§ 872.1720 Pulp tester.

(a) Identification. A pulp tester is an AC or battery powered device intended to evaluate the pulpal vitality of teeth by employing high frequency current transmitted by an electrode to stimulate the nerve tissue in the dental pulp.

(b) Classification. Class II.

§ 872.1730 Electrode gel for pulp testers.

(a) Identification. An electrode gel for pulp testers is a device intended to be applied to the surface of a tooth before use of a pulp tester to aid conduction of electrical current.

(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 § 872.9.


§ 872.1740 Caries detection device.

(a) Identification. The caries detection device is a device intended to show the existence of decay in a patient’s tooth by use of electrical current.

(b) Classification. Class II.

§ 872.1745 Laser fluorescence caries detection device.

(a) Identification. A laser fluorescence caries detection device is a laser, a fluorescence detector housed in a dental handpiece, and a control console that performs device calibration, as well as variable tone emitting and fluorescence measurement functions. The intended use of the device is to aid in the detection of tooth decay by measuring increased laser induced fluorescence.

(b) Classification. Class II, subject to the following special controls:

(1) Sale, distribution, and use of this device are restricted to prescription use in accordance with § 801.109 of this chapter;

(2) Premarket notifications must include clinical studies, or other relevant information, that demonstrates that the device aids in the detection of tooth decay by measuring increased laser induced fluorescence; and

(3) The labeling must include detailed use instructions with precautions that urge users to:

(i) Read and understand all directions before using the device,

(ii) Store probe tips under proper conditions,

(iii) Properly sterilize the emitter-detector handpiece before each use, and

(iv) Properly maintain and handle the instrument in the specified manner and condition.

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§ 872.1800 Extraoral source x-ray system.

(a) Identification. An extraoral source x-ray system is an AC-powered device that produces x-rays and is intended for dental radiographic examination and diagnosis of diseases of the teeth, jaw, and oral structures. The x-ray source (a tube) is located outside the mouth. This generic type of device may include patient and equipment supports and component parts.

(b) Classification. Class II.

§ 872.1810 Intraoral source x-ray system.

(a) Identification. An intraoral source x-ray system is an electrically powered device that produces x-rays and is intended for dental radiographic examination and diagnosis of diseases of the teeth, jaw, and oral structures. The x-ray source (a tube) is located inside the mouth. This generic type of device may include patient and equipment supports and component parts.

(b) Classification. Class II.

§ 872.1820 Dental x-ray exposure alignment device.

(a) Identification. A dental x-ray exposure alignment device is a device intended to position x-ray film and to align the examination site with the x-ray beam.

(b) Classification. Class I (general controls). The device is exempt from the premarket notification procedures in