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Re: K173019
Trade/Device Name: GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Introducer,
GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Rigid Catheter Guide,
GYNECARE TVT EXACT™ Continence System Trocar
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 884.4910
Regulation Name: Specialized surgical instrumentation for use with urogynecologic surgical mesh
Regulatory Class: Class II
Product Code: PWJ
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Dear Melina Escobar:

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.

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 comprehensive regulatory information about medical devices and radiation-emitting products, including information about labeling regulations, please see Device Advice (<https://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/>) and CDRH Learn (<http://www.fda.gov/Training/CDRHLearn>). Additionally, you may contact the Division of Industry and Consumer Education (DICE) to ask a question about a specific regulatory topic. See the DICE website (<http://www.fda.gov/DICE>) for more information or contact DICE by email (DICE@fda.hhs.gov) or phone (1-800-638-2041 or 301-796-7100).

Sincerely,


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Enclosure

Indications for Use

510(k) Number (if known)
K173019

Device Name

GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Introducer
GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Rigid Catheter Guide
GYNECARE TVT EXACT™ Continence System Trocar

Indications for Use (Describe)

The GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Introducer is a reusable device intended to aid in the placement of the GYNECARE TVT Device retropublically.

The GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Rigid Catheter Guide is a reusable device intended to facilitate the identification of the urethra and bladder neck during the placement of the GYNECARE TVT Device and GYNECARE TVT EXACT Continence System.

The GYNECARE TVT EXACT™ Continence System Trocar is a single use device intended to aid in the placement of the GYNECARE TVT EXACT Continence System retropublically.

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 – K173019**

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Device Trade Names: GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Introducer
GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Rigid Catheter Guide
GYNECARE TVT EXACT™ Continence System Trocar

Common Name: Specialized urogynecologic surgical mesh instrumentation

Regulation Name: Specialized surgical instrumentation for use with urogynecologic surgical mesh

Regulation Number: 21 CFR 884.4910

Regulatory Class: II

Product Code: PWJ (instrumentation, surgical mesh, urogynecologic, stress urinary incontinence)

Predicate Device: GYNECARE TVT™ Tension Free Vaginal Tape (TVT System), Ethicon, Inc., 510(k) K974098
GYNECARE TVT EXACT™ Continence System, Ethicon, Inc., 510(k) K132054

The predicate devices have not been subject to a design related recall.

Device Description

The subject devices include the following components:

GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Introducer
GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Rigid Catheter Guide
GYNECARE TVT EXACT™ Continenence System Trocar

The subject devices are intended to be used with the GYNECARE TVT™ Device and GYNECARE TVT EXACT™ Continenence System intended to treat stress urinary incontinence.

GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Introducer

The GYNECARE TVT™ Introducer is provided non-sterile and is reusable. The Introducer is made of stainless steel. It consists of two parts, a handle and an inserted threaded metal shaft. The Introducer is intended to facilitate the passage of the GYNECARE TVT™ Device from the vagina to the abdominal skin. It is connected and fixed to the needle, via the threaded end of the shaft, prior to inserting the needle with the tape.

GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Rigid Catheter Guide

The GYNECARE TVT™ Rigid Catheter Guide is a non-sterile reusable instrument intended to facilitate the identification of the urethra and the bladder neck during the surgical procedure. It is inserted into a Foley catheter (recommended size 18 French) positioned in the bladder via the urethra. To facilitate insertion, it can be lubricated with gel.

GYNECARE TVT EXACT™ Continenence System Trocar

The GYNECARE TVT EXACT™ Continenence System Trocar consists of the stainless steel Trocar Shaft and the plastic Trocar Handle. The Trocar Shaft is designed to fit inside the white Trocar Sheaths on the GYNECARE TVT EXACT™ Continenence System Implant / Trocar Sheath Assembly, and is used to position the GYNECARE TVT EXACT™ Continenence System Implant in the patient from a vaginal incision up through the abdominal wall.

Indications for Use

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The GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Rigid Catheter Guide is a reusable device intended to facilitate the identification of the urethra and bladder neck during the placement of the GYNECARE TVT Device and GYNECARE TVT EXACT Continenence System.

The GYNECARE TVT EXACT™ Contenance System Trocar is a single use device intended to aid in the placement of the GYNECARE TVT EXACT Contenance System retropubically.

Summary of Substantial Equivalence Comparison

The following table compares the subject and predicate device.

Device and Predicate Devices	K173019	K974098	K132054
Indications for Use Statement	<p>The GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Introducer is a reusable device intended to aid in the placement of the GYNECARE TVT Device retropubically.</p> <p>The GYNECARE TVT™ Reusable Rigid Catheter Guide is a reusable device intended to facilitate the identification of the urethra and bladder neck during the placement of the GYNECARE TVT Device and GYNECARE TVT EXACT Contenance System.</p> <p>The GYNECARE TVT EXACT™ Contenance System Trocar is a single use device intended to aid in the placement of the GYNECARE TVT EXACT Contenance System retropubically.</p>	<p>The TVT device is a sterile, single-use device intended to be used as a pubourethral sling indicated for treatment of stress urinary incontinence (SUI), for female urinary incontinence resulting from urethral hypermobility and/or intrinsic sphincter deficiency. The TVT Introducer and Rigid Catheter Guide accessories are intended to facilitate placement of the TVT device. The accessories, available separately, are provided non-sterile and are reusable.</p>	<p>The GYNECARE TVT EXACT™ Contenance System is intended to be used as a pubourethral sling for treatment of female stress urinary incontinence, resulting from urethral hypermobility and/or intrinsic sphincter deficiency.</p>
Operating principle	Aid in the placement of surgical mesh	Treatment of women with stress urinary incontinence	Treatment of women with stress urinary incontinence

Patient contact durations	< 24 hours (tissue/bone)	Permanent (tissue/bone)	Permanent (tissue/bone)
Device Design	Instrumentation	Mesh	Mesh
Device Materials	Stainless steel, polycarbonate	Woven polypropylene	Woven polypropylene

The subject devices have different indications for use statements compared to the predicate device, as the predicate device is a surgical mesh system that is indicated to treat stress urinary incontinence. However, the intended use of the subject and predicate device is the same, because the subject devices are accessories to the predicate surgical mesh.

As described in the table above, the operating principle, patient contact, device design, and device materials are different between the subject and predicate devices. The predicate device is a surgical mesh, whereas the subject devices are used for the placement of surgical mesh. The differences between the subject and predicate device can raise different questions of safety and effectiveness, as we are comparing an accessory and parent device. However, the subject devices are accessories to the predicate devices. The differences in technological characteristics were evaluated through completion of special controls (performance testing, biocompatibility, shelf-life/reprocessing, labeling, and sterilization) published in the final order reclassifying urogynecologic surgical mesh instrumentation from class I to class II published on January 6, 2017.

Summary of Performance Testing

The following performance tests were completed on the subject devices:

- Sterilization validation
- Reprocessing validation
- Package integrity
- Dimensional and mechanical performance
- Biocompatibility
 - Cytotoxicity
 - Sensitization
 - Irritation
- Shelf life

The results of performance testing demonstrate the subject devices are sterile to an SAL for 10^{-6} , biocompatible, have sufficient mechanical performance for their intended use, have a validated shelf life, and that the GYNECARE TVT Introducer and GYNECARE TVT Rigid Catheter Guide reusable devices can be adequately reprocessed.

Conclusion

The subject devices are substantially equivalent to the predicate device and meet the special controls outlined in 21 CFR 884.4910, specialized surgical instrumentation for use with urogynecologic surgical mesh.