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Re: K153652

Trade/Device Name: ARROW® FlexBlock® Continuous Peripheral Nerve Block Kit/Set  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 868.5140  
Regulation Name: Anesthesia Conduction Kit  
Regulatory Class: Class II  
Product Code: CAZ  
Dated: May 13, 2016  
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Dear Jim Cochie:

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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<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

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

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

## Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)  
K153652

Device Name  
ARROW® FlexBlock® Continuous Peripheral Nerve Block Catheter Kit/Set

### Indications for Use (Describe)

The ARROW FlexBlock Continuous Peripheral Nerve Block Kit/Set permits placement of catheters next to nerves and nerve plexuses for continuous nerve block anesthesia or analgesia techniques including upper extremity, lower extremity, abdominal and paravertebral locations for periods not exceeding 72 hours.

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



### **Submitter Information**

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### **Trade Name**

ARROW® FlexBlock® Continuous Peripheral Nerve Block Catheter Kit/Set

### **Common/Usual Name**

Anesthesia Conduction Kit

### **Classification**

Regulation: 21 CFR 868.5140

Class: II

Product Code: CAZ – Anesthesia Conduction Kit

### **Predicate Device**

ARROW FlexBlock Continuous Peripheral Nerve Block Catheter – K122027

### **Modification and Changes to Predicate**

The purpose of this 510(k) is to update the MR Conditional statements in the Instructions for Use (IFU). The update is based on magnetic resonance testing performed by Shellock R&D Services and Exponent, Inc. The purpose of the update is to align the MR Conditional statements to the current best practices, and to respond to questions from the FDA on the possibility of induced heating and unintended stimulation (induced voltage) that were posed during the review of K140110.

The update to the MR Conditional statements in the IFU is the only modification. The device that is the subject of this submission is identical to its predicate in all other respects, including the technological characteristics, materials, indications for use, and FDA classification.

### **Device Description**

The Arrow® FlexBlock® Continuous Peripheral Nerve Block Catheter Kit/Set features a wire reinforced, polyurethane body with centimeter markings to facilitate placement for continuous plexus and peripheral nerve blocks. The catheter includes a SnapLock™ adapter to enable infusion of medications, and a stylet for enhanced maneuverability. Procedural trays also include a stimulating or non-stimulating plexus block needle, and other procedural components.



**Indications for Use**

The ARROW FlexBlock Continuous Peripheral Nerve Block Kit/Set permits placement of catheters next to nerves and nerve plexuses for continuous nerve block anesthesia or analgesia techniques including upper extremity, lower extremity, abdominal and paravertebral locations for periods not exceeding 72 hours.

**Substantial Equivalence Comparison to Predicate**

ARROW FlexBlock Continuous Peripheral Nerve Block Catheter Kit/Set was cleared under K122027. No changes have been made to the catheters or components since receiving clearance. Substantial equivalence between the devices subject of this submission and their respective predicate devices is based on the fact that they are identical in regards to technological characteristics, design, materials, indications for use, and FDA classification.

The only change for these devices is an update to the MR Conditional labeling. Table 1 provides a substantial equivalence comparison to the predicate.



**Table 1 Substantial Equivalence Comparison to Predicate**

| Characteristic                | Predicate  | Proposed  |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Product Classification        | II   | No change |
| Intended Use                  | The ARROW FlexBlock Continuous Peripheral Nerve Block Kit/Set permits placement of catheters next to nerves and nerve plexuses for continuous nerve block anesthesia or analgesia techniques including upper extremity, lower extremity, abdominal and paravertebral locations for periods not exceeding 72 hours. | No change |
| Technological Characteristics | The catheter features a wire reinforced, polyurethane body with centimeter markings.   | No change |
| Materials                     | Inner coil = XM19 Stainless Steel<br>Outer body = Polyurethane   | No change |

**Substantial Equivalence Conclusion**

The proposed update to the MR Conditional labeling establishes parameters for the use of these catheters in a magnetic resonance environment. It does not impact the substantial equivalence of ARROW FlexBlock Continuous Peripheral Nerve Block Catheter Kit/Set, and does not raise different questions of safety or effectiveness.

**Non-Clinical Testing**

Non-Clinical testing was conducted as the basis of the MR Conditional claims that are proposed in this 510(k). The testing is listed in Table 2 below. Summaries of the testing are provided as well. The test article in both cases was the 19 ga FlexBlock catheter.

**Table 2 Non-Clinical Testing**

| Testing                     | Summary  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| MRI Testing, Shellock, 2011 | Evaluation of magnetic field interactions at 3-Tesla; MRI-related heating at 1.5-Tesla and 3-Tesla; and MRI imaging artifacts at 3-Tesla. The evaluation concluded that the FlexBlock Catheter should be labeled as MR Conditional and included labeling guidelines in the report.   |
| MRI Testing, Exponent, 2015 | This study evaluated the MRI compatibility of the catheter in regards to radiofrequency (RF)-induced heating in 1.5 T and 3 T clinical scanners. The evaluation was conducted using methodologies prescribed in ASTM F2182 as a guide and modified for using a transmit/receive (TR) head coil. The evaluation concluded that the FlexBlock Catheter should be labeled as MR Conditional and included labeling guidelines in the report. |

## **510(k) SUMMARY**



The conclusions drawn from the non-clinical tests inform the MRI labeling that is proposed in this 510(k), K153652. As there is no change to the catheter itself, we can conclude that the device is substantially equivalent to the predicate 510(k) K122027.