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510(k) Summary of Safety and Effectiveness

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Product Information:			
Trade name: Flexible fiberscopes and accessories		**Model number:** 7265.001, 7305.xxx, 7321.xxx, 7325.xxx, 7330.xxx	
Common name: Flexible fiberscopes		**Classification name:** Flexible endoscopes	

Information on devices to which substantial equivalence is claimed:

510(k) Number	Trade or proprietary or model name	Manufacturer
1 K962172	1 Flexible Mini-Fiberscopes	1 Richard Wolf
2	2 LASE Flexible Endoscope	2 Clarus
3 K971455	3 SITEprobe diagnostic spinal endoscope	3 Clarus
4 K946087	4 The Inclusive™ Endoscope System	4 Sofamor Danek

1.0 Description

The flexible endoscope consists of an eyepiece, with a focusing ring for direct view or connection to a video camera, a lever to control the flexible tip of the scope, and the flexible insertion portion.

2.0 Intended Use

Flexible fiberscopes are used for examination, diagnosis, and/or therapy in connection with endoscopic accessories and auxiliary instruments used through the working channel of the instrument for use in lumbar spine applications.

3.0 Technological Characteristics

There are no significant technological changes or characteristics to the new devices compared to the existing devices.

The tip of the sheath has an active deflection up to 360°, depending on the fiberscope. The deflecting position can be locked with a brake on some fiberscopes. The image is transmitted via objective, fiber bundle and eyepiece for direct view or connection to a video camera. The total number of pixels and the fibers per mm^2 are increased to get an image with higher resolution. Biopsy material can be taken by the wide working channel, which is simultaneously used for irrigation. Auxiliary instruments such as forceps are inserted via a proximal mounted insertion cock with supply and discharge.

4.0 Substantial Equivalence

The submitted devices pose the same type of questions about safety or effectiveness as the compared devices. The new technological characteristics have not diminished safety or effectiveness. The submitted devices are substantially equivalent to existing pre-enactment and 510(k) devices sold by Richard Wolf in the urology branch. In addition, the submitted devices are substantially equivalent to devices sold by Clarus, and Sofamor Danek.

5.0 Performance Data

No known FDA performance standard exists.

6.0 Clinical Tests

Clinical tests performed were not performed.

7.0 Conclusions Drawn

These devices are designed and tested to assure their safety and effectiveness when used according to the instructions manual.

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Re: K990397
Trade Name: Flexible Fiberscopes and Accessories
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: HRX, KOG
Dated: August 11, 1999
Received: August 12, 1999

Dear Mr. Casarsa:

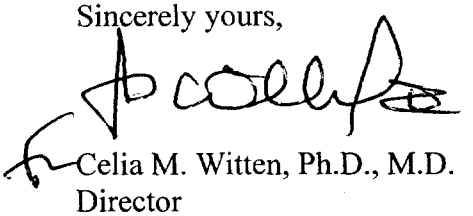
We have reviewed your Section 510(k) notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of 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). 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 (Premarket Approval), 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 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the current Good Manufacturing Practice requirement, as set forth in the Quality System Regulation (QS) for Medical Devices: General regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic (QS) inspections, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will verify such assumptions. Failure to comply with the GMP regulation may result in regulatory action. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register. Please note: this response to your premarket notification submission does not affect any obligation you might have under sections 531 through 542 of the Act for devices under the Electronic Product Radiation Control provisions, or other Federal laws or regulations.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your 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 and additionally 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4595. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its internet address "http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsmamain.html".

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosure

510(k) Number (if known): K990397

Device Name: Flexible Fiberscopes and Accessories

Intended Use:

Flexible Fiberscope: For examination, diagnosis, and/or therapy in connection with endoscopic accessories and auxiliary instruments used through the working channel of the instrument for use in lumbar spine applications.

Flexible Biopsy Forcep: Used to obtain small biopsies from tissue

Electrodes: Used for unipolar coagulation.

Field of Application:

The instruments are designed to be used by adequately trained and qualified medical personnel in the fields of spine, urology, surgery, gynecology, and ENT.

IMPORTANT! The product dimensions must correspond with the anatomic proportions, i.e., the correct flexible fiberscope must be selected for the medical procedure.

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(Division Sign-Off)
Division of General Restorative Devices
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Prescription Use ✓ OR Over-The Counter ____

Per 21 CFR 801.109

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