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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 1539

DATE: JANUARY 1, 2024

PROJECT DP11528

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

<u>Action</u>	<u>Subclass</u>	<u>Group(s)</u>
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions New:	A61F	5/44
Definitions Modified:	A61F	5/00

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

2. DEFINITIONS

- A. New or Modified Definitions (Full definition template)
- B. Modified or Deleted Definitions (Definitions Quick Fix)

3. REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

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

5. CHANGES TO THE CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

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2. A. DEFINITIONS (new)

Insert: The following new Definition.

A61F 5/44

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Drainage appliances for wounds	A61M 27/00
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Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Adhesives for colostomy devices	A61L 24/00
Materials for colostomy devices	A61L 28/00
Absorbent pads, e.g. sanitary towels	A61F 13/15
Emptying devices for urine bags	B65B 69/0016

Special rules of classification

Looping references between A61F5/44 and A61F13/15 have been identified. Until this inconsistency is resolved in IPC, the current classification practice in CPC is as follows: A61F13/15 and A61F5/44 are informative references to each other. CPC will be updated/corrected once this inconsistency is resolved in IPC.

References A61L 24/00, A61L 28/00 and B65B 69/0016 are non-limiting in subgroup A61F 5/44. CPC will be updated/corrected once this inconsistency is resolved in IPC.

2. A. DEFINITIONS (modified)

A61F 5/00

Definition statement

Replace: The term “orthopaedic” with “Orthopaedic”, so that the updated Definition statement appears as follows.

Orthopaedic methods or devices for non-surgical treatment of bones or joints, e.g. long-term immobilising or pressure directing devices for treating broken or deformed bones such as splints, casts or braces. Furthermore, it covers devices worn by the patient for reception of urine, faeces, catamenial or other discharge, e.g. colostomy devices. Also, devices for preventing snoring as well as for correcting stammering or stuttering are covered.

Relationships with other classification places

Insert: A period at the end of the Relationships section.

Prostheses not implantable in the body: [A61F2/50](#).

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Replace: The existing Limiting references table with the following updated table.

Bandages, dressings or absorbent pads	A61F13/00
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Informative references

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Insert: The following 12 new references in the Informative references table.

Insoles for arch support	A43B7/14
Mattress underlays	A47C21/06
Devices for taking urine samples	A61B10/007
Devices for taking faeces samples	A61B10/0038
Devices for taking sperm samples	A61B10/0058
Surgical instruments or methods for treatment of bones or joints	A61B 17/56
Penile implants	A61F2/26
Pessaries	A61F6/08
Massage of genitals	A61H19/00
Adhesive for colostomy devices	A61L24/00
Devices for preventing snoring by gas treatment	A61M16/00
Handcuffs	E05B75/00

Special rules of classification

Replace: The existing Special rules text with the following updated text.

Reference A61B17/56 is non-limiting in subclass A61F. CPC will be updated/corrected once this inconsistency is resolved in IPC.