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## Background of AAMI adoption of ISO 23500-3:2019

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) published ISO 23500-3:2019, *Preparation and quality management of fluids for haemodialysis and related therapies—Part 3: Water for haemodialysis and related therapies* as a revision of ISO 13959:2014. 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 150, Subcommittee 2, Cardiovascular implants and extracorporeal systems, to fill a need for guidance on the user's responsibility for the dialysis fluid once the equipment used in its preparation has been delivered and installed. The 2019 ISO revision editorially aligns with the ISO dialysis fluid standards ISO 23500-1, ISO 23500-2, ISO 23500-4, and ISO 23500-5.

U.S. participation in this ISO TC 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). The U.S. TAG for ISO/TC 150/SC 2 supports the guidance provided in this document.

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NOTE Beginning with the ISO foreword on page vii, this American National Standard is identical to ISO 23500-3:2019.

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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](http://www.iso.org/directives)).

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For an explanation of the voluntary nature of standards, the meaning of ISO specific terms and expressions related to conformity assessment, as well as information about ISO's adherence to the World Trade Organization (WTO) principles in the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) see [www.iso.org/iso/foreword.html](http://www.iso.org/iso/foreword.html).

This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 150, *Implants for surgery*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Cardiovascular implants and extracorporeal systems*.

This first edition cancels and replaces ISO 13959:2014, which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- The document forms part of a revised and renumbered series dealing with the preparation and quality management of fluids for haemodialysis and related therapies. The series comprise ISO 23500-1 (previously ISO 23500), ISO 23500-2, (previously ISO 26722), ISO 23500-3, (previously ISO 13959), ISO 23500-4, (previously ISO 13958), and ISO 23500-5, (previously ISO 11663).

A list of all parts in the ISO 23500 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

Assurance of adequate water quality is one of the most important aspects of ensuring a safe and effective delivery of haemodialysis, haemodiafiltration, or haemofiltration.

This document contains minimum requirements, chemical and microbiological, for the water to be used for preparation of dialysis fluids, concentrates, and for the reprocessing of haemodialysers and the necessary steps to ensure conformity with those requirements.

Haemodialysis and related therapies such as haemodiafiltration can expose the patient to more than 500 l of water per week across the semi-permeable membrane of the haemodialyser or haemodiafilter. Healthy individuals seldom have a weekly oral intake above 12 l. This over 40-fold increase in exposure requires control and regular surveillance of water quality to avoid excesses of known or suspected harmful substances. Since knowledge of potential injury from trace elements and contaminants of microbiological origin over long periods is still growing and techniques for treating drinking water are continuously developed, this document will evolve and be refined accordingly. The physiological effects attributable to the presence of organic contaminants in dialysis water are important areas for research, however, the effect of such contaminants on patients receiving regular dialysis treatment is largely unknown, consequently no threshold values for organic contaminants permitted in water used for the preparation of dialysis fluids, concentrates, and reprocessing of haemodialysers has been specified in this revised document.

Within this document, measurement techniques current at the time of publication have been cited. Other standard methods can be used, provided that such methods have been appropriately validated and are comparable to the cited methods.

The final dialysis fluid is produced from concentrates or salts manufactured, packaged, and labelled according to ISO 23500-4 mixed with water meeting the requirements of this document. Operation of water treatment equipment and haemodialysis systems, including on-going surveillance of the quality of water used to prepare dialysis fluids, and handling of concentrates and salts are the responsibility of the haemodialysis facility and are addressed in ISO 23500-1. Haemodialysis professionals make choices about the various applications (haemodialysis, haemodiafiltration, haemofiltration) and should understand the risks of each and the requirements for safety for fluids used for each.

This document is directed towards manufacturers and providers of water treatment systems and also to haemodialysis facilities.

The rationale for the development of this document is given in informative Annex A.

# Guidance for the preparation and quality management of fluids for haemodialysis and related therapies—Part 3: Water for haemodialysis and related therapies

## 1 Scope

This document specifies minimum requirements for water to be used in haemodialysis and related therapies.

This document includes water to be used in the preparation of concentrates, dialysis fluids for haemodialysis, haemodiafiltration and haemofiltration, and for the reprocessing of haemodialysers.

This document excludes the operation of water treatment equipment and the final mixing of treated water with concentrates to produce dialysis fluid. Those operations are the sole responsibility of dialysis professionals. This document does not apply to dialysis fluid regenerating systems.

## 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 23500-1, *Preparation and quality management of fluids for haemodialysis and related therapies—Part 1: General requirements*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 23500-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

## 4 Requirements

### 4.1 Dialysis water quality requirements

The quality of the dialysis water, as specified in 4.2 and 4.3, shall be verified upon installation of a water treatment system. Regular surveillance of the dialysis water quality shall be carried out thereafter.

**NOTE** Throughout this document it is assumed that the water undergoing treatment is potable water and therefore meets the appropriate regulatory requirements for such water. If the water supply is derived from an alternate source such as a privately-owned borehole or well, contaminant levels cannot be as rigorously controlled.