§ 822.10  What must I include in my surveillance plan?

Your surveillance plan must include a discussion of:

(a) The plan objective(s) addressing the surveillance question(s) identified in our order;
(b) The subject of the study, e.g., patients, the device, animals;
(c) The variables and endpoints that will be used to answer the surveillance question, e.g., clinical parameters or outcomes;
(d) The surveillance approach or methodology to be used;
(e) Sample size and units of observation;
(f) The investigator agreement, if applicable;
(g) Sources of data, e.g., hospital records;
(h) The data collection plan and forms;
(i) The consent document, if applicable;
(j) Institutional Review Board information, if applicable;
(k) The patient followup plan, if applicable;
(l) The procedures for monitoring conduct and progress of the surveillance;
(m) An estimate of the duration of surveillance;
(n) All data analyses and statistical tests planned;
(o) The content and timing of reports.

§ 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 Food and Drug Administration, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Office of Surveillance and Biometrics, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, rm. 3219, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002. 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.

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§ 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 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