

## § 822.11

### **§ 822.11 What should I consider when designing my plan to conduct postmarket surveillance?**

You must design your surveillance to address the postmarket surveillance question identified in the order you received. You should consider what, if any, patient protection measures should be incorporated into your plan. You should also consider the function, operating characteristics, and intended use of your device when designing a surveillance approach.

### **§ 822.12 Do you have any information that will help me prepare my submission or design my postmarket surveillance plan?**

Guidance documents that discuss our current thinking on preparing a postmarket surveillance submission and designing a postmarket surveillance plan are available on the Center for Devices and Radiological Health's Web site and from the Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Office of Surveillance and Biometrics (HFZ-510), 1350 Piccard Dr., Rockville, MD 20850. Guidance documents represent our current interpretation of, or policy on, a regulatory issue. They do not establish legally enforceable rights or responsibilities and do not legally bind you or FDA. You may choose to use an approach other than the one set forth in a guidance document, as long as your alternative approach complies with the relevant statutes (laws) and regulations. If you wish, we will meet with you to discuss whether an alternative approach you are considering will satisfy the requirements of the act and regulations.

### **§ 822.13 [Reserved]**

### **§ 822.14 May I reference information previously submitted instead of submitting it again?**

Yes, you may reference information that you have submitted in premarket submissions as well as other postmarket surveillance submissions. You must specify the information to be incorporated and the document number

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and pages where the information is located.

### **§ 822.15 How long must I conduct postmarket surveillance of my device?**

The length of postmarket surveillance will depend on the postmarket surveillance question identified in our order. We may order prospective surveillance for a period up to 36 months; longer periods require your agreement. If we believe that a prospective period of greater than 36 months is necessary to address the surveillance question, and you do not agree, we will use the Medical Devices Dispute Resolution Panel to resolve the matter. You may obtain guidance regarding dispute resolution procedures from the Center for Devices and Radiological Health's (CDRH) Web site ([www.fda.gov/cdrh/ombudsman/](http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/ombudsman/)). The 36-month period refers to the surveillance period, not the length of time from the issuance of the order.

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## **Subpart D—FDA Review and Action**

### **§ 822.16 What will you consider in the review of my submission?**

First, we will determine that the submission is administratively complete. Then, in accordance with the law, we must determine whether the designated person has appropriate qualifications and experience to conduct the surveillance and whether the surveillance plan will result in the collection of useful data that will answer the surveillance question.

### **§ 822.17 How long will your review of my submission take?**

We will review your submission within 60 days of receipt.

### **§ 822.18 How will I be notified of your decision?**

We will send you a letter notifying you of our decision and identifying any action you must take.