)

**IV. Classification:** Class II (21 CFR 874.3880)

**V. Product Code:** ETD

**VI. Introduction:**

Medtronic® Xomed®, Inc. is requesting clearance for Ventilation (Tympanostomy) Tubes that include both the 12 previously cleared premarket notifications and preamendment status devices. Medtronic® Xomed®, Inc. will use the 12 previously cleared premarket notifications as predicate devices.

**VII. Product Description:**

Medtronic® Xomed® Ventilation (tympanostomy) Tubes are small tubular implants available in a variety of biocompatible materials including silicone elastomer, fluoroplastic, C-FLEX® TPE, stainless steel and titanium. Numerous designs and sizes are available with single or multiple flanges to satisfy various surgical techniques for insertion and to facilitate short or long-term communication of the auditory canal with the middle ear. Some tubes are fitted with semi-permeable membranes intended to allow free passage of air while preventing movement of fluids into the middle ear.

**VIII. Intended Use:**

When inserted through a myringotomy, a ventilation tube provides a passageway for movement of air between the auditory canal and the middle ear. The unobstructed passageway may also allow a means of drainage of fluids resulting from acute or chronic

otitis media from the middle ear into the auditory canal. In addition, surgical placement of ventilation tubes also provides a means of equalizing air pressures between the outer ear and the middle ear and continued ventilation to prevent fluid accumulation within the middle ear.

**IX. Indications for Use:**

The surgeon must use medical judgment and consider the patient’s medical history prior to a decision to surgically insert a ventilation tube. Pathologic conditions for which ventilation tubes are indicated include but not limited to:

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**X. Identification of Legally Marketed Devices (Predicate Devices)**

Ventilation (Tympanostomy) Tubes are substantially equivalent in intended use and performance characteristics to the following 12 previously cleared premarket notifications:

Description	510(k) Number	Clearance Date
Pope Umbrella Tube	K791680	11/13/1979
Otological Ventilation Tubes	K802587	11/12/1980
Tytan® Grommet Vent Tube, .040	K822366	09/02/1982
Armstrong V Vent Tube	K822375	09/09/1982
Grommet Vent Tube	K823908	01/28/1983
T-Tube Vent Tube	K823909	03/17/1983
Donaldson Vent Tubes	K823910	11/22/1983
Soileau Tytan Bobbin Vent Tube	K830584	06/02/1983
Ventilation Tubes w/ Hydrogel Coating	K923353	05/18/1993
C-Flex Vent Tubes	K943190	08/24/1994
Tympanostomy Tube	K955447	12/21/1995

Hoffman H/A Coated Long-Term Ventilation Tube with Liner	K963727	02/11/1997
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**XI. Comparison of the Technological Characteristics:**

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Subject Device</b>	<b>Predicates</b>	<b>Comparison</b>
<b>Product</b>	Ventilation (Tympanostomy) Tubes	See Section IX	Same
<b>510(k) Number</b>	Proposed	See Section IX	Not Applicable
<b>Product Code</b>	ETD	ETD	Same
<b>Classification</b>	Class II	Class II	Same
<b>Common Name/Classification Name</b>	Tympanostomy Tubes	Tympanostomy Tubes	Same
<b>Device Description</b>	<p>Medtronic® Xomed® Ventilation (tympanostomy) Tubes are small tubular implants available in a variety of biocompatible materials including silicone elastomer, fluoroplastic, C-FLEX® TPE, stainless steel and titanium. Numerous designs and sizes are available with single or multiple flanges to satisfy various surgical techniques for insertion and to facilitate short or long-term communication of the auditory canal with the middle ear. Some tubes are fitted with semi-permeable membranes intended to allow free passage of air while preventing movement of fluids into the middle ear.</p>	<p>Medtronic® Xomed® Ventilation (tympanostomy) Tubes are small tubular implants available in a variety of biocompatible materials including silicone elastomer, fluoroplastic, C-FLEX® TPE, stainless steel and titanium. Numerous designs and sizes are available with single or multiple flanges to satisfy various surgical techniques for insertion and to facilitate short or long-term communication of the auditory canal with the middle ear. Some tubes are fitted with semi-permeable membranes intended to allow free passage of air while preventing movement of fluids into the middle ear.</p>	Same
<b>Intended Use</b>	<p>When inserted through a myringotomy, a ventilation tube provides a passageway for movement of air between the auditory canal and the middle ear. The unobstructed passageway may also allow a means of drainage of fluids resulting from acute or chronic otitis media from the middle ear into the auditory canal. In addition, surgical placement of ventilation tubes also provides a</p>	<p>When inserted through a myringotomy, a ventilation tube provides a passageway for movement of air between the auditory canal and the middle ear. The unobstructed passageway may also allow a means of drainage of fluids resulting from acute or chronic otitis media from the middle ear into the auditory canal. In addition, surgical placement of ventilation tubes also provides a</p>	Same

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<b>Technological Characteristics</b>	Various Sizes (ID: 0.76-1.65; IFD: 1.09-9.80 L: 1.06-13.40 mm)	Various Sizes (ID: 0.76-1.65; IFD: 1.09-9.80 L: 1.06-13.40 mm)	Same

	Various Materials: Silicone, Teflon, Titanium Stainless Steel, C-Flex, Silicone/Microgel, FEP Fluoroplastic, Hydroxylapatite Coating	Various Materials: Silicone, Teflon, Titanium Stainless Steel, C-Flex, Silicone/Microgel, FEP Fluoroplastic, Hydroxylapatite Coating	
<b>Sterilization</b>	Ethylene Oxide	Ethylene Oxide	Same
<b>Principle of Operation</b>	Surgically inserted in the tympanic membrane following myringotomy to provide a passageway for the movement of air between the auditory canal and the middle ear	Surgically inserted in the tympanic membrane following myringotomy to provide a passageway for the movement of air between the auditory canal and the middle ear	Same

**XII. Discussion of the Performance Testing**

The Ventilation (Tympanostomy) Tubes did not undergo any design changes as a result of this submission. Therefore no additional bench, animal or clinical testing is required. A Literature Review is provided with post market surveillance data for these Ventilation Tubes.

**XIII. Conclusions**

A comparison of key characteristics demonstrates that the proposed submission consolidates previously cleared and preamendment Ventilation Tubes that have the same intended use/indications for use, technological characteristics and principle of operations. Based on this, Medtronic Xomed claims substantial equivalence to the predicate devices.