

# Is My Product a Medical Device?

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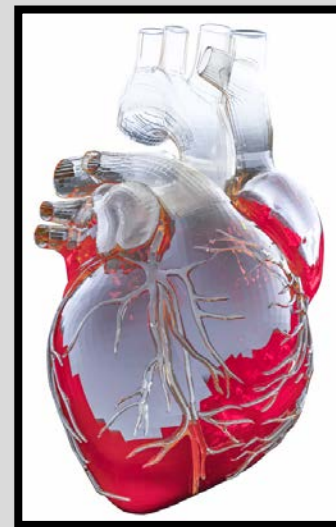
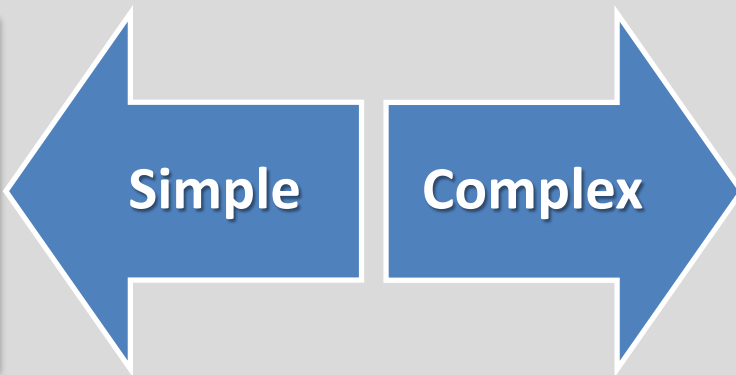
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# Medical Devices Are Diverse



# Learning Objectives

1. Define what is a medical device
2. Discuss special considerations
3. Discuss an example of a device determination
4. Identify ways to request further assistance

# Definition of a Medical Device

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**Section 201(h)** of the Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) defines a device as:

An instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance, implant, in vitro reagent, or other similar or related article, including a component part or accessory which is:

# Definition of a Medical Device

## (Continued)

- recognized in the **official National Formulary**, or the **United States Pharmacopoeia**, or any supplement to them,
- intended for use in the **diagnosis** of disease or other conditions, or in the **cure, mitigation, treatment**, or **prevention of disease** in man or other animals, or
- intended to **affect the structure or any function** of the body of man or other animals

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- And does not achieve its primary intended purposes through **chemical action** within or on the body of man or other animals and which is not dependent upon being **metabolized** for the achievement of its primary intended purposes.
- The term "device" does not include software functions excluded pursuant to section 520(o).

# Examples of Excluded Software

## Per Section 520(o)

- Administrative support of a health care facility;
- Maintaining or encouraging a healthy lifestyle unrelated to the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, prevention, or treatment of a disease or condition;
- Serve as electronic patient records; or
- Transferring, storing, converting formats, or displaying test or other device data, results or findings but not intended to interpret or analyze them.



# Know Your Product

- What is the **intended use** of your product?
- How does your product **function**?
- What **claims** do you intend to make?



# Defining Your Intended Use is Key!

- Clearly state the **general purpose** or its **function**
- Further describe:
  - The **disease or condition** the product will diagnose, cure, mitigate, treat or prevent
  - The intended **patient population**



# **Is There an Existing Product Classification?**

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# Special Considerations

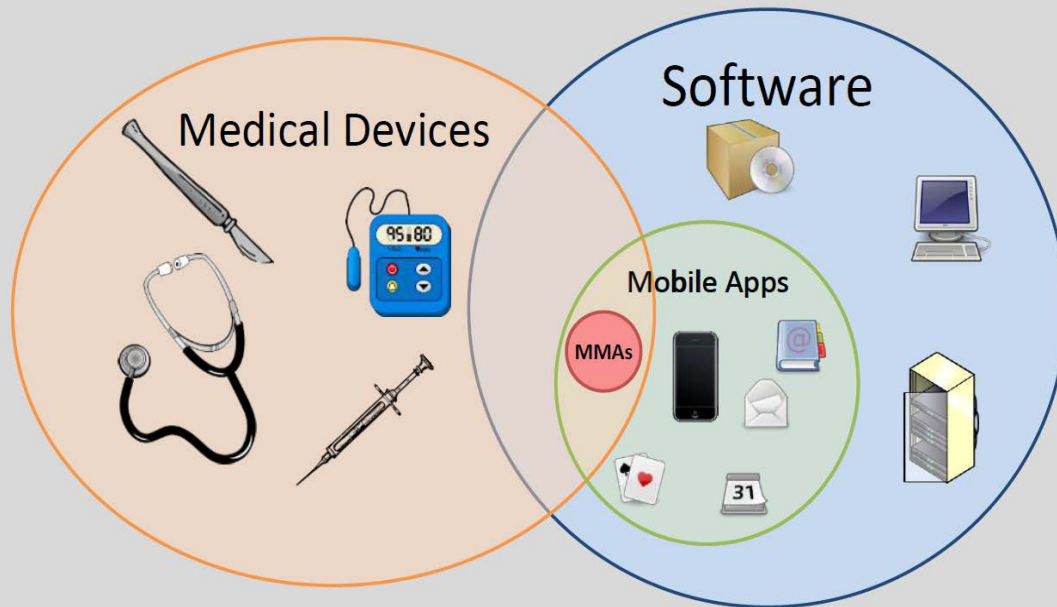
# In Vitro Diagnostics (IVDs)

- **Reagents, instruments, and systems** intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions.
  - **Collect, prepare, and examine specimens** taken from the human body
  - Can be used in **a laboratory, health professional setting or at home**
- Examples: Home Pregnancy Test, Glucose Test Strip

# Radiation Emitting Products

- **Section 531** of the FD&C Act defines an electronic product as a product which when in operation (i) contains or acts as part of an **electronic circuit** and (ii) **emits electronic product radiation**
  - Most radiation-emitting products are not medical devices
  - Some radiation-emitting products with medical applications and claims meet the definition of medical device
- Examples: Diagnostic Ultrasound, X-Rays, Medical Lasers

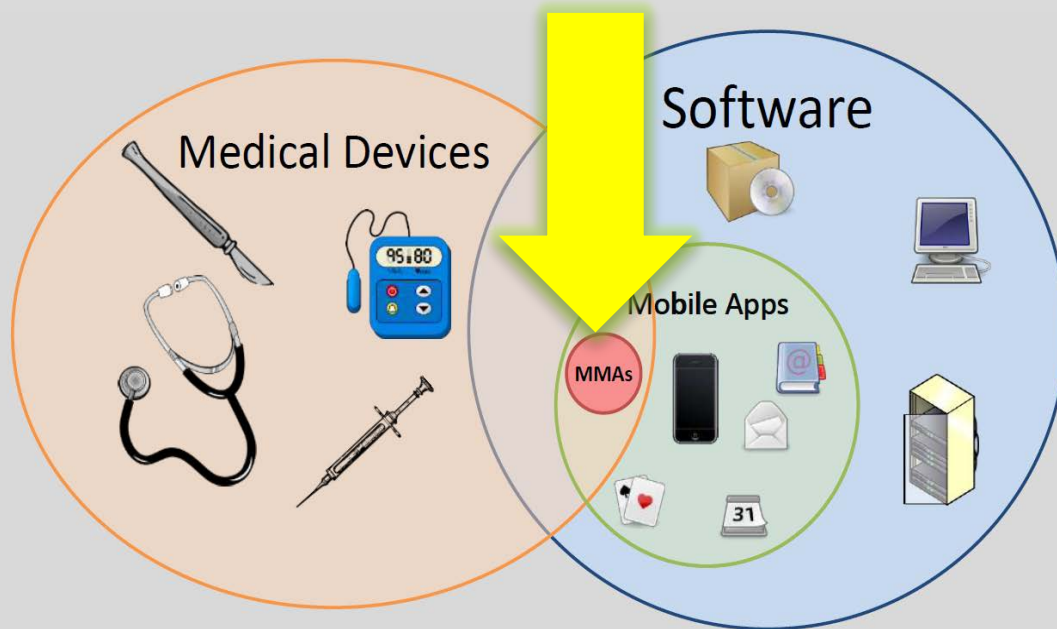
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# Software as a Medical Device (SaMD)

- SaMD defined as:
  - **“software intended to be used for one or more medical purposes that perform these purposes without being part of a hardware medical device”**
- Example: Software that allows a smartphone to view images obtained from a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) medical device for diagnostic purposes

# General Wellness Products

Products must meet the following two factors:

1. Are intended for only general wellness use, as defined in the guidance, and
2. Present a very low risk to users' safety.

Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff - General Wellness: Policy for Low Risk Devices:

[www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/general-wellness-policy-low-risk-devices](https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/general-wellness-policy-low-risk-devices)

# Combination Products

- 21 CFR 3.2(e): Combination products are therapeutic and diagnostic products that combine drugs, devices, and/or biological products
- Lead center is based on a determination of the “primary mode of action” (PMOA)
- Examples: Drug Eluting Stent, Heparin Coated Dialysis Catheter, First-Aid Kit with a Drug

# Products Regulated by Other FDA Centers

- Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER):  
[www.fda.gov/drugs](http://www.fda.gov/drugs)
- Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER):  
[www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics](http://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics)
- Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM):  
[www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary](http://www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary)
- Center for Tobacco Products (CTP):  
[www.fda.gov/tobacco-products](http://www.fda.gov/tobacco-products)

# Device Determination Example

# Which product is a medical device?

**Adult Diaper**



**VS.**

**Infant Diaper**



# Define the Intended Use

## Adult Diaper



Intended to protect an adult's garments from urine or stool.

**VS.**

## Infant Diaper



Intended to protect an infant's garments from urine or stool.



# Further Define the Intended Use

## Adult Diaper



Intended to protect an **incontinent** patient's garment from urine or stool.

VS.

## Infant Diaper



Intended to protect an infant's garments from urine or stool.

## Medical Device Definition Questions

Adult  
Diaper

Infant  
Diaper

1 Is it intended to **diagnose, cure, mitigate, treat, or prevent disease** in a human?

2 Is it intended to **affect the structure or any function of the body**?

3 Does it achieve its primary intended purpose by **chemical action** or by being **metabolized**?

Medical Device Definition Questions		Adult Diaper	Infant Diaper
1	Is it intended to <b>diagnose, cure, mitigate, treat, or prevent disease</b> in a human?	Yes	No
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3	Does it achieve its primary intended purpose by <b>chemical action</b> or by being <b>metabolized</b> ?	No	No
<b>Does it meet the definition of a medical device?</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

# Is there an existing product classification?

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<a href="#">EXI</a>	<a href="#">Device, Paste-on For Incontinence, Steri ...</a> Urine Collector And Accessories	876.5250	1
<a href="#">EXJ</a>	<a href="#">Device, Incontinence, Urosheath Type, St ...</a> Urine Collector And Accessories	876.5250	1
<a href="#">EYQ</a>	<a href="#">Garment, Protective, For Incontinence</a> Protective Garment For Incontinence	876.5920	1
<a href="#">EZW</a>	<a href="#">Stimulator, Electrical, Implantable, For ...</a> Implanted Electrical Urinary Continece ...	876.5270	3
<a href="#">EZY</a>	<a href="#">Device, Incontinence, Mechanical/hydraul ...</a> Implanted Mechanical/hydraulic Urinary C...	876.5280	3
<a href="#">KPI</a>	<a href="#">Stimulator, Electrical, Non-implantable, ...</a> Nonimplanted Electrical Continece Devic...	876.5320	2
<a href="#">MIP</a>	<a href="#">Implanted Fecal Incontinence Device</a>		3
<a href="#">MNG</a>	<a href="#">External Urethral Occluder, Urinary Inco ...</a> Urological Clamp For Males	876.5160	1
<a href="#">MUK</a>	<a href="#">Electrosurgical Radiofrequency System, S ...</a> Electrosurgical Cutting And Coagulation ...	878.4400	2
<a href="#">NNX</a>	<a href="#">Device, Incontinence, Urosheath Type, No ...</a> Urine Collector And Accessories	876.5250	1

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<a href="#">NNX</a>	<a href="#">Device, Incontinence, Urosheath Type, No ...</a>	876.5250	1

# Product Classification “Garment, Protective, For Incontinence”

<b>Device</b>	Garment, Protective, For Incontinence
<b>Regulation Description</b>	Protective garment for incontinence.
<b>Regulation Medical Specialty</b>	Gastroenterology/Urology
<b>Review Panel</b>	Gastroenterology/Urology
<b>Product Code</b>	EYQ
<b>Premarket Review</b>	<a href="#">Gastrorenal, ObGyn, General Hospital, and Urology Devices (OHT3)</a> <a href="#">Reproductive, Gynecology and Urology Devices (DHT3B)</a>
<b>Submission Type</b>	510(K) Exempt
<b>Regulation Number</b>	<a href="#">876.5920</a>
<b>Device Class</b>	1
<b>Total Product Life Cycle (TPLC)</b>	<a href="#">TPLC Product Code Report</a>
<b>GMP Exempt?</b>	Yes
	<b>Note:</b> This device is also exempted from the GMP regulation, except for general requirements concerning records (820.180) and complaint files (820.198), as long as the device is <u>not</u> labeled or otherwise represented as sterile.
<b>Summary Malfunction Reporting</b>	Eligible
	<b>Note:</b> FDA has exempted almost all class I devices (with the exception of <a href="#">reserved devices</a> ) from the premarket notification requirement, including those devices that were exempted by final regulation published in the <i>Federal Registers</i> of December 7, 1994, and January 16, 1996. It is important to confirm the exempt status and any limitations that apply with <a href="#">21 CFR Parts 862-892</a> . Limitations of device exemptions are covered under 21 CFR XXX.9, where XXX refers to Parts 862-892.
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<b>Implanted Device?</b>	No
<b>Life-Sustain/Support Device?</b>	No
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<b>Submission type</b>	<a href="#">3rd Party Exempt</a>
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Subpart F--Therapeutic Devices

Sec. 876.5920 Protective garment for incontinence.

(a) *Identification.* A protective garment for incontinence is a device that consists of absorbent padding and a fluid barrier and that is intended to protect an incontinent patient's garment from the patient's excreta. This generic type of device does not include diapers for infants.

(b) *Classification.* Class I (general controls). The device is exempt from the premarket notification procedures in subpart E of part 807 of this chapter subject to the limitations in 876.9. The device is also exempt from the current good manufacturing practice requirements of the quality system regulation in part 820 of this chapter, with the exception of 820.180, regarding general requirements concerning records, and 820.198, regarding complaint files.

[48 FR 53023, Nov. 23, 1983, as amended at 54 FR 25050, June 12, 1989; 66 FR 38802, July 25, 2001]

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Questions	Adult Diaper	Infant Diaper
Is there an existing product classification?	Yes	No
<b>Is the product regulated as a medical device?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

# Further Assistance



# Informal Assistance

- Contact the **Division of Industry and Consumer Education (DICE)**
  - Phone: 1-800-638-2041
  - Email: [dice@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:dice@fda.hhs.gov)
- Email the **Device Determination** experts  
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# Formal Assistance

- Appropriate when a **formal determination** is requested
- Submit a 513(g) Request
  - FDA and Industry Procedures for Section 513(g) Requests for Information under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; [www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/fda-and-industry-procedures-section-513g-requests-information-under-federal-food-drug-and-cosmetic](http://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/fda-and-industry-procedures-section-513g-requests-information-under-federal-food-drug-and-cosmetic)
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# Summary

- Medical devices are defined under **Section 201(h) of the FD&C Act**
- A clearly defined **intended use** is key
- Identifying an **existing medical device product classification** can be helpful
- Consider further **assistance** if necessary

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14	In Vitro Diagnostics [Homepage]	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/products-and-medical-procedures/vitro-diagnostics">www.fda.gov/medical-devices/products-and-medical-procedures/vitro-diagnostics</a>
14	Overview of IVD Regulation	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/ivd-regulatory-assistance/overview-ivd-regulation">www.fda.gov/medical-devices/ivd-regulatory-assistance/overview-ivd-regulation</a>
15	Getting a Radiation Emitting Product to Market	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/radiation-emitting-products/electronic-product-radiation-control-program/getting-radiation-emitting-product-market">www.fda.gov/radiation-emitting-products/electronic-product-radiation-control-program/getting-radiation-emitting-product-market</a>

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16	Mobile Medical Applications	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/digital-health/mobile-medical-applications">www.fda.gov/medical-devices/digital-health/mobile-medical-applications</a>
16	Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff [February 2019] - Mobile Medical Applications	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/mobile-medical-applications">www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/mobile-medical-applications</a>
18	Software as a Medical Device (SaMD)	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/digital-health/software-medical-device-samd">www.fda.gov/medical-devices/digital-health/software-medical-device-samd</a>

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19	Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff [July 2016] - General Wellness: Policy for Low Risk Devices	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/general-wellness-policy-low-risk-devices">www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/general-wellness-policy-low-risk-devices</a>
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38	Device – Not a Device	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/classify-your-medical-device/device-not-device">www.fda.gov/medical-devices/classify-your-medical-device/device-not-device</a>
39	FDA and Industry Procedures for Section 513(g) Requests for Information under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/fda-and-industry-procedures-section-513g-requests-information-under-federal-food-drug-and-cosmetic">www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/fda-and-industry-procedures-section-513g-requests-information-under-federal-food-drug-and-cosmetic</a>

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# Your Call to Action

**Familiarize yourself with:**

- The **definition of a medical device**; and
- FDA's public **product classification database**





