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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 110

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The following classification changes will be effected by this Notice of Changes:

Action*	Subclass	Group(s)
Symbols deleted:	A61B	17/2955
Title wording change:	A61B	17/7019
		17/7049
		17/7052
		17/7071
		17/80
		17/809
		17/8095
		17/8841
Deleted definitions:	A61B	17/2955

No other subclasses/groups are impacted by this Notice of Changes.

This Notice of Changes includes the following *[Check the ones included]:*

1.   CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES
   - ☒ A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)

   - ☐ B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning Notice(s)

   - ☐ C. New, Modified or Deleted Note(s)

   - ☐ D. New, Modified or Deleted Guidance Heading(s)

2.   DEFINITIONS (New or Modified)
   - ☐ A. DEFINITIONS (Full definition template)

   - ☒ B. DEFINITIONS (Definitions Quick Fix)

3.   ☒ REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

4.   ☒ CHANGES TO THE CPC-TO-IPC CONCORDANCE LIST (CICL)

5.   ☐ CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

1.   CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

    A.   New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)

SUBCLASS A61B - DIAGNOSIS; SURGERY; IDENTIFICATION

Type*	Symbol	Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2)	Title (new or modified) "CPC only" text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**	Transferred to#
U	A61B17/295	3	combined with cutting implements	
D	A61B17/2955	4	{for cutting or punching bone or cartilage, e.g., rongeurs}	<administrative transfer to A61B17/1611>
U	A61B17/7017	8	{pneumatic or hydraulic means}	
M	A61B17/7019	7	{Longitudinal elements having flexible parts, or parts connected together, such that after implantation the elements can move relative to each other}	
U	A61B17/7047	5	{Clamps comprising opposed elements which grasp one vertebra between them}	
M	A61B17/7049	5	{Connectors, not bearing on the vertebrae, for linking longitudinal elements together (A61B17/7055, A61B17/7053, A61B17/7019 take precedence)}	
U	A61B17/705	6	{for linking adjacent ends of longitudinal elements}	
M	A61B17/7052	6	{of variable angle or length}	
U	A61B17/707	6	{Devices acting on, or attached to, a transverse process or rib; Tools therefor}	
M	A61B17/7071	5	{Implants for expanding or repairing the vertebral arch or wedged between laminae or pedicles; Tools therefor}	
U	A61B17/748	6	{with means for adapting the angle between the longitudinal elements and the shaft axis of the femur}	
M	A61B17/80	4	Cortical plates {, i.e. bone plates; Instruments for holding or positioning cortical plates, or for compressing bones attached to cortical plates}	
U	A61B17/8085	5	{with pliable or malleable elements or having a mesh-like structure, e.g. small strips for craniofacial surgery (A61B17/8071, A61B17/8076 take precedence; connecting prostheses with the body A61F2/00)}	

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M	A61B17/809	5	{with bone-penetrating elements, e.g. blades or prongs (bone staples A61B17/0642)}	
M	17/8095	5	{Wedge osteotomy devices}	
U	2017/8838	6	{for mixing, with or without means for supplying the mixed filler to an injecting tool}	
M	17/8841	5	{Tools specially adapted to engage a prosthesis}	

*N = new entries where reclassification into entries is involved; C = entries with modified file scope where reclassification of documents from the entries is involved; Q = new entries which are firstly populated with documents via administrative transfers from deleted (D) entries. Afterwards, the transferred documents into the Q entry will either stay or be moved to more appropriate entries, as determined by intellectual reclassification; E= existing entries with enlarged file scope, which receive documents from C or D entries, e.g. when a limiting reference is removed from the entry title; M = entries with no change to the file scope (no reclassification); D = deleted entries; F = frozen entries will be deleted once reclassification of documents from the entries is completed; U = entries that are unchanged.

NOTES:
- **No {curly brackets} are used for titles in CPC only subclasses, e.g. C12Y, A23Y; 2000 series symbol titles of groups found at the end of schemes (orthogonal codes); or the Y section titles. The {curly brackets} are used for 2000 series symbol titles found interspersed throughout the main trunk schemes (breakdown codes).
- For U groups, the minimum requirement is to include the U group located immediately prior to the N group or N group array, in order to show the N group hierarchy and improve the readability and understanding of the scheme. Always include the symbol, indent level and title of the U group in the table above.
- All entry types should be included in the scheme changes table above for better understanding of the overall scheme change picture. Symbol, indent level, and title are required for all types except "D" which requires only a symbol.
- #"Transferred to" column must be completed for all C, D, and Q type entries.
- When multiple symbols are included in the "Transferred to" column, avoid using ranges of symbols in order to be as precise as possible.
- For administrative transfer of documents, the following text should be used: "< administrative transfer to XX>" or "<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>" when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
- Administrative transfer to main trunk groups is assumed to be "invention information", unless otherwise indicated, and to 2000 series groups is assumed to be "additional information".

2. B. DEFINITIONS QUICK FIX

Symbol	Location of change (e.g., section title)	Existing reference symbol or text	Action; New symbol; New text
A61B17/2955	-	-	DELETE symbol, title, and entire definition

NOTES:
- The table above is used for corrections or modifications to existing definitions, e.g. delete an entire definition or part thereof; propose new wording or modify wording of a section, change the symbol the definition is associated with, change or delete a reference symbol, etc.
- Do not delete (F) symbol definitions.

3.   REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

Type*	From CPC Symbol (existing)	To CPC Symbol(s)
D	A61B17/2955	< administrative transfer to A61B17/1611>

* C = entries with modified file scope where reclassification of documents from the entries is involved; Q = new entries which are firstly populated with documents via administrative transfers from deleted (D) entries. Afterwards, the transferred documents into the Q entry will either stay or be moved to more appropriate entries, as determined by intellectual reclassification; D = deleted entries.

NOTES:
- Only C, D, and Q type entries are included in the table above.
- When multiple symbols are included in the "To" column, avoid using ranges of symbols in order to be as precise as possible.
- For administrative transfer of documents, the following text should be used: "< administrative transfer to XX>" or "<administrative transfer to XX and YY simultaneously>" when administrative transfer of the same documents is to more than one place.
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4. CHANGES TO THE CPC-TO-IPC CONCORDANCE LIST (CICL)

CPC	**IPC**	**Action***
A61B17/2955		DELETE

*Action column:
- For an (N) or (Q) entry, provide an IPC symbol and complete the Action column with "NEW."
- For an existing CPC main trunk entry or indexing entry where the existing IPC symbol needs to be changed, provide an updated IPC symbol and complete the Action column with "UPDATED."
- For a (D) CPC entry or indexing entry complete the Action column with "DELETE." IPC symbol does not need to be included in the IPC column.
- For an (N) 2000 series CPC entry which is positioned within the main trunk scheme (breakdown code) provide an IPC symbol and complete the action column with "NEW".
- For an (N) 2000 series CPC entry positioned at the end of the CPC scheme (orthogonal code), with no IPC equivalent, complete the IPC column with "CPCONLY" and complete the action column with "NEW".

NOTES:
- F symbols are not included in the CICL table above.
- E and M symbols are not included in the CICL table above unless a change to the existing IPC is desired.