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CPC NOTICE OF CHANGES 610

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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:	A61H	9/00, 9/0007, 9/0021, 9/0028, 9/0078
	A61H	13/005
Warnings New:	A61H	9/0021, 9/0028
DEFINITIONS:		
Definitions Modified:	A61H	9/00, 9/0028, 2009/0042, 9/005, 9/0071

The following subclasses/groups are also impacted by this Notice of Changes (indicate subclasses/groups outside of the project scope, such as those listed in the CRL):

A61M 3/00, B64D 11/0607

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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1. CLASSIFICATION SCHEME CHANGES

A. New, Modified or Deleted Group(s)

SUBCLASS A61H - PHYSICAL THERAPY APPARATUS, e.g. DEVICES FOR LOCATING OR STIMULATING REFLEX POINTS IN THE BODY; ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION; MASSAGE; BATHING DEVICES FOR SPECIAL THERAPEUTIC OR HYGIENIC PURPOSES OR SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE BODY (electrotherapy, magnetotherapy, radiation therapy, ultrasound therapy A61N)

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Indent Level Number of dots (e.g. 0, 1, 2)</u>	<u>Title (new or modified)</u> <u>“CPC only” text should normally be enclosed in {curly brackets}**</u>	<u>Transferred to#</u>
M	A61H 9/00	0	Pneumatic or hydraulic massage	
M	A61H 9/0007	1	{Pulsating }	
C	A61H 9/0021	1	{Hydraulic massage }	A61H 9/0021, A61H 9/0028
C	A61H 9/0028	2	{Hand-held devices for spraying and removing liquid while moved on the skin }	A61H 9/0021, A61H 9/0028
U	A61H 9/005	1	{Pneumatic massage }	
M	A61H 9/0078	2	{with intermittent or alternately inflated bladders or cuffs (mattresses for preventing bed-sores with alternated pressurized chambers A61G 7/05776)}	
U	A61H 13/00	0	Gum massage	
M	A61H 13/005	1	{Hydraulic gum massage }	

*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, 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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B. New, Modified or Deleted Warning notice(s)

SUBCLASS A61H - PHYSICAL THERAPY APPARATUS, e.g. DEVICES FOR LOCATING OR STIMULATING REFLEX POINTS IN THE BODY; ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION; MASSAGE; BATHING DEVICES FOR SPECIAL THERAPEUTIC OR HYGIENIC PURPOSES OR SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE BODY (electrotherapy, magnetotherapy, radiation therapy, ultrasound therapy A61N)

<u>Type*</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Warning notice</u>	<u>New/Modified Warning notice</u>
N	A61H 9/0021		Group A61H 9/0021 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61H 9/0028. Group A61H 9/0021 is also impacted by reclassification into group A61H 9/0028. Groups A61H 9/0021 and A61H 9/0028 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.
N	A61H 9/0028		Group A61H 9/0028 is incomplete pending reclassification of documents from group A61H 9/0021. Group A61H 9/0028 is also impacted by reclassification into group A61H 9/0021. Groups A61H 9/0028 and A61H 9/0021 should be considered in order to perform a complete search.

*N = new warning, M = modified warning, D = deleted warning

NOTE: The "Location" column only requires the symbol PRIOR to the location of the warning. No further directions such as "before" or "after" are required.

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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>
A61H 9/00	Definition statement	Pneumatic or hydraulic massage means acting either directly on the skin or on a layer positioned between the skin and the massage means	Replace: The existing Definition statement with the following. Pneumatic or hydraulic massage means acting either directly on the skin or on a layer positioned between the skin and the massage means, e.g. sprays
A61H 9/00	Limiting references	Hydraulic or pneumatic drive A61H 2201/1238 Hydraulic or pneumatic transmission means A61H 2201/1409 Gum massage A61H 13/00	Delete: The entire Limiting references section.
A61H 9/00	Informative references	Underwater massage, spraying system acting on a body or body part immersed in water A61H 33/00, A61H 35/00 Layer between the skin and massage elements A61H 2201/1654 Brushes with fluid supply A46B 11/00 Nozzles per se B05B	Add: The following three references to the existing Informative references table. Gum massage A61H 13/00 Hydraulic or pneumatic drive A61H 2201/1238 Hydraulic or pneumatic transmission means A61H 2201/1409
A61H 9/0028	Limiting references	dental suction-irrigation A61C 17/0208 medical suction-irrigation A61M1/00K, A61M1/00T2	Delete: The entire Limiting references section.
A61H 9/0028	Informative references		Insert: A new Informative references section with the following two references. <i>Informative references</i> <i>Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:</i> Dental suction-irrigation A61C 17/0208 Medical suction-irrigation A61M 1/0023 , A61M 1/0058

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A61H 2009/0042	Limiting references	Hand-held devices for spraying and removing liquid while moved on the skin A61H 9/0028	Delete: The entire Limiting references section.
A61H 2009/0042	Informative references		Insert: A new Informative references section with the following reference. <i>Informative references</i> <i>Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:</i> Hand-held devices for spraying and removing liquid while moved on the skin A61H 9/0028
A61H 9/005	Limiting references	Iron lungs A61H 31/02 Cupping glasses e.g. for removing venom by suction A61M 1/08	Delete: The entire Limiting references section.
A61H 9/005	Informative references		Insert: A new Informative references section with the following reference. <i>Informative references</i> <i>Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:</i> Iron lungs A61H 31/02 Cupping glasses e.g. for removing venom by suction A61M 1/08
A61H 9/0071	Limiting references	Using fluids loaded with particles A61H 2009/0014	Delete: The entire Limiting references section.
A61H 9/0071	Informative references		Insert: A new Informative references section with the following reference. <i>Informative references</i> <i>Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:</i> Using fluids loaded with particles A61H 2009/0014

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.

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3. REVISION CONCORDANCE LIST (RCL)

<u>Type*</u>	<u>From CPC Symbol (existing)</u>	<u>To CPC Symbol(s)</u>
C	A61H 9/0021	A61H 9/0021, A61H 9/0028
C	A61H 9/0028	A61H 9/0021, A61H 9/0028

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NOTES:

- Only C, D, F 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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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>
A 61M 3/00	A 61H 9/0021	Special rules of classification	spraying on the skin: A 61H 9/0028

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.