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

<u>Action</u>	<u>Subclass</u>	<u>Group(s)</u>
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Modified:	A61B	17/00
	A61B	18/00

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(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. B. DEFINITIONS QUICK FIX

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Location of change</u> (e.g., section title)	<u>Existing reference symbol or text</u>	<u>Action; New symbol; New text</u>
A61B 17/00	Informative references	Eye surgery A61F 9/007	Delete: The following table row in the <i>Informative references</i> section: Eye surgery A61F 9/007
A61B 17/00	Informative references	Ear surgery A61F 11/00	Delete: The following table row in the <i>Informative references</i> section: Ear surgery A61F 11/00
A61B 17/00	Limiting references		Insert: The following new table row in the <i>Limiting references</i> section: Eye surgery A61F 9/007
A61B 17/00	Limiting references		Insert: The following table row in the <i>Limiting references</i> section: Ear surgery A61F 11/00
A61B 17/00	Special rules of classification	The breakdown symbols (i.e. the non "parallel" or non "mirror" symbols) and "orthogonal" symbols are to be used for classifying the invention information (in addition to the invention symbols) in case the invention is insufficiently classified by an invention information symbol. They are also to be used for classifying the additional information. They are stored in the additional information field.	Delete: the existing text (paragraph) in the Special rules of classification section.

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A61B 17/00	Special rules of classification		<p>Insert: the following paragraphs in the Special rules of classification section.</p> <p>The use of the CPC indexing codes (2000-series symbols which include both breakdown and orthogonal symbols) for classifying the additional information is mandatory in this field.</p> <p>The breakdown and the orthogonal symbols of A61B 17/00 are also used for documents classified in the main trunk of A61B 18/00 to index relevant aspects for which no suitable symbol is available under A61B 18/00, A61B 2018/00005 or A61B 2218/00.</p>
A61B 18/00	Special rules of classification	<p>Documents with control aspects for surgery not covered by A61B 2018/00636 should additionally be classified in A61B 2017/00017 - A61B 2017/00225. Documents with additional features or accessories for surgery not covered by A61B 18/00 should be additionally classified in A61B 90/00.</p> <p>The breakdown symbols (i.e. the non "parallel" or non "mirror" symbols) and "orthogonal" symbols are to be used for classifying the invention information (in addition to the invention symbols) in case the invention is insufficiently classified by an invention information symbol. They are also to be used for classifying the additional information. They are stored in the additional information field.</p> <p>The "orthogonal" symbols of A61B 17/00 are also used in A61B 18/00, "orthogonal" symbols of A61B 18/00 take precedence.</p>	<p>Delete: the following existing paragraphs (paragraphs 1, 2, and 3) in the Special rules of classification section.</p> <p>Documents with control aspects for surgery not covered by A61B 2018/00636 should additionally be classified in A61B 2017/00017 - A61B 2017/00225. Documents with additional features or accessories for surgery not covered by A61B 18/00 should be additionally classified in A61B 90/00.</p> <p>The breakdown symbols (i.e. the non "parallel" or non "mirror" symbols) and "orthogonal" symbols are to be used for classifying the invention information (in addition to the invention symbols) in case the invention is insufficiently classified by an invention information symbol. They are also to be used for classifying the additional information. They are stored in the additional information field.</p> <p>The "orthogonal" symbols of A61B 17/00 are also used in A61B 18/00,</p>

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<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Location of change</u> (e.g., section title)	<u>Existing reference symbol or text</u>	<u>Action; New symbol; New text</u>
		The area relating to the body part being treated is classified in A61B 2018/00315 - A61B 2018/00565.	"orthogonal" symbols of A61B 18/00 take precedence.
A61B 18/00	Special rules of classification	The area relating to the body part being treated is classified in A61B 2018/00315 - A61B 2018/00565 .	<p>Insert: the following <u>new</u> paragraphs in the Special rules of classification section <u>before</u> the existing last paragraph/text.</p> <p>Control aspects for surgery not covered by A61B 2018/00636 should be indexed using CPC codes A61B 2017/00017 - A61B 2017/00225. Additional features or accessories for surgery not covered by A61B 18/00 should be classified in A61B 90/00 or A61B 34/00.</p> <p>The use of the CPC indexing codes (2000-series symbols which include both breakdown and orthogonal symbols) is mandatory in this field. The breakdown and the orthogonal symbols of A61B 17/00 are also used for documents classified in the main trunk of A61B 18/00 to index relevant aspects for which no suitable symbol is available under A61B 18/00, A61B 2018/00005 or A61B 2218/00.</p>

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.