§ 890.5125 Nonpowered sitz bath.

(a) Identification. A nonpowered sitz bath is a device intended for medical purposes that consists of a tub to be filled with water for use in external hydrotherapy to relieve pain or pruritis and to accelerate the healing of inflamed or traumatized tissues of the perianal and perineal areas.

(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 §890.9. The device is also exempt from the current good manufacturing practice requirements of the quality system regulation in part 820 of this chapter, with the exception of §820.180, regarding general requirements concerning records and §820.198, regarding complaint files.


§ 890.5150 Powered patient transport.

(a) Powered patient stairway chair lifts—(1) Identification. A powered patient stairway chair lift is a motorized lift equipped with a seat and permanently mounted in one location that is intended for use in mitigating mobility impairment caused by injury or other disease by moving a person up and down a stairway.

(2) Classification. Class II. The stairway chair lift is exempt from premarket notification procedures in subpart E of part 807 of this chapter, subject to §890.9 and the following conditions for exemption:

(i) Appropriate analysis and nonclinical testing (such as that outlined in the currently FDA-recognized edition of ASME A18.1 “Safety Standard for Platform Lifts and Stairway Chair Lifts”);

(ii) Appropriate analysis and nonclinical testing must demonstrate the resistance of the device upholstery to ignition.

(b) All other powered patient transport—(1) Identification. A powered patient transport is a motorized device intended for use in mitigating mobility impairment caused by injury or other disease by moving a person from one location or level to another, such as up and down flights of stairs (e.g., attendant-operated portable stair-climbing chairs). This generic type of device does not include motorized three-wheeled vehicles or wheelchairs.

(2) Classification. Class II.

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§ 890.5160 Air-fluidized bed.

(a) Identification. An air-fluidized bed is a device employing the circulation of filtered air through ceramic spherules (small, round ceramic objects) that is intended for medical purposes to treat or prevent bedsores, to treat severe or extensive burns, or to aid circulation.

(b) Classification. Class II (special controls). The device is exempt from the premarket notification procedures in subpart E of part 807 of this chapter subject to §890.9.


§ 890.5170 Powered flotation therapy bed.

(a) Identification. A powered flotation therapy bed is a device that is equipped with a mattress that contains a large
§ 890.5180 Manual patient rotation bed.

(a) Identification. A manual patient rotation bed is a device that turns a patient who is restricted to a reclining position. It is intended for medical purposes to treat or prevent bedsores, to treat severe and extensive burns, or to aid circulation.

(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 §890.9.

§ 890.5225 Powered patient rotation bed.

(a) Identification. A powered patient rotation bed is a device that turns a patientwho is restricted to a reclining position. It is intended for medical purposes to treat or prevent bedsores, to treat severe and extensive burns, urinary tract blockage, and to aid circulation.

(b) Classification. Class II (special controls). The device is exempt from the premarket notification procedures in subpart E of part 807 of this chapter subject to §890.9.

§ 890.5250 Moist steam cabinet.

(a) Identification. A moist steam cabinet is a device intended for medical purposes that delivers a flow of heated, moisturized air to a patient in an enclosed unit. It is used to treat arthritis and fibrosis (a formation of fibrosis tissue) and to increase local blood flow.

(b) Classification. Class II (performance standards).

§ 890.5275 Microwave diathermy.

(a) Microwave diathermy for use in applying therapeutic deep heat for selected medical conditions—(1) Identification. A microwave diathermy for use in applying therapeutic deep heat for selected medical conditions is a device that applies to the body electromagnetic energy in the microwave frequency bands of 915 megahertz to 2,450 megahertz and that is intended to generate deep heat within body tissues for the treatment of selected medical conditions such as relief of pain, muscle spasms, and joint contractures, but not for the treatment of malignancies.

(2) Classification. Class II (performance standards).

(b) Microwave diathermy for all other uses—(1) Identification. A microwave diathermy for all other uses except for the treatment of malignancies is a device that applies to the body electromagnetic energy in the microwave frequency bands of 915 megahertz to 2,450 megahertz and that is intended for the treatment of medical conditions by means other than the generation of deep heat within body tissues as described in paragraph (a) of this section.

(2) Classification. Class III (premarket approval).

(c) Date PMA or notice of completion of PDP is required. A PMA or a notice of completion of a PDP for a device described in paragraph (b) of this section is required to be filed with the Food and Drug Administration on or before July 13, 1999, for any microwave diathermy described in paragraph (b) of this section that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976, or that has, on or before July 13, 1999, been found to be substantially equivalent to a microwave diathermy described in paragraph (b) of this section that was in commercial distribution before May 28, 1976. Any other microwave diathermy described in paragraph (b) of this section shall have an approved PMA or declared completed PDP in effect before being placed in commercial distribution.