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510(k) Summary

510(k) Number:

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Trade Name: Arthrex K-Wire
Common Name: Pin
Classification: Smooth or threaded metallic bone fixation fastener
Product Code: HTY

Description:
The Arthrex K-Wire devices are made of stainless steel per ASTM F138. They are offered in several sizes and tip styles, sterile or non-sterile.

Indications for Use:
The Arthrex K-Wire is indicated for use in fixation of bone fractures, for bone reconstructions, as guide pins for insertion of other implants or implantation through the skin so that traction may be applied to the skeletal system. Examples include:

- Fixation of small bone fragments, in long bone or small bone fractures
- Arthrodesis in hand and foot surgery
- Distal or proximal metatarsal or metacarpal osteotomies
- Mono or Bi-Cortical osteotomies in the foot or hand
- Fixation of osteotomies for Hallux Valgus treatment (such as Scarf, Chevron, etc)
- Guide Wire in hip pinning procedures
- Align and reduce long bone fractures
- For use with cerclage wire/cable in treating greater trochanter fractures

Substantial Equivalence:

By definition, substantial equivalence means that a device has the same intended use and technical characteristics as the predicate device, or has the same intended use and different technological characteristics, but can be demonstrated to be as safe and effective as the predicate device for the previously cleared indications for use. These indications do not raise any questions regarding the safety and effectiveness of the implant. Furthermore, the materials used in construction of these devices are well characterized and have been used in predicate devices with similar indications. The devices, as designed, are as safe and effective as predicate devices.

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Re: K052736
Trade/Device Name: Arthrex K-Wire
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 888.3040
Regulation Name: Smooth or threaded bone fixation fastener
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: HTY
Dated: September 29, 2005
Received: September 30, 2005

Dear Ms. Waterhouse:

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 (240) 276-0120. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR 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/industry/support/index.html

Sincerely yours,

Mark N. Melkerson
Acting Director
Division of General, Restorative
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Office of Device Evaluation
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Enclosure

Indications for Use

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Prescription Use ___X____ (Part 21 CFR 801 Subpart D) AND/OR Over-The-Counter Use _____ (21 CFR 801 Subpart C)

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

(Posted November 13, 2003)

(Division Sign-Off)
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