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§ 866.3175 Cytomegalovirus serological reagents.

(a) Identification. Cytomegalovirus serological reagents are devices that consist of antigens and antisera used in serological tests to identify antibodies to cytomegalovirus in serum. Additionally, some of these reagents consist of cytomegalovirus antisera conjugated with a fluorescent dye that are used to identify cytomegalovirus from clinical specimens or from tissue culture isolates derived from clinical specimens. The identification aids in the diagnosis of cytomegalovirus infections and provides epidemiological information on diseases caused by these viruses. Cytomegaloviruses produce a variety of infections, including common colds, meningitis (inflammation of brain and spinal cord membranes), herpangina (brief fever accompanied by ulcerated lesions of the throat), and myopericarditis (inflammation of heart tissue).

(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 §866.9.

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(principally cytomegalic inclusion disease) and provides epidemiological information on these diseases. Cytomegalic inclusion disease is a generalized infection of infants and is caused by intrauterine or early postnatal infection with the virus. The disease may cause severe congenital abnormalities, such as microcephaly (abnormal smallness of the head), motor disability, and mental retardation. Cytomegalovirus infection has also been associated with acquired hemolytic anemia, acute and chronic hepatitis, and an infectious mononucleosilike syndrome.

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

§ 866.3200 Echinococcus spp. serological reagents.

(a) Identification. Echinococcus spp. serological reagents are devices that consist of Echinococcus spp. antigens and antisera used in serological tests to identify antibodies to Echinococcus spp. in serum. The identification aids in the diagnosis of echinococcosis, caused by parasitic tapeworms belonging to the genus Echinococcus and provides epidemiological information on this disease. Echinococcosis is characterized by the development of cysts in the liver, lung, kidneys, and other organs formed by the larva of the infecting organisms.

(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 §866.9.


§ 866.3210 Endotoxin assay.

(a) Identification. An endotoxin assay is a device that uses serological techniques in whole blood. The device is intended for use in conjunction with other laboratory findings and clinical assessment of the patient to aid in the risk assessment of critically ill patients for progression to severe sepsis.

(b) Classification. Class II (special controls). The special control for this device is the FDA guidance entitled “Class II Special Controls Guidance Document: Endotoxin Assay.” See §866.1(e) for the availability of this guidance document.


§ 866.3220 Entamoeba histolytica serological reagents.

(a) Identification. Entamoeba histolytica serological reagents are devices that consist of antigens and antisera used in serological tests to identify antibodies to Entamoeba histolytica in serum. Additionally, some of these reagents consist of antisera conjugated with a fluorescent dye (immunofluorescent reagents) used to identify Entamoeba histolytica directly from clinical specimens. The identification aids in the diagnosis of amebiasis caused by the microscopic protozoan parasite Entamoeba histolytica and provides epidemiological information on diseases caused by this parasite. The parasite may invade the skin, liver, intestines, lungs, and diaphragm, causing disease conditions such as indolent ulcers, an amebic hepatitis, amebic dysentery, and pulmonary lesions.