§ 884.4120 Gynecologic electrocautery and accessories.

(a) Identification. A gynecologic electrocautery is a device designed to destroy tissue with high temperatures by tissue contact with an electrically heated probe. It is used to excise cervical lesions, perform biopsies, or treat chronic cervicitis under direct visual observation. This generic type of device may include the following accessories: an electrical generator, a probe, and electrical cables.

(b) Classification. Class II (performance standards).

§ 884.4150 Bipolar endoscopic coagulator-cutter and accessories.

(a) Identification. A bipolar endoscopic coagulator-cutter is a device used to perform female sterilization and other operative procedures under endoscopic observation. It destroys tissue with high temperatures by directing a high frequency electrical current through tissue between two electrical contacts of a probe. This generic type of device may include the following accessories: an electrical generator, probes, and electrical cables.

(b) Classification. Class II. The special controls for this device are:

(1) FDA’s:


(ii) “510(k) Sterility Review Guidance 2/12/90 (K–90),” and

(iii) “Guidance (‘Guidelines’) for Evaluation of Laparoscopic Bipolar and Thermal Coagulators (and Accessories),”


(3) American National Standards Institute/American Association for Medical Instrumentation’s HF–18, 1993, “Electrosurgical Devices,”

(4) Labelling:

(i) Indication: For female tubal sterilization,

(ii) Instructions for use:

(A) Destroy at least 2 centimeters of the fallopian tubes,

(B) Use a cut or undampened sinusoidal waveform,

(C) Use a minimum power of 25 watts, and

(D) For devices with ammeters: continue electrode activation for 5 seconds after the visual endpoint (tissue blanching) is reached or current flow ceases indicating adequate tissue destruction.


§ 884.4160 Unipolar endoscopic coagulator-cutter and accessories.

(a) Identification. A unipolar endoscopic coagulator-cutter is a device designed to destroy tissue with high temperatures by directing a high frequency electrical current through the tissue between an energized probe and a grounding plate. It is used in female sterilization and in other operative procedures under endoscopic observation. This generic type of device may include the following accessories: an electrical generator, probes and electrical cables, and a patient grounding plate. This generic type of device does not include devices used to perform female sterilization under hysteroscopic observation.

(b) Classification. Class II (performance standards).

§ 884.4250 Expandable cervical dilator.

(a) Identification. An expandable cervical dilator is an instrument with two handles and two opposing blades used manually to dilate (stretch open) the cervical os.

(b) Classification. Class III (premarket approval).

(c) Date PMA or notice of completion of a PDP is required. A PMA or a notice of completion of a PDP is required to be filed with the Food and Drug Administration on or before December 26, 1996 for any expandable cervical dilator that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976, or that has, on or before December 26, 1996 been found to be substantially equivalent to an expandable cervical dilator that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976. Any other expandable cervical dilator shall have an approved PMA or a
declared completed PDP in effect before being placed in commercial distribution.


§ 884.4260 Hygroscopic Laminaria cervical dilator.

(a) Identification. A hygroscopic Laminaria cervical dilator is a device designed to dilate (stretch open) the cervical os by cervical insertion of a conical and expansible material made from the root of a seaweed (Laminaria digitata or Laminaria japonica). The device is used to induce abortion.

(b) Classification. Class II (performance standards).

§ 884.4270 Vibratory cervical dilators.

(a) Identification. A vibratory cervical dilator is a device designed to dilate the cervical os by stretching it with a power-driven vibrating probe head. The device is used to gain access to the uterus or to induce abortion, but is not to be used during labor when a viable fetus is desired or anticipated.

(b) Classification. Class II (performance standards).

§ 884.4270 Vibratory cervical dilators.

(a) Identification. A vibratory cervical dilator is a device designed to dilate the cervical os by stretching it with a power-driven vibrating probe head. The device is used to gain access to the uterus or to induce abortion, but is not to be used during labor when a viable fetus is desired or anticipated.

(b) Classification. Class III (premarket approval).

(c) Date PMA or notice of completion of a PDP is required. A PMA or a notice of completion of a PDP is required to be filed with the Food and Drug Administration on or before December 26, 1996 for any vibratory cervical dilator that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976, or that has, on or before December 26, 1996 been found to be substantially equivalent to a vibratory cervical dilator that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976. Any other vibratory cervical dilator shall have an approved PMA or a declared completed PDP in effect before being placed in commercial distribution.


§ 884.4340 Fetal vacuum extractor.

(a) Identification. A fetal vacuum extractor is a device used to facilitate delivery. The device enables traction to be applied to the fetal head (in the birth canal) by means of a suction cup attached to the scalp and is powered by an external vacuum source. This generic type of device may include the cup, hosing, vacuum source, and vacuum control.

(b) Classification. Class II (performance standards).

§ 884.4400 Obstetric forceps.

(a) Identification. An obstetric forceps is a device consisting of two blades, with handles, designed to grasp and apply traction to the fetal head in the birth passage and facilitate delivery.

(b) Classification. Class II (performance standards).

§ 884.4500 Obstetric fetal destructive instrument.

(a) Identification. An obstetric fetal destructive instrument is a device designed to crush or pull the fetal body to facilitate the delivery of a dead or anomalous (abnormal) fetus. This generic type of device includes the cleidoclast, cranioclast, craniotribe, and destructive hook.

(b) Classification. Class II (performance standards).

§ 884.4520 Obstetric-gynecologic general manual instrument.

(a) Identification. An obstetric-gynecologic general manual instrument is one of a group of devices used to perform simple obstetric and gynecologic manipulative functions. This generic type of device consists of the following:

(1) An episiotomy scissors is a cutting instrument, with two opposed shearing blades, used for surgical incision of the vulvar orifice for obstetrical purposes.

(2) A fiberoptic metal vaginal speculum is a metal instrument, with fiberoptic light, used to expose and illuminate the interior of the vagina.

(3) A metal vaginal speculum is a metal instrument used to expose the interior of the vagina.

(4) An umbilical scissors is a cutting instrument, with two opposed shearing blades, used to cut the umbilical cord.

(5) A uterine clamp is an instrument used to hold the uterus by compression.

(6) A uterine packer is an instrument used to introduce dressing into the uterus or vagina.