Food and Drug Administration, HHS

Medical Devices—Part I: Evaluation and Testing,

(i) 510(k) Sterility Review Guidance of 2/12/90 (K90–1),

(ii) "Guidance Document for Testing Orthopedic Implants with Modified Metallic Surfaces Approaching Bone or Bone Cement,"

(iii) "Guidance Document for the Preparation of Premarket Notification (510(k)) Application for Orthopedic Devices,"


(2) International Organization for Standardization’s (ISO):


(3) American Society for Testing and Materials:


(iv) F 981–93 “Practice for Assessment of Compatibility of Biomaterials (Nonporous) for Surgical Implant with Respect to Effect of Material on Muscle and Bone,”

(v) F 1944–95 “Test Method for Shear Testing of Porous Metal Coatings,”


(vii) F 1147–95 “Test Method for Tension Testing of Porous Metal Coatings, ” and


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§ 888.3160 Elbow joint metal/polymer semi-constrained cemented prosthesis.

(a) Identification. An elbow joint metal/polymer semi-constrained cemented prosthesis is a device intended to be implanted to replace an elbow joint. The device limits translation and rotation in one or more planes via the geometry of its articulating surfaces. It has no linkage across-the-joint. This generic type of device includes prostheses that consist of a humeral resurfacing component made of alloys, such as cobalt-chromium-molybdenum, and a radial resurfacing component made of ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene. This generic type of device is limited to those prostheses intended for use with bone cement (§ 888.3027).

(b) Classification. Class II.

§ 888.3170 Elbow joint radial (hemi-elbow) polymer prosthesis.

(a) Identification. An elbow joint radial (hemi-elbow) polymer prosthesis is a device intended to be implanted made of medical grade silicone elastomer used to replace the proximal end of the radius.

(b) Classification. Class II.

§ 888.3180 Elbow joint humeral (hemi-elbow) metallic uncemented prosthesis.

(a) Identification. An elbow joint humeral (hemi-elbow) metallic uncemented prosthesis is a device intended to be implanted made of alloys, such as cobalt-chromium-molybdenum, that is used to replace the distal end of
§ 888.3200 Finger joint metal/metal constrained uncemented prosthesis.

(a) Identification. A finger joint metal/metal constrained uncemented prosthesis is a device intended to be implanted to replace a metacarpophalangeal or proximal interphalangeal (finger) joint. This device prevents dislocation in more than one anatomic plane and has components which are linked together. This generic type of device includes prostheses made of alloys, such as cobalt-chromium-molybdenum, or prostheses made from alloys and ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene. This generic type of device is limited to prostheses intended for use without bone cement (§888.3027).

(b) Classification. Class III.

(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 finger joint metal/metal constrained uncemented prosthesis that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976. Any other finger joint metal/metal constrained uncemented prosthesis shall have an approved PMA or a declared completed PDP in effect before being placed in commercial distribution.

§ 888.3210 Finger joint metal/metal constrained cemented prosthesis.

(a) Identification. A finger joint metal/metal constrained cemented prosthesis is a device intended to be implanted to replace a metacarpophalangeal (finger) joint. This device prevents dislocation in more than one anatomic plane and has components which are linked together. This generic type of device includes prostheses that are made of alloys, such as cobalt-chromium-molybdenum, and is limited to those prostheses intended for use with bone cement (§888.3027).

(b) Classification. Class III.

(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 finger joint metal/metal constrained cemented prosthesis 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 finger joint metal/metal constrained cemented prosthesis that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976. Any other finger joint metal/metal constrained cemented prosthesis shall have an approved PMA or a declared completed PDP in effect before being placed in commercial distribution.

§ 888.3220 Finger joint metal/polymer constrained cemented prosthesis.

(a) Identification. A finger joint metal/polymer constrained cemented prosthesis is a device intended to be implanted to replace a metacarpophalangeal or proximal interphalangeal (finger) joint. This device prevents dislocation in more than one anatomic plane and has components which are linked together. This generic type of device includes prostheses made of alloys, such as cobalt-chromium-molybdenum, or prostheses made from alloys and ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene. This generic type of device is limited to prostheses intended for use without bone cement (§888.3027).

(b) Classification. Class III.

(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 finger joint metal/polymer constrained cemented prosthesis that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976. Any other finger joint metal/polymer constrained cemented prosthesis shall have an approved PMA or a declared completed PDP in effect before being placed in commercial distribution.