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


4. Labelling:
   (i) Indication: For female tubal sterilization, and
   (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