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Foreword

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Introduction

Nebulizers are widely used to deliver drugs and vaccines in an aerosol form to humans through the respiratory system. **Nebulizers** are also used for diagnostic purposes using radioisotopes for lung challenge tests. These drugs can be in the form of a solution, suspension or emulsion. **Aerosol** inhalation is the preferred route of administration for some drugs. Some drugs are intended for treatment of systemic diseases and other drugs are intended to treat respiratory diseases. To achieve the intended treatment, **aerosol** particles have to be deposited in specific parts of the respiratory tract. Different size particles tend to deposit in different parts of the respiratory system; therefore, the performance profile and the intended use of the **nebulizer** have to be defined by the manufacturer and specified in the accompanying documentation.

This International Standard is based on Reference.[29] This International Standard was developed to cover “general purpose” **nebulizers** and is based on adult test parameters which are likely to be different than stated when testing for paediatric or infant patient populations. It was specifically written to ensure that the results of the various tests declared by the manufacturer are meaningful to the users and buyers of **nebulizers**.

The objectives of this International Standard are to ensure

- suitability of the **nebulizers** for the intended use as disclosed by the manufacturer,
- safety, particularly for **electrically powered nebulizers**,
- compatibility between the materials of the components and the dispensed liquid, and
- biocompatibility of the materials of the components that come into contact with the human body.

Important changes were made to the original EN standard in recognition of the advances in test devices such as lasers and low-flow impactors that allow manufacturers to use different test methods, provided these alternate methods are validated against the methods specified in this International Standard.

Terms defined in this International Standard are set in **bold type**.

Throughout this International Standard, text for which rationale is provided in [Annex A](#) is indicated by an asterisk (*).

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1 Scope

*This International Standard specifies requirements for the safety and performance testing of general purpose **nebulizing systems** intended for continuous or breath-actuated delivery of liquids, in **aerosol** form, to humans through the respiratory system.

This International Standard includes **gas-powered nebulizers** which can be powered by, e.g., compressors, pipeline systems, cylinders, etc., and **electrically powered nebulizers** [e.g., spinning disc, ultrasonic, vibrating mesh (active and passive), and capillary devices] or **manually powered nebulizers**.

This International Standard does not specify the minimum performance of **nebulizing systems**.

*This International Standard does not apply to devices intended for nasal deposition.

This International Standard does not apply to devices intended solely to provide humidification or hydration by providing water in **aerosol** form.

NOTE — [ISO 8185](#) covers this.^[3]

*This International Standard does not apply to drug-specific **nebulizers** or their components (e.g., metered dose inhalers, metered liquid inhalers, dry powder inhalers).

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

[ISO 5356-1](#), *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Conical connectors — Part 1: Cones and sockets*

[ISO 5356-2](#), *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Conical connectors — Part 2: Screw-threaded weight-bearing connectors*

[ISO 5367](#), *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Breathing sets and connectors*

[ISO 7396-1](#), *Medical gas pipeline systems — Part 1: Pipeline systems for compressed medical gases and vacuum*

[ISO 9170-1](#), *Terminal units for medical gas pipeline systems — Part 1: Terminal units for use with compressed medical gases and vacuum*

[ISO 10524-1](#), *Pressure regulators for use with medical gases — Part 1: Pressure regulators and pressure regulators with flow-metering devices*

[ISO 10524-3](#), *Pressure regulators for use with medical gases — Part 3: Pressure regulators integrated with cylinder valves*

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

[ISO 11135-1](#), *Sterilization of health care products — Ethylene oxide — Part 1: Requirements for development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

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[ISO 11137-2](#), *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation — Part 2: Establishing the sterilization dose*

[ISO 11137-3](#), *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation — Part 3: Guidance on dosimetric aspects*

[ISO 11607-1](#), *Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices — Part 1: Requirements for materials, sterile barrier systems and packaging systems*

[ISO 14971](#), *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

[ISO 15001](#), *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Compatibility with oxygen*

[ISO 15223-1](#), *Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements*

[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*

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[ISO 80369-1](#), *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 1: General requirements*

[IEC 60601-1:2005](#), *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*

[IEC 60601-1-2:2006+A1:2012](#), *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral standard: Electromagnetic compatibility — Requirements and tests*

[IEC 60601-1-6](#), *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-6: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral standard: Usability*

[IEC 60601-1-8](#), *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-8: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: General requirements, tests and guidance for alarm systems in medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems*

[IEC 62366](#), *Medical devices — Application of usability engineering to medical devices*

[EN 556-1](#), *Sterilization of medical devices — Requirements for medical devices to be designated “STERILE” — Part 1: Requirements for terminally sterilized medical devices*

[EN 13544-2](#), *Respiratory therapy equipment — Part 2: Tubing and connectors*

[EN 15908](#), *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment. Non-interchangeable screw-threaded (NIST) low-pressure connectors for medical gases*

[ENV 737-6](#), *Medical gas pipeline systems — Part 6: Dimensions and allocation of probes for terminal units for compressed medical gases and vacuum*

[CGA V-5-2005](#), *Diameter Index Safety System — Noninterchangeable Low Pressure Connections for Medical Gas Applications*