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Foreword

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Introduction

There are three levels of International Standard dealing with non-active surgical implants. These are as follows, with level 1 being the highest:

- level 1: general requirements for non-active surgical implants and instrumentation used in association with implants;
- level 2: particular requirements for families of non-active surgical implants;
- level 3: specific requirements for types of non-active surgical implant.

This International Standard is a level 3 standard and contains requirements applying specifically to knee joint replacements. The level 1 standard contains requirements that apply to all non-active surgical implants. It also indicates that there are additional requirements in the level 2 and level 3 standards.

The level 2 standards apply to more restricted sets or families of implants such as those designed for use in osteosynthesis, cardiovascular surgery or joint replacement.

To address all requirements, it is recommended that a standard of the lowest available level be consulted first.