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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 537

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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>
SCHEME:		
Titles Changed:	A61N	5/025, 5/045, 5/0601, 5/0618, 5/0619, 5/0624, 5/0625, 5/10, 5/1002, 5/1007, 5/1029
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions New:	A61N	5/025, 5/0601, 5/0618, 5/0619, 5/0624, 0625, 5/10, 5/1007, 5/1029

The following subclasses/groups are also impacted by this Notice of Changes): A61M21/00
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 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 A61N - ELECTROTHERAPY; MAGNETOTHERAPY; RADIATION THERAPY; ULTRASOUND THERAPY

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<u>Type*</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Indent Level</u> <u>Number of</u> <u>dots (e.g. 0,</u> <u>1, 2)</u>	<u>Title</u> <u>(new or modified)</u> <u>“CPC only” text should normally be</u> <u>enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>	<u>Transferred to#</u>
M	A61N 5/025	3	{Warming the body, e.g. hyperthermia treatment}	
M	A61N 5/045	3	{specially adapted for treatment inside the body}	
M	A61N 5/0601	2	{Apparatus for use inside the body}	
M	A61N 5/0618	3	{Psychological treatment}	
M	A61N 5/0619	3	{Acupuncture}	
M	A61N5/0624	3	{for eliminating microbes, germs, bacteria on or in the body}	
M	A61N 5/0625	3	{Warming the body, e.g. hyperthermia treatment}	
M	A61N5/10	1	X-ray therapy; Gamma-ray therapy; Particle-irradiation therapy (A61N 5/01 takes precedence)	
M	A61N 5/1002	3	{Intraluminal radiation therapy}	
M	A61N 5/1007	3	{Arrangements or means for the introduction of sources into the body}	
M	A61N5/1029	4	{Radioactive dressings}	

*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.

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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, F, and Q type entries. F groups will be deleted once reclassification is completed.
- 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”.

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2. A. DEFINITIONS (new)

Insert the following new definitions.

A61N 5/025

References

Informative references

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

Heating by other appliances	A61F 7/00
Hot air bath	A61H 33/06
Heating by RF	A61N 1/403
Heating by infrared radiation	A61N 5/0625

A61N 5/0601

References

Informative references

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

Illuminating body cavities	A61B 1/06
By intraoral means	A61B 6/145
By using a source unit in the interior of the body	A61B 6/4057
Devices for heating or cooling body cavities	A61F 7/12
X-ray tubes having a small cross-section to facilitate introduction into small cavities	H01J 35/32

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A61N 5/0618

References

Informative references

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

Other devices or methods to cause a change in the state of consciousness; Devices for producing or ending sleep by mechanical, optical, or acoustical means, e.g. for hypnosis	A61M 21/00
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A61N 5/0619

References

Informative references

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

Acupuncture in general	A61H 39/00
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A61N 5/0624

References

Informative references

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

Sterilization of articles or products by radiation	A61L 2/08
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A61N 5/0625**References*****Informative references****Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Heating by other appliances	A61F 7/00
Hot air bath	A61H 33/06
Heating by RF	A61N 1/403
Heating using microwaves	A61N 5/025

A61N 5/10**References*****Limiting references****This place does not cover:*

Devices for producing movement of radiation source during therapy	A61N 5/01
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Informative references*Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Radiation diagnosis, e.g. combined with radiation therapy	A61B 6/00
Irradiation devices in general	G21K 1/00
X-ray tubes, Lenard tubes	H01J 35/00
X-ray techniques, in particular circuits for feeding or controlling X-ray tubes	H05G

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A61N 5/1002**References*****Informative references****Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Intraluminal catheters in general	A61M 25/00
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A61N 5/1007**References*****Informative references****Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

Needle guides in general	A61B 17/3403
Apparatus for implanting surgical devices	A61B 17/3468
Devices for implanting seeds or pellets in general	A61M 37/0069

A61N 5/1029**References*****Informative references****Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:*

FILTERS IMPLANTABLE INTO BLOOD VESSELS; PROSTHESES; DEVICES PROVIDING PATENCY TO, OR PREVENTING COLLAPSING OF, TUBULAR STRUCTURES OF THE BODY, E.G. STENTS; ORTHOPAEDIC, NURSING OR CONTRACEPTIVE DEVICES; FOMENTATION; TREATMENT OR PROTECTION OF EYES OR EARS; BANDAGES, DRESSINGS OR ABSORBENT PADS; FIRST-AID KITS	A61F
Dressings in general	A61L 15/00

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5. CROSS-REFERENCE LIST (CRL)

Definitions references impacted by this revision project

<u>Location of reference to be changed</u>	<u>Referenced subclass or group to be changed</u>	<u>Section of definition</u>	<u>Action; New reference symbol; New text</u>
A61M 21/00	Body clock A61N 5/0618	Informative references	<p><u>Replace:</u> <u>In the existing row in the Informative references table, only the text “Body clock” with the following new text:</u></p> <p>Psychological treatment using light therapy</p>

NOTES:

- The CRL tables above are used for changes to locations **outside** of the project scope. Changes to references in scheme titles or definitions **inside** the project scope will be reflected in the “scheme change” template or one of the “definition” templates.
- In addition to other changes proposed in the tables above, in the column titled “Referenced subclass or group to be changed,” **referenced** D symbols should indicate an action of “delete” or should indicate a replacement symbol and **referenced** F symbols should indicate a replacement symbol.
- When a reference is deleted, text related to that reference will also be deleted unless other references or a range of references associated with the same text remain.