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Foreword

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— *Part 1: General requirements for safety, marking and for information to be provided by the manufacturer*

— *Part 2: Cardiac pacemakers*

— *Part 3: Implantable neurostimulators*

— *Part 4: Implantable infusion pumps*

— *Part 5: Circulatory support devices*

— *Part 6: Particular requirements for active implantable medical devices intended to treat tachyarrhythmia (including implantable defibrillators)*

— *Part 7: Particular requirements for cochlear implant systems*

Introduction

This International Standard specifies particular requirements for ACTIVE IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICES used to treat hearing impairment via electrical stimulation (for example cochlear implant systems or auditory brainstem implant systems), to provide basic assurance of safety for both patients and users.

A COCHLEAR IMPLANT SYSTEM or AUDITORY BRAINSTEM IMPLANT SYSTEM is an ACTIVE IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE comprising implantable and NON-IMPLANTABLE PARTS (external parts). The power source may be externally derived or from an internal battery. The IMPLANT SYSTEM is designed to restore hearing via electrical stimulation of the auditory pathways. Externally or internally processed acoustic information is converted to electrical stimulation signals which are delivered via one or more electrodes. The working parameters of the device may be adjusted via a non-implantable accessory.

This International Standard is relevant to all parts of IMPLANT SYSTEMS, including accessories.

The requirements of this International Standard supplement or modify those of ISO 14708-1, *Implants for surgery — Active implantable medical devices — Part 1: General requirements for safety, marking and for information to be provided by the manufacturer*.

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