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## Intracranial pressure monitoring devices



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**Abstract:**

This standard establishes minimum labeling, safety, and performance requirements for intracranial pressure monitoring devices, whether percutaneous, fully implantable, or noninvasive. Also covered are referee test methods and the rationale for the provisions of the standard.

**Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation  
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#### Foreword

This standard was developed by the ICP Device Subcommittee of the AAMI Neurosurgery Committee.

The purpose of this standard is to provide labeling, safety, and performance requirements and test methods that will help assure a reasonable level of safety and effectiveness of devices intended for use in the

measurement of intracranial pressure.

The concepts incorporated in this standard should be considered flexible and dynamic. As advances are made in intracranial pressure measurement technology and as new data become available this standard will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised.

This standard reflects the conscientious efforts of clinicians, device manufacturers, and other professionals concerned with its scope and provisions to develop those safety and performance criteria that could reasonably be achieved at this time.

Recommendations for improving this standard are invited. Comments should be sent to AAMI, 3330 Washington Boulevard, Suite 400, Arlington VA, 22201-4598.

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*Note:* This foreword is not part of the American National Standard, *Intracranial Pressure Monitoring Devices* (ANSI/AAMI NS28-1988), but does provide important information about its development and use.

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## 1. Scope

### 1.1 General

This is a preview edition of an AAMI guidance document and is

This standard establishes minimum labeling, safety, and performance requirements for intracranial pressure (ICP) monitoring devices, whether percutaneous, fully implantable, or noninvasive. Also covered by this standard are test and calibration methods needed to establish compliance with the standard.

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### 1.2 Inclusions

The following components, which individually or in combination comprise ICP monitor assemblies, are within the scope of this standard when supplied by the manufacturer of the ICP monitoring device:

- (1) *Percutaneous fluid-coupled devices*, such as ventricular catheters, skull-fixated subarachnoid and subdural devices, subdural balloons and subdural catheters, and connecting tubing for percutaneous fluid-coupled devices
- (2) *Patient/device interfaces for remote-sensor, servomechanism-regulated devices*, such as percutaneous optical, pneumatic, or electrical leads; remote transducers; internal pneumatic devices; and display modules
- (3) *Implantable electrical transducers with percutaneous leads* (strain gauges), such as implantable, diaphragm-mounted, strain-gauge transducers and implantable, passive-resistance, circuit transducers (variable inductance and capacitance)
- (4) *Fully implantable devices*, such as variable oscillators, passive-absorption devices, and interrogators, receivers, display modules, power sources, and pressure-balancing devices for the transducers in (3)

### 1.3 Exclusions

This standard does not cover components that may be used with the ICP monitoring device to expand its therapeutic or diagnostic applications (for example, drainage bags for cerebrospinal fluid collection or computer additions for trend analysis). Neither does this standard cover tonometric devices limited to external scalp-fontanel applications. If such additions to the ICP monitoring device are supplied by the manufacturer, the manufacturer must demonstrate that they do not compromise compliance with this standard. Specifically, the manufacturer must address the possibility of physiologic alterations in the patient that might compromise the accuracy or reliability of the ICP monitor (for example, ventricular collapse might occur with use of fluid-coupled ventricular monitors during simultaneous CSF drainage and ICP

monitoring).



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