

Brand Name or Equal Worksheet (“Salient Characteristics”) v 2.0

Brand Name Item: Kay Pentax FEES Unit

1) Essential/significant physical, functional, or performance characteristics.

Salient characteristics are those characteristics that make an item equal to the brand name item we specify. Specifically, salient characteristics are those characteristic of the brand name item that the VA needs.

- a) **Purpose** – To record **Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES)** exams with the current Speech rehab inventory of Pentax video and fiber scopes and allow users to view past exams done on the outpatient 9310HD Kaypentax recording system platform. This equipment allows instrumental assessment which involves passing a flexible endoscope transnasally to obtain a s superior view and recording of the pharynx and larynx. This unit enables visualization of the base of tongue, nasopharynx, hypopharynx, and larynx which identify normal and abnormal anatomy and physiology of the swallow and evaluates the integrity of airway as it relates to swallowing function.
- b) **Compatibility** – 9310HD digital video capture is only compatible with current VA-S.F. outpatient speech Pentax scope and processors database. EPKI-5010 processor is the only processor that except the current inventory of Speech scopes and will take future small diameter HD scopes.
- c) **Industry/Government Standard** – 9310HD speech recording system, VLS/VNL Pentax Video Scopes, and EPKI processors have been purchased and currently in use at the following local VISN 21 Speech Rehab Sites: Mather, Martinez, Livermore, Monterey, Palo Alto x2, Reno, Travis AFB (DOD), S.F (outpatient), along with other major health and academic voice and swallowing clinics. Here are a few academic and major health care sites using the equipment as well: USC, UCSF, Stanford, University of Washington, Mayo, Kaiser, Sutter, Mass General, UCLA, University of Nevada, UCDavis.

2) Complete generic identification – FEES Unit

3) Applicable model/make/catalog number – Kay Pentax FEES Unit

- a) *Model: EPK-15010-US, HD Video Processor*
- b) *Model: 9310HD, HD Digital Video Capture*
- c) *Model: 80225-2, Compact Cart*
- d) *Model: VLS-1070STK, Video Laryngostroboscope (slim) 3.1mm*

4) Manufacturer name – KayPENTAX

Per VAAR 811.104 and 811.105, I certify the following regarding the above information:

- The salient characteristics listed above are essential to the Government’s requirements.
- To my knowledge, the restrictions listed above will not limit the acquisition to an item peculiar to one manufacture.

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