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510(K) SUMMARY

Name of Firm: Blackstone Medical, Inc.
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Trade Name: Blackstone™ Ascent POCT System Hooks

Common Name: Rod and screw spinal instrumentation

Device Product Code & Classification: **MNI** – 888.3070 – Pedicle Screw Spinal System
KWP– 888.3050 – Spinal Interlaminal Fixation Orthosis

Substantially Equivalent Devices: Blackstone™ Ascent POCT System (K030197)

Device Description:

The Blackstone™ Ascent POCT System is a titanium alloy, multiple component system comprised of a variety of non-sterile, single use components that allow the surgeon to build a spinal implant construct. The system's design is intended promote immobilization and stabilization of spinal segments as an adjunct to fusion of the cervical and/or upper thoracic spine. The Blackstone™ Ascent POCT System consists of an assortment of rods, setscrews, cross connectors, multi-axial screws, plates, bone screws, and Songer Cables. The hooks are designed to be compatible with and work in conjunction with the components in the current Blackstone Ascent POCT System.

Intended Use / Indications for Use:
When intended to promote fusion of the cervical spine and occipito-cervico-thoracic junction (occiput-T3), the Blackstone™ Ascent POCT System is indicated for:

a) degenerative disc disease (neck pain of discogenic origin with degeneration of the disc as confirmed by patient history and radiographic studies)
b) spondylolisthesis
c) spinal stenosis
d) fracture/dislocation
e) atlanto/axial fracture with instability
f) occipitocervical dislocation
g) revision of previous cervical spine surgery
h) tumors

The occipital bone screws are limited to occipital fixation only.

The hooks placement is indicated from C1-T3.

The use of the multi-axial screws is limited to placement in the upper thoracic spine (T1-T3) in treating thoracic conditions only. They are not intended to be placed in the cervical spine.

The Songer Cable System to be used with the Blackstone™ POCT System allows for wire/cable attachment to the posterior cervical spine.

BASIS OF SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCE:
The Blackstone™ Ascent POCT System Hooks are substantially equivalent to the Blackstone Ascent POCT System (K030197), which has been cleared by FDA for posterior fixation applications to the occipito-cervico-thoracic junstion (occiput-T3)

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Re: K033980
Trade/Device Name: Blackstone™ Ascent Posterior Occipital-Cervical-Thoracic System
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 888.3050; 21 CFR 888.3070
Regulation Name: Spinal interlaminal fixation orthosis; Pedicle screw spinal system
Regulatory Class: Class II
Product Code: KWP, MNI
Dated: December 1, 2003
Received: December 29, 2003

Dear Mr. Ciporkin:

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.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such 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); 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.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4659. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR Part 807.97). You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html

Sincerely yours,

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Center for Devices and
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Enclosure

510(k) Number: K033980

Device Name: ***Blackstone™ Ascent Posterior Occipital-Cervical-Thoracic System***

Indications for Use:
When intended to promote fusion of the cervical spine and occipito-cervico-thoracic junction (occiput-T3), the Blackstone Ascent Posterior Occipital Cervical Thoracic System is indicated for:

a) Degenerative disc disease (defined as neck pain of discogenic origin with degeneration of the disc confirmed by patient history and radiographic studies;
b) Spondylolisthesis;
c) Fracture/dislocation;
d) Spinal stenosis;
e) Atlanto-axial fracture with instability;
f) Occipito-cervical dislocation;
g) Tumors;
h) Revision of previous cervical spine surgery

The occipital bone screws are limited to occipital fixation only. The use of the multi-axial screws is limited to placement in the upper thoracic spine (T1-T3) for the treatment of thoracic conditions only. They are not intended to be placed in the cervical spine.

The hooks are intended to be placed from C1 to T3.

The Songer Cable (titanium) System to be used with the Blackstone Ascent Posterior Occipital Cervical Thoracic System allows for wire/cable attachment to the posterior cervical spine.

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

(Division Sign-Off)
Division of General, Restorative, and Neurological Devices

Prescription Use X **510(k) Number** K033980 Over-The-Counter Use____

(Per 21 CFR801.109)