

Classification of Medical Devices and FDA Approval Process

The FDA and Regulation of Medical Devices

Define a Medical Device

Steps in the FDA Approval Process

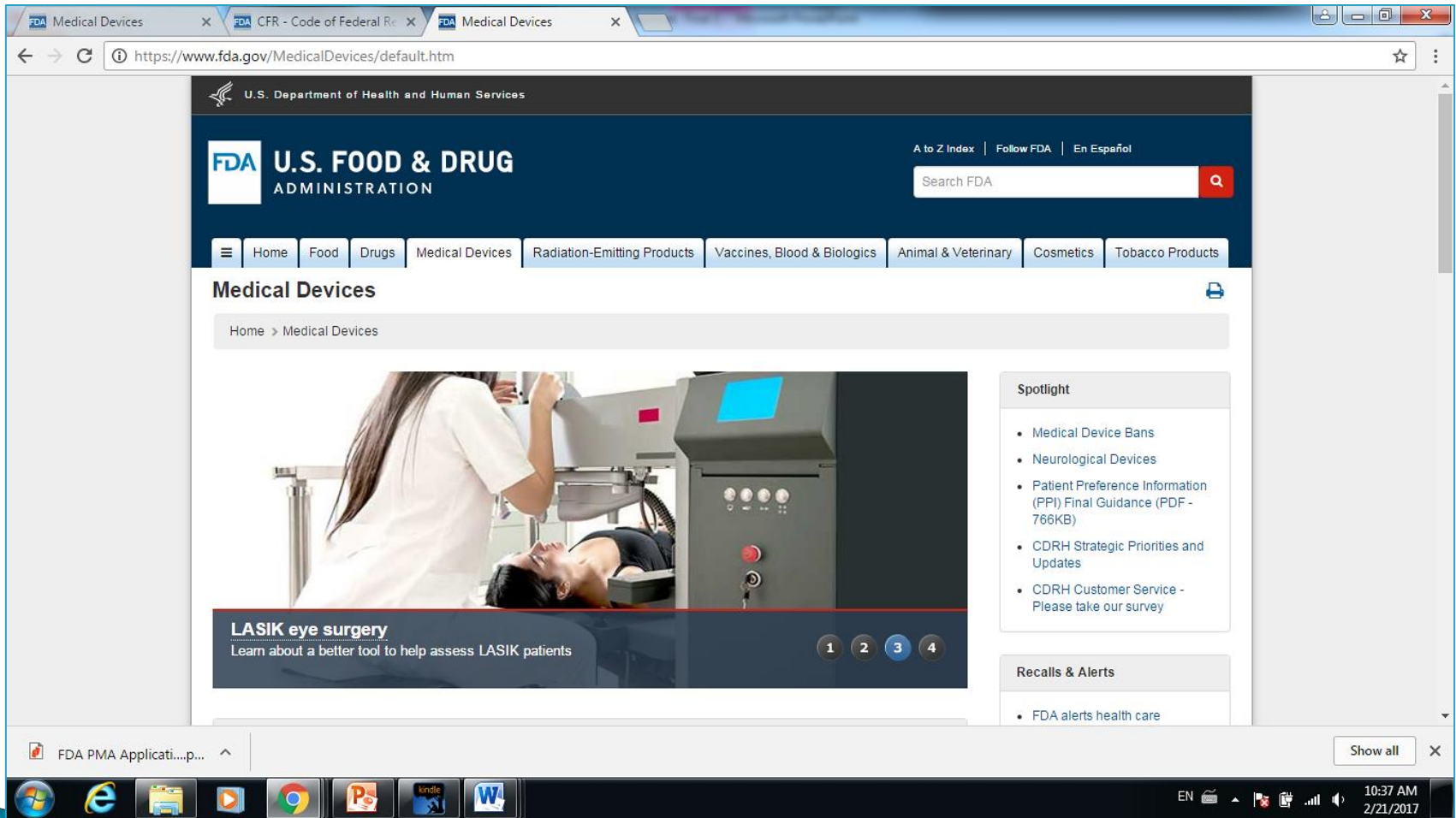
Device Class and Submissions

Good Manufacturing Practice: Labeling, Packaging, etc.

The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: FDA's Role

- ▶ The FDA is a branch of the department of Health and Human Services.
- ▶ The FDA thus is a government body.
- ▶ The main role of the FDA is that of regulation.
- ▶ Food, Cosmetics, Radiation and emitting products as well as Medical devices are some of the products the FDA regulates.
- ▶ No regulated product may be marketed in the United States without the approval of the FDA.

The FDA Regulates Medical Devices



The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: The FDA's Role

- ▶ The FDA uses the results of tests performed according to standards it has approved to help it with the approval process.
- ▶ These standards are not written by the FDA, though the FDA may contribute in the process.
- ▶ The FDA has a list of approved standards available at its website.
- ▶ Marketing an unapproved regulated product can lead to severe sanctions against the violator.

The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: Definition of a Medical Device

- ▶ The FDA Defines a Medical Device as: An Instrument, Apparatus, Implement, Machine, Contrivance, Implant, in vitro reagent, or other similar or related article, including a component part, or accessory which is:
- ▶ Recognized in the official National Formulary, or the United States Pharmacopoeia, or any supplement to them,

FDA's Definition of a Medical Device

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/Overview/ClassifyYourDevice/ucm051512.htm>. The page is titled "Is The Product A Medical Device?" and is part of the "Medical Devices" section of the FDA website. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Food, Drugs, Medical Devices, Radiation-Emitting Products, Vaccines, Blood & Biologics, Animal & Veterinary, Cosmetics, and Tobacco Products. The main content area is titled "Is The Product A Medical Device?" and includes a sub-header "Introduction" and a section titled "Medical Device Definition". The definition states that medical devices range from simple tongue depressors and bedpans to complex programmable pacemakers with micro-chip technology and laser surgical devices. It also mentions that certain electronic radiation emitting products with medical application and claims meet the definition of medical device. Examples include diagnostic ultrasound products, x-ray machines and medical lasers. The definition is based on section 201(h) of the Federal Food Drug & Cosmetic (FD&C) Act. A device is defined as:

- "an instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance, implant, in vitro reagent, or other similar or related article, including a component part, or accessory which is:

The left sidebar contains a "Classify Your Medical Device" section with links for "Does the Product Emit Radiation?", "Is The Product A Medical Device?", "Device -- Not a Device", "Device Classification Panels", "Class I / II Exemptions", "Product Code Classification Database", and "Reclassification".

The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: Definition of a Medical Device

- ▶ Intended for use in the Diagnosis of Disease or other conditions, or in the Cure, Mitigation, Treatment, or Prevention of Disease, in Man or other Animals.

The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: Definition of a Medical Device

- ▶ Intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or other animals, and which does not achieve any of its primary intended purposes through chemical action within or on the body of man or other animals and which is not dependent upon being metabolized for the achievement of any of its primary intended purposes.

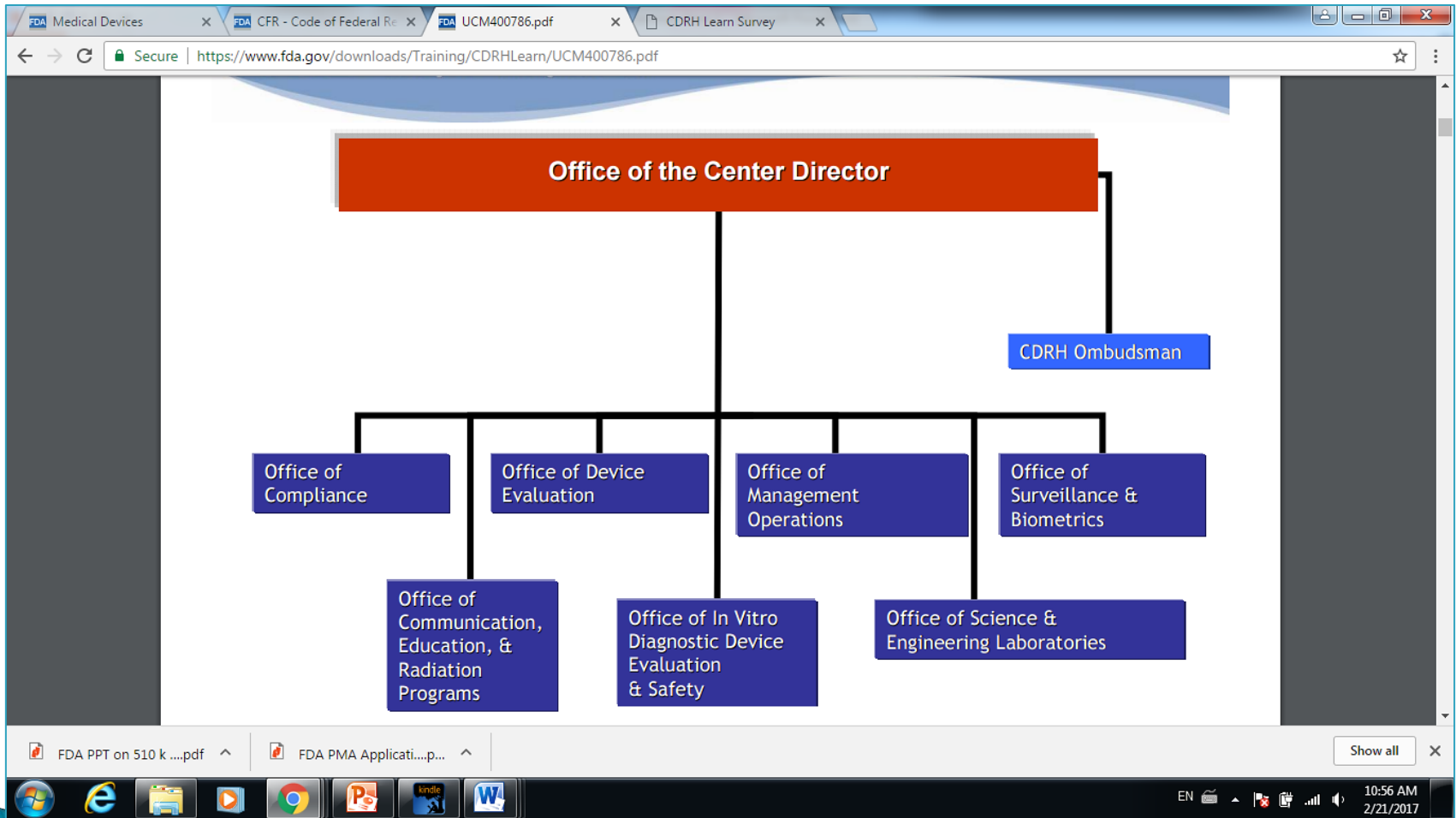
The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: Regulated Industry Sectors

- ▶ The FDA regulates the Medical Device companies that :
 - ▶ Design
 - ▶ Manufacture
 - ▶ Relabel
 - ▶ Repackage
 - ▶ And/or Import Medical Devices into the United States.

The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: The CDRH

- ▶ The FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health(CDRH), is charged with the Regulations.
- ▶ The CDRH is responsible for assuring the safety, effectiveness, and quality of medical devices, including those that emit electromagnetic waves.
- ▶ The CDRH also strives to foster innovations as pertaining to medical devices.
- ▶ The center has a director.

CDRH Offices



The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: The CDRH

- ▶ The CDRH has eight offices, that taken together perform the regulation functions.
- ▶ The CDRH Office of Compliance(OC), is composed of five divisions, including:
- ▶ Premarket and Labeling Compliance(DPLC), Manufacturing and Quality(DMQ), International Compliance Operation(DIO), etc.
- ▶ Each of the five divisions plays a particular role in protecting the public health by “evaluating, enhancing, and ensuring compliance with medical device laws, resulting in the availability of high-quality medical devices.”

CDRH's Missions According to the FDA

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Protecting and Promoting Public Health

CDRH Mission

Get safe and effective medical devices to market as quickly as possible...

... while ensuring that medical devices currently on the market remain safe and effective.

Help the public get science-based accurate information about medical devices and radiological products needed to improve health.

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The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: The DPLC

- ▶ The DPLC in particular is responsible for:
- ▶ Enforcing premarket clearance and approval requirements, as well as
- ▶ labeling and promotion and advertising requirements for medical devices.
- ▶ It engages in surveillance of industry practices and responds to urgent or high-priority public health concerns, such as fraudulent devices marketed during a pandemic.

Office of Compliance(OC): Divisions

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/OfficeofMedicalProductsandTobacco/CDRH/CDRHOices/ucm115809.htm>. The page is titled "OC Divisions" and provides an overview of the Office of Compliance's structure. The left sidebar contains links to "Radiological Health", "Office of Surveillance and Biometrics", and "Resources for You", which includes a link to the "CDRH Management Directory by Organization". The main content area lists five divisions: DAPO, DBM, DICO, DMQ, and DPLC, each with a brief description of their responsibilities. The bottom of the browser window shows the Windows taskbar with various application icons and the system clock indicating 10:58 AM on 2/21/2017.

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Radiological Health

Office of Surveillance and Biometrics

Resources for You

- CDRH Management Directory by Organization

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OC Divisions

OC is structured to address the demands of medical device oversight in the areas of quality and product integrity. OC has a front office and five divisions. An overview of each division follows:

Division of Analysis and Program Operations (DAPO) analyzes data, develops policy, drafts processes, collaborates with FDA's Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA) on inspection planning and assignments, runs the establishment registration and listing program, and supports recall processing and establishment inspection reviews.

Division of Bioresearch Monitoring (DBM) provides regulatory oversight of medical device clinical investigations, nonclinical good laboratory practice, and institutional review boards in support of the premarket review program. The division coordinates and reviews monitoring inspections of regulated parties and takes necessary action when appropriate. It also investigates and coordinates allegations of research misconduct.

Division of International Compliance Operations (DICO) focuses on foreign device manufacturer and importer assessment; international audit program, compliance policy, and guidance development; export operations and policy; and stakeholder communication and outreach.

Division of Manufacturing and Quality (DMQ) leads domestic enforcement activities and recalls related to device quality and safety, and reviews premarket approval application manufacturing sections, site change supplements, and signals and complaints related to product quality. This division is also the lead on device quality policy.

Division of Premarket and Labeling Compliance (DPLC) enforces premarket clearance and approval requirements, as well as labeling and promotion and advertising requirements for medical devices. This division engages in surveillance of industry practices and responds to urgent or high-priority public health concerns, such as fraudulent devices marketed during a pandemic.

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The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: Device Classes

- ▶ To expedite the approval process it is important to know the device class prior to filling for PMA, 510(K) or other submissions.
- ▶ The FDA categorized medical devices into three classes, Class I, Class II and Class III.
- ▶ These classes are assigned based on the risk associated with the device, with the degree of severity increasing from class I

The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: Device Classes

- ▶ Class I devices are associated with the least risks. The stringency of the regulation required for class I devices is consequently the least.
- ▶ Class II devices come with increasing associated risks, and are more rigorously regulated.
- ▶ The class of devices associated with the highest risks and regulatory controls are those in class III. Devices in this class must typically meet FDA approval prior to their being marketed to the public

The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: Code of Federal Regulation

- ▶ All medical devices marketed in the United States are subject to the regulatory control in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) and the regulations in Title 21–Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR) Parts 1–58, 800–1299.
- ▶ Part 1 is: General Enforcement Regulations.
- ▶ Part 800s: Medical Device Concentrated parts.
- ▶ Each Part has several subparts.
- ▶ The requirements are termed “Premarket Requirements” if they apply to the medical device prior to its marketing, or “Post–market Requirements”, if they apply after the medical device has been marketed.

CFR Title 21

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⚠ This information is current as of April 1, 2016.

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This database includes a codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the Executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government. Title 21 of the CFR is reserved for rules of the Food and Drug Administration. [Learn More...](#)

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CFR Title 21 - Food and
Drugs: Parts 1 to 1499

- (814) Premarket approval of medical devices
- (820) Quality system regulation
- (821) Medical device tracking requirements
- (822) Postmarket surveillance
- (830) Unique device identification

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Other Databases

- 510(k)s
- De Novo
- Medical
- CDRH E
- (CECV)
- CDRH F
- Room
- CLIA
- Device
- FDA Gu
- Humani
- Medsun
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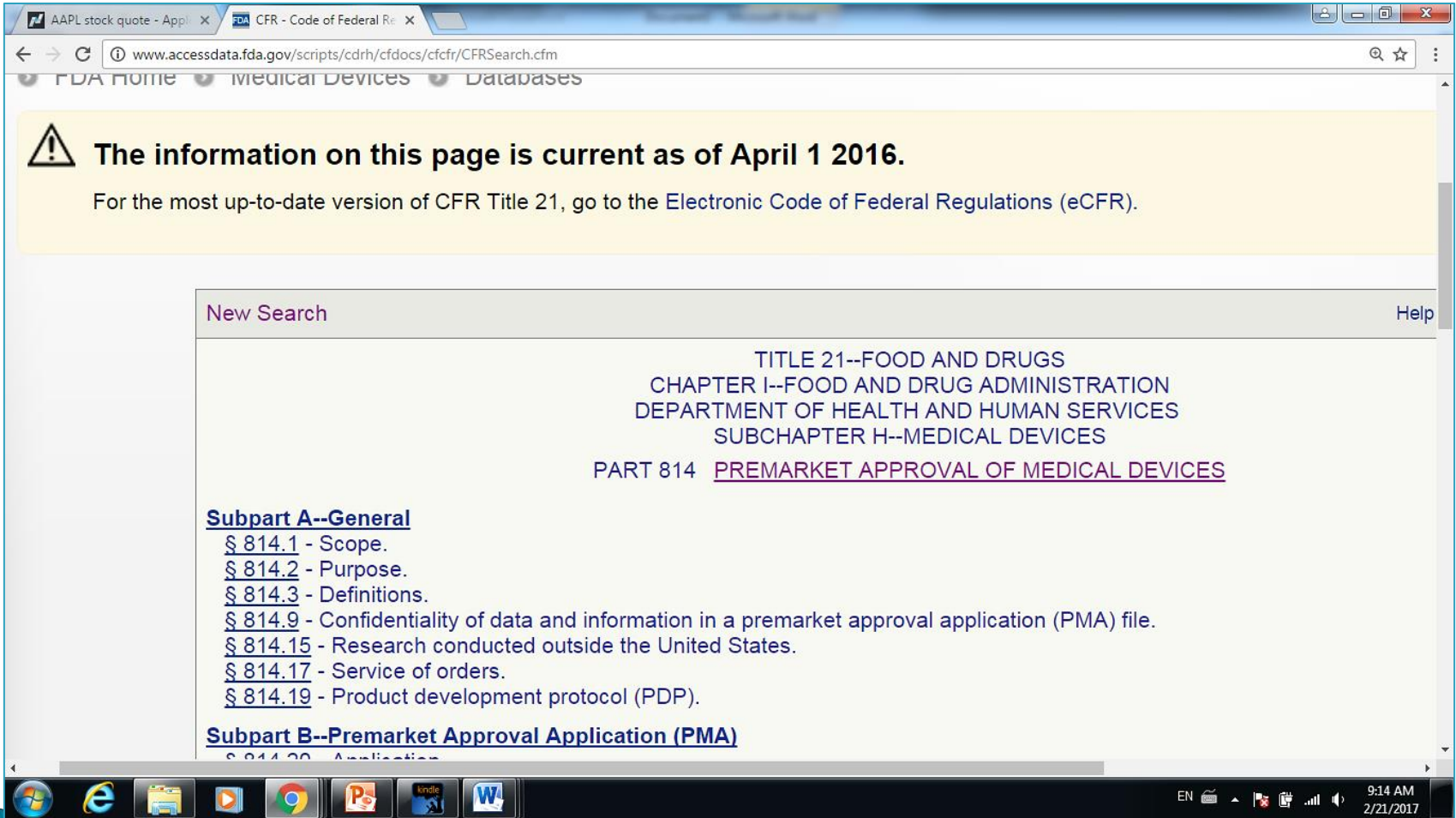
The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: Premarket Requirements

- ▶ If Premarket Requirements apply to a Medical Device, then it is necessary to know the device class to begin the process, as well as all the other steps needed.
- ▶ The following are Premarket Requirements:
 - ▶ Step 1: Classify the Device
 - ▶ Step 2: Chose the Correct Premarket Submission

The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: Premarket Requirements

- ▶ Step 3: Prepare the Appropriate Information for the Premarket Submission to the FDA
- ▶ Step 4: Send the Premarket Submission to the FDA and Interact with FDA Staff during Review.
- ▶ Step 5: Complete the Establishment Registration and Device Listing

Premarket Requirement



A screenshot of a web browser displaying the FDA's Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) search page. The browser's address bar shows the URL www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfcfr/CFRSearch.cfm. The page features a yellow warning banner at the top stating that the information is current as of April 1, 2016, and directing users to the Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (eCFR) for the most up-to-date version. Below the banner, a search bar labeled "New Search" is visible. The main content area displays the following hierarchy: TITLE 21--FOOD AND DRUGS, CHAPTER I--FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SUBCHAPTER H--MEDICAL DEVICES, and PART 814 PREMARKET APPROVAL OF MEDICAL DEVICES. Under Part 814, there are two subparts: Subpart A--General and Subpart B--Premarket Approval Application (PMA). Subpart A lists sections 814.1 through 814.19, including Scope, Purpose, Definitions, Confidentiality of data and information in a premarket approval application (PMA) file, Research conducted outside the United States, Service of orders, and Product development protocol (PDP). Subpart B lists section 814.20, Application. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 9:14 AM on 2/21/2017.

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TITLE 21--FOOD AND DRUGS
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SUBCHAPTER H--MEDICAL DEVICES
PART 814 PREMARKET APPROVAL OF MEDICAL DEVICES

Subpart A--General
§ 814.1 - Scope.
§ 814.2 - Purpose.
§ 814.3 - Definitions.
§ 814.9 - Confidentiality of data and information in a premarket approval application (PMA) file.
§ 814.15 - Research conducted outside the United States.
§ 814.17 - Service of orders.
§ 814.19 - Product development protocol (PDP).

Subpart B--Premarket Approval Application (PMA)
§ 814.20 - Application.

The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: Device Classification Steps

- ▶ The following steps may be used to classify a medical device,
- ▶ knowing the device class may help in expediting the approval process for that device; However:
- ▶ The FDA officially classifies a medical device when reviewing the premarket submission.
- ▶ Once a device is classified, the regulations and exemptions that apply are known. This information may then help in the premarket submission.

The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: Device Classification Steps

- ▶ Step 1: Obtain the regulatory Citation Part number of the device. This information can be obtained from the “Device Panel” feature available on the FDA website.
- ▶ The Table provided lists Device Specialty Ranging from Anesthesiology, with a Regulation Citation(21CFR), part 868, to Toxicology, with a Regulation citation(21CFR), part 882.

Device Classification Panel

Medical Specialty		Regulation Citation (21CFR)
73	Anesthesiology	Part 868
74	Cardiovascular	Part 870
75	Chemistry	Part 862
76	Dental	Part 872
77	Ear, Nose, and Throat	Part 874
78	Gastroenterology and Urology	Part 876
79	General and Plastic Surgery	Part 878
80	General Hospital	Part 880
81	Hematology	Part 864
82	Immunology	Part 866
83	Microbiology	Part 866
84	Neurology	Part 882
85	Obstetrical and Gynecological	Part 884
86	Ophthalmic	Part 886
87	Orthopedic	Part 888
88	Pathology	Part 864
89	Physical Medicine	Part 890
90	Radiology	Part 892
91	Toxicology	Part 862

The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: Device Classification process

- ▶ Once the medical specialty for the device is identified, the Regulation Citation(21 CFR) is accessed as needed.
- ▶ The Regulation citation for the device specialty, contains information on the scope, effective dates of requirements for premarket approval, limitation of exemptions from 510(K) in subpart A.
- ▶ The remaining subparts are devices specific– used to pinpoint the class of the device.

The FDA and the Regulation of Medical Devices: Device Classification Process

- ▶ Example: a therapeutic x-ray device:
- ▶ It will belong to the radiology medical specialty, with Regulation Citation 892.
- ▶ Upon accessing the citation database, the scope, effective dates for premarket approval and exemption information are given in subpart A, the general provision.
- ▶ The actual class of the device is obtained by locating the device under the appropriate subpart, in this case subpart F, therapeutic device, select 892-5900. The class x-radiation therapy system. The device identification and classification II, is given.

Classification Process example: X-Radiation Therapy System



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[§ 892.1980](#) - Radiologic table.
[§ 892.1990](#) - Transilluminator for breast evaluation.
[§ 892.2010](#) - Medical image storage device.
[§ 892.2020](#) - Medical image communications device.
[§ 892.2030](#) - Medical image digitizer.
[§ 892.2040](#) - Medical image hardcopy device.
[§ 892.2050](#) - Picture archiving and communications system.

Subparts C-E [Reserved]

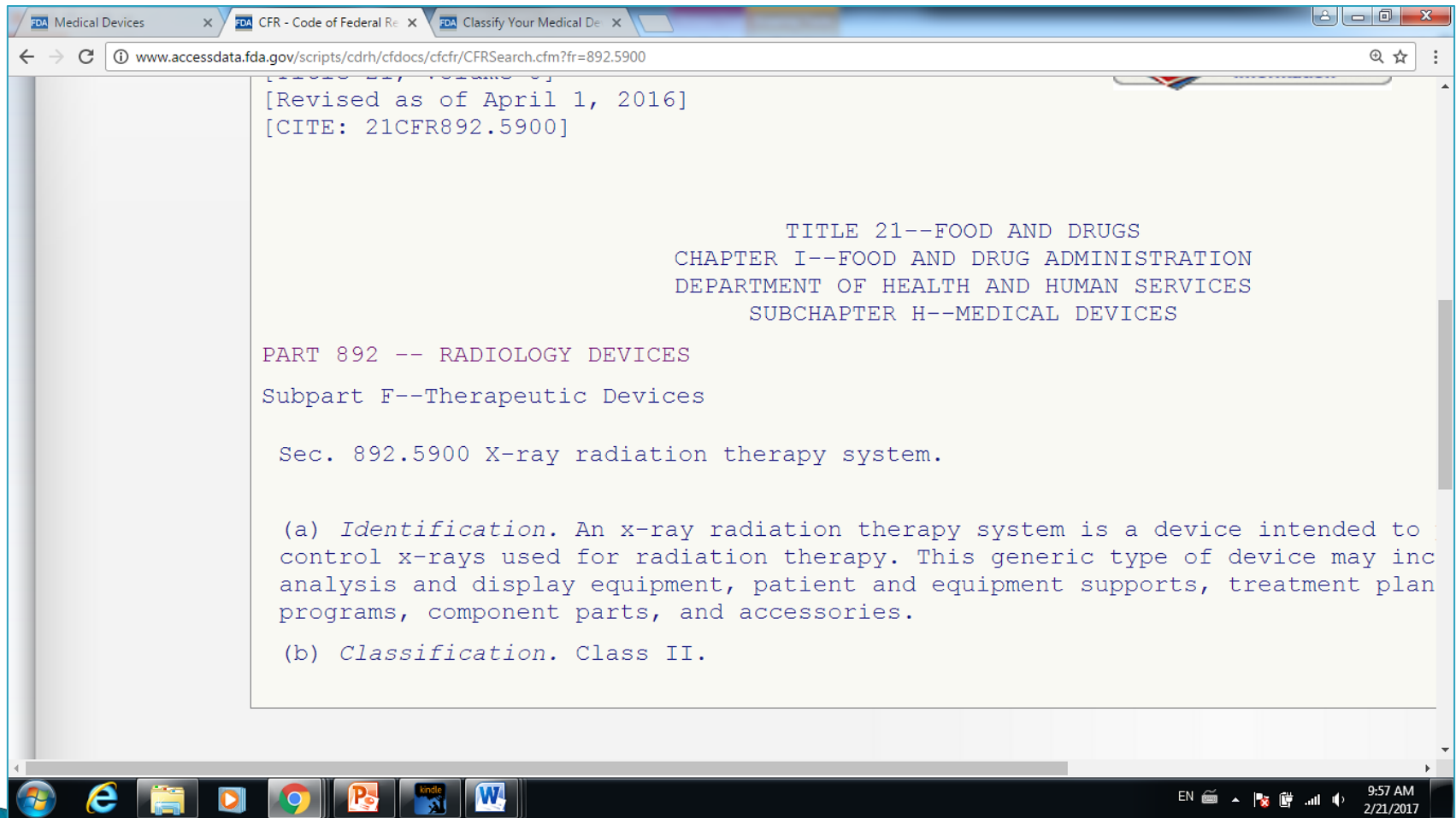
Subpart F--Therapeutic Devices

[§ 892.5050](#) - Medical charged-particle radiation therapy system.
[§ 892.5300](#) - Medical neutron radiation therapy system.
[§ 892.5650](#) - Manual radionuclide applicator system.
[§ 892.5700](#) - Remote controlled radionuclide applicator system.
[§ 892.5710](#) - Radiation therapy beam-shaping block.
[§ 892.5730](#) - Radionuclide brachytherapy source.
[§ 892.5740](#) - Radionuclide teletherapy source.
[§ 892.5750](#) - Radionuclide radiation therapy system.
[§ 892.5770](#) - Powered radiation therapy patient support assembly.
[§ 892.5780](#) - Light beam patient position indicator.
[§ 892.5840](#) - Radiation therapy simulation system.
[§ 892.5900](#) - X-ray radiation therapy system.
[§ 892.5930](#) - Therapeutic x-ray tube housing assembly.

Subpart G--Miscellaneous Devices

[§ 892.6500](#) - Personnel protective shield.

Classification Process example: X-Radiation Therapy System



FDA Regulation of Medical Devices: Premarket Submission

- ▶ Premarket Submission Types include:
- ▶ 510(K): Premarket Notification
- ▶ PMA: Premarket Approval
- ▶ HDE : Humanitarian Device Exemption
- ▶ De Novo: Evaluation of Automatic Class III Designation
- ▶ The device class partially determines the Premarket Submission Type.


FDA Regulation of Medical Devices: Premarket Submission: 510(k)

- ▶ 510(k):
- ▶ Applicable for certain class I and class II devices, but not class III devices.
- ▶ Substantial Equivalency of the device for which approval is seek to a predicate device must be proven.
- ▶ Substantial Equivalency applies to the technological characteristics and performance testing for the devices.
- ▶ Some class I and class II devices are exempt from 510(k), if they do not exceed the limitations of exemption stated in the applicable 21 CFR xxx.9.

510(k) Cover Sheet Memorandum

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 **COVER SHEET MEMORANDUM** Food and Drug Administration
Office of Device Evaluation &
Office of In Vitro Diagnostics

From: Reviewer Name _____
Subject: 510(k) Number _____
To: The Record

Please list CTS decision code _____
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Hold (Additional Information or Telephone Hold).
Final Decision (SE, SE with Limitations, NSE, Withdrawn, etc.).

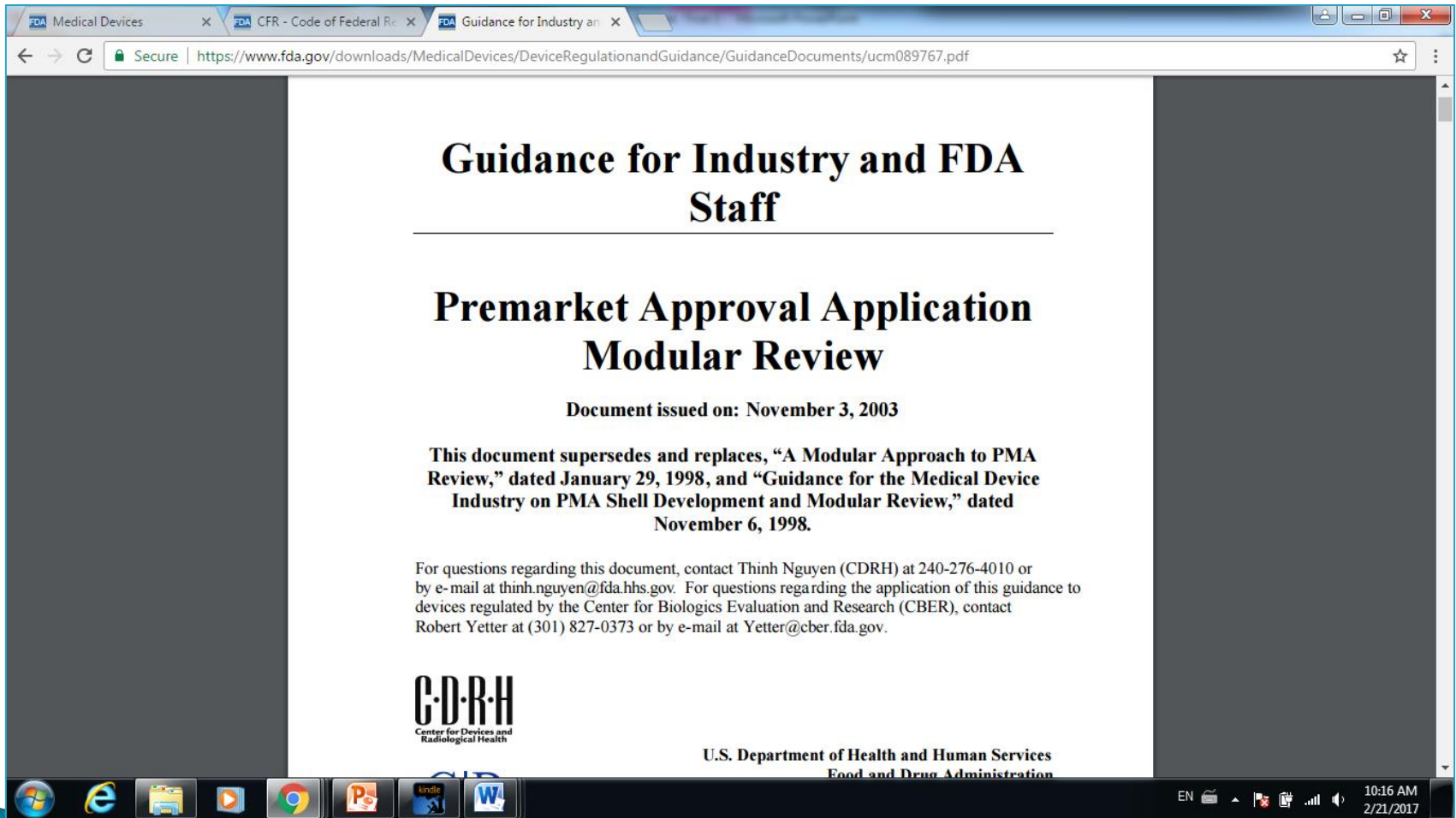
Please complete the following for a final clearance decision (i.e., SE, SE with Limitations, etc.):		YES	NO
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510(k) Summary /510(k) Statement	<i>Attach Summary</i>		
Truthful and Accurate Statement.	<i>Must be present for a Final Decision</i>		
Is the device Class III?			
If yes, does firm include Class III Summary?	<i>Must be present for a Final Decision</i>		
Does firm reference standards? (If yes, please Abbreviated Standards Data Form)			
Is this a combination product? (Please specify category _____)			
Is this a reprocessed single use device? (Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff – MDUFMA - Validation Data in 510(k)s for Reprocessed Single-Use Medical Devices)			
Is this device intended for pediatric use only?			
Is this a prescription device? (If both prescription & OTC, check both boxes.)			
Is clinical data necessary to support the review of this 510(k)?			
Does this device include an Animal Tissue Source?			
Is this device subject to Section 522 Postmarket Surveillance? (Postmarket Surveillance Guidance)	Contact OSB.		
Is this device subject to the Tracking Regulation? (Medical Device Tracking)	Contact OC.		

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FDA Regulation of Medical Devices: Premarket Submission: PMA

- ▶ PMA:
- ▶ This is the most stringent of the premarket submissions.
- ▶ A PMA is required for most class III devices
- ▶ A valid scientific evidence demonstrating reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness for the device's intended use is required before approval can be granted for a PMA device.

PMA Application Guidance



FDA Regulation of Medical Devices: Premarket Submission: HDE

- ▶ HDE:
- ▶ This applies for class III devices, if such a device is intended to be used to benefit patients with rare diseases or conditions.
- ▶ A device for which an HDE premarket submission is being seek, must first have obtained the Humanitarian Use Device (HUD) designation.

FDA Regulation of Medical Devices: Premarket Submission: De Novo

- ▶ De Novo:
- ▶ This premarket submission is a means by which a new device without a valid predicate can, if it meets certain criteria be classified as a class I or class II device.

Further Considerations

- ▶ Design Control:
- ▶ Required for all class II and class III devices. May be required for certain class I devices.
- ▶ The FDA document to consult for design control is that titled: Design Control Guidance for Medical Devices.
- ▶ The purpose of design control is: To ensure that good quality assurance practices are used for the design of medical devices and that they are consistent with quality system requirements worldwide
- ▶ The design control guidance document is provided by the FDA and relates to FDA 21CFR 820.30 and sub-clause 4.4 of ISO 9001.

Current GMP



Further Considerations

- ▶ Non Clinical Testing:
- ▶ The tests must comply with the FDA's Good Laboratory Practices (GLPs) in 21CFR 58.
- ▶ The required tests will depend on the device class, mechanism of operation and technological characteristics and labeling.

Further Considerations: Clinical Evidence

- ▶ Clinical Evidence:
- ▶ This is required for PMA, HDE, De Novo and some 510(k) devices.
- ▶ Prior to initiating a clinical study, an approval of an Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) by the FDA may be needed.

Further Considerations : Identification and Traceability

- ▶ GMP Subpart: F:Identification and Traceability
- ▶ Sec. 820.60 Identification
- ▶ Each manufacturer shall establish and maintain procedures for identifying product during all stages of receipt, production, distribution, and installation to prevent mix-ups.

Further Considerations : Labeling and Packaging Control

- ▶ From GMP Subpart K: Labeling and Packaging Control
- ▶ Sec. 820.120 Device labeling
- ▶ Each manufacturer shall establish and maintain procedures to control labeling activities.
- ▶ Sec. 820.130 Device packaging.
- ▶ Each manufacturer shall ensure that device packaging and shipping containers are designed and constructed to protect the device from alteration or damage during the customary conditions of processing, storage, handling, and distribution.

Sterilized Medical Devices Must be Packaged According to GMP



Further Considerations : Handling, Storage and Distribution

- ▶ From Subpart L: Handling, Storage, Distribution, and Installation
- ▶ Sec. 820.140 Handling.
- ▶ Each manufacturer shall establish and maintain procedures to ensure that mix-ups, damage, deterioration, contamination, or other adverse effects to product do not occur during handling.

Further Considerations : Handling, Storage and Distribution

- ▶ Sec. 820.150 Storage.
- ▶ Each manufacturer shall establish and maintain procedures for the control of storage areas and stock rooms for product to prevent mix-ups, damage, deterioration, contamination, or other adverse effects pending use or distribution and to ensure that no obsolete, rejected, or deteriorated product is used or distributed.

An ASTM Standard Used to Validate FDA Packaging Requirement

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying the URL: `editorbar.com/upload/ReBooks/2013-1/650092d67a3037837b86ca0aa6c6b076.pdf`. The main content area displays the ASTM International logo and the designation **F2096 – 11**. Below this, the title reads: **Standard Test Method for Detecting Gross Leaks in Packaging by Internal Pressurization (Bubble Test)¹**. A paragraph of text explains that the standard is issued under the fixed designation F2096, and the number following the designation indicates the year of original adoption or, in the case of revision, the year of last revision. A superscript epsilon (ϵ) indicates an editorial change since the last revision or reapproval.

1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the detection of gross leaks in packaging. Method sensitivity is down to 250 μm (0.010 in.) with an 81 % probability (see Section 11). This test method may be used for tray and pouch packages.

1.2 The sensitivity of this test method has not been evaluated for use with porous materials other than spunbonded polyolefin or with nonporous packaging.

1.3 This test method is destructive in that it requires entry into the package to supply an internal air pressure.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate*

3.2.1 *breathing point pressure, n* —pressure at which permeation of air through the porous material begins.³

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The package is inflated underwater to a predetermined pressure. The package is then observed for a steady stream of air bubbles indicating a failure area.

4.2 The sensitivity of this test method is dependent on the differential pressure and method of pressurization. Establishment of a test pressure for each package material/size is critical for obtaining repeatable results (see *Annex A1* for the procedure on establishing test pressure). Inadequate pressurization of the package can significantly reduce the sensitivity of this test method. Higher differential pressures will increase the test sensitivity. However, excessive pressurization of the package may rupture seals or cause misinterpretation of bubble patterns emanating from porous packaging. This may result in an erroneous conclusion regarding the presence or absence of

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Further Considerations : Handling, Storage and Distribution

- ▶ Sec. 820.160 Distribution.
- ▶ Where a device's fitness for use or quality deteriorates over time, the procedures shall ensure that expired devices or devices deteriorated beyond acceptable fitness for use are not distributed.
- ▶ The ASTM Tensile Strength Test, Bubble Test, and Accelerated Aging Test among others , are used to Verify and Validate these considerations.