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Objectives and uses of AAMI standards and recommended practices

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A voluntary *standard* for a *medical device* recommends to the manufacturer the information that should be provided with or on the product, basic safety and performance criteria that should be considered in qualifying the device for clinical use, and the measurement techniques that can be used to determine whether the device conforms with the safety and performance criteria and/or to compare the performance characteristics of different products. Some standards emphasize the information that should be provided with the device, including performance characteristics, instructions for use, warnings and precautions, and other data considered important in ensuring the safe and effective use of the device in the clinical environment. Recommending the disclosure of performance characteristics often necessitates the development of specialized test methods to facilitate uniformity in reporting; reaching consensus on these tests can represent a considerable part of committee work. When a drafting committee determines that clinical concerns warrant the establishment of *minimum* safety and performance criteria, referee tests must be provided and the reasons for establishing the criteria must be documented in the rationale.

A *recommended practice* provides guidelines for the use, care, and/or processing of a medical device or system. A recommended practice does not address device performance *per se*, but rather procedures and practices that will help ensure that a device is used safely and effectively and that its performance will be maintained.

Although a device standard is primarily directed to the manufacturer, it may also be of value to the potential purchaser or user of the device as a frame of reference for device evaluation. Similarly, even though a recommended practice is usually oriented towards healthcare professionals, it may be useful to the manufacturer in better understanding the environment in which a medical device will be used. Also, some recommended practices, while not addressing device performance criteria, provide guidelines to industrial personnel on such subjects as sterilization processing, methods of collecting data to establish safety and efficacy, human engineering, and other processing or evaluation techniques; such guidelines may be useful to health care professionals in understanding industrial practices.

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Despite periodic review and revision (at least once every five years), a standard or recommended practice is necessarily a static document applied to a dynamic technology. Therefore, a standards user must carefully review the reasons why the document was initially developed and the specific rationale for each of its provisions. This review will reveal whether the document remains relevant to the specific needs of the user.

Particular care should be taken in applying a product standard to existing devices and equipment, and in applying a recommended practice to current procedures and practices. While observed or potential risks with existing equipment typically form the basis for the safety and performance criteria defined in a standard, professional judgment must be used in applying these criteria to existing equipment. No single source of information will serve to identify a particular product as "unsafe". A voluntary standard can be used as one resource, but the ultimate decision as to product safety and efficacy must take into account the specifics of its utilization and, of course, cost-benefit considerations. Similarly, a recommended practice should be analyzed in the context of the specific needs and resources of the individual institution or firm. Again, the rationale accompanying each AAMI standard and recommended practice is an excellent guide to the reasoning and data underlying its provision.


In summary, a standard or recommended practice is truly useful only when it is used in conjunction with other sources of information and policy guidance and in the context of professional experience and judgment.

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Background of AAMI adoption of ISO 15676:2016

As indicated in the foreword to the main body of this document (page vii), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies. The United States is one of the ISO members that took an active role in the development of this standard, which was developed by ISO Technical Committee (TC) 150 Subcommittee (SC) 2, *Cardiovascular implants and extracorporeal systems*, to ensure that medical grade tubing in single-use tubing packs for the transfer of blood and fluid during the period of cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) is adequately tested for both safety and function.

U.S. participation in this ISO SC is organized through the U.S. Technical Advisory Group for ISO/TC 150/SC 2, administered by the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI).

AAMI encourages its committees to harmonize their work with international standards as much as possible. The U.S. adoption of ANSI/AAMI/ISO 15676:2016 was approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) on 18 November 2016. The AAMI Blood/Gas Exchange Device Committee (U.S. Sub-TAG for ISO/TC 150/SC 2/WG 4, Blood/gas exchangers) initiated the U.S. adoption of ISO 15676:2016.

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As used within the context of this document, "shall" indicates requirements strictly to be followed to conform to the standard. "Should" indicates that among several possibilities, one is recommended as particularly suitable, without mentioning or excluding others, or that a certain course of action is preferred but not necessarily required, or that (in the negative form) a certain possibility or course of action should be avoided but is not prohibited. "May" is used to indicate that a course of action is permissible within the limits of the standard. "Can" is used as a statement of possibility and capability. Finally, "must" is used only to describe "unavoidable" situations, including those mandated by government regulation.

The concepts incorporated in this standard should not be considered inflexible or static. This standard, like any other, must be reviewed and updated periodically to assimilate progressive technological developments. To remain relevant, it must be modified as technological advances are made and as new data come to light.

Suggestions for improving this standard are invited. Comments and suggested revisions should be sent to Standards Department, AAMI, 4301 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 301, Arlington, VA 22203-1633.

NOTE Beginning with the ISO foreword on page vii, this American National Standard is identical to ISO 15676:2016.

Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see www.iso.org/directives).

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 150, *Implants for surgery*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Cardiovascular implants and extracorporeal systems*.

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Introduction

The intent of this document is to ensure that medical grade tubing in single-use tubing packs for the transfer of blood and fluid during the period of cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) is adequately tested for both safety and function. The user commonly provides the specifications for the tubing pack. Furthermore, the purpose of this document is to ensure that the tubing pack characteristics be appropriately disclosed in the labelling and manufacturing information package. Tubing performance characteristics are specifically addressed within the context of this document as a component part of a single-use tubing pack.

This document therefore contains recommended procedures to evaluate such medical grade tubing intended for use during CPB procedures and ECMO. Test procedures to determine the material characteristics, the useful life of the tubing when used in a roller pump, and cleanliness are described. The limits for these characteristics are not specified.

This document also includes minimum reporting requirements. Ready identification of the performance characteristics should assist the user in the selection of such medical grade tubing for the procedure appropriate to the patient and procedure. This information may be useful in a clinic's quality control process that aims to improve the safety of CPB and ECMO procedures.

This document makes reference to other International Standards, which references methods for the determination of characteristics common to medical devices.

Requirements for animal and clinical studies are not included in this document. Such studies, however, may be part of a manufacturer's quality system.

This document contains only those requirements that are specific to such medical grade tubing for use during CPB and ECMO. Non-specific requirements are covered by reference to other International Standards listed in the Normative References section.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for single-use tubing packs for cardiopulmonary bypass and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO). This document is applicable to all medical tubing intended for cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) and/or extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), but specific requirements and tests are included for tubing intended for use with peristaltic pumps during (short-term, i.e. <6 h duration) CPB surgery or (long-term, i.e. >24 h) ECMO procedures. The sterility and non-pyrogenicity provisions of this document are applicable to tubing packs labelled as “sterile”.

This document is applicable only to the tubing aspects for multifunctional systems that may have integral components such as blood gas exchangers (oxygenators), reservoirs, blood filters, defoamers, blood pumps, etc.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 34-1, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of tear strength — Part 1: Trouser, angle and crescent test pieces*

ISO 527-1, *Plastics — Determination of tensile properties — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 9352, *Plastics — Determination of resistance to wear by abrasive wheels*

ISO 10993-1, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 10993-7, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 7: Ethylene oxide sterilization residuals*

ISO 10993-11, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 11: Tests for systemic toxicity*

ISO 17665-1, *Sterilization of health care products — Moist heat — Part 1: Requirements for the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 11135, *Sterilization of health-care products — Ethylene oxide — Requirements for the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 11137-1, *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation — Part 1: Requirements for development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*