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This first edition cancels and replaces ISO 26722:2014, 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).

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Introduction

This document reflects the conscientious efforts of concerned physicians, clinical engineers, nurses, dialysis technicians, and dialysis patients, in consultation with device manufacturers and regulatory authority representatives, to develop an International Standard for performance levels that could be reasonably achieved at the time of publication. The term “consensus,” as applied to the development of voluntary medical device documents, does not imply unanimity of opinion, but rather reflects the compromise necessary in some instances when a variety of interests should be merged.

This document applies to individual water treatment devices and to water treatment systems assembled from one or more of these devices. In the first instance, this document is directed at the individual or company that specifies the complete water treatment system and, second, at the supplier who assembles and installs the system. Since systems can be assembled from a number of individual water treatment devices, the provisions of this document are also directed at the manufacturers of these devices, provided that the manufacturer indicates that the device is intended for use in haemodialysis applications. This document is written principally to address water treatment systems for dialysis facilities treating multiple patients. However, many of its provisions apply equally to water treatment systems used in applications where a single patient is treated, such as in a home dialysis or acute hospital dialysis setting. Specifically, requirements for the chemical and microbiological quality of water are considered to apply in all settings, regardless of whether a single patient or many patients are being treated.

Increasingly, self-contained, integrated systems designed and validated to produce water and dialysis fluid are becoming available and used clinically. The provisions included in this document apply to systems assembled from individual components. Consequently, some of the provisions in ISO 23500-1 and ISO 23500-2 might not apply to integrated systems, however such systems are required to comply with ISO 23500-3, ISO 23500-4, and ISO 23500-5. In order to ensure conformity when using such systems, the user shall follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding the operation, testing, and maintenance of such systems in order to ensure that the system is being operated under the validated conditions.

This document helps protect haemodialysis patients from adverse effects arising from known chemical and microbial contaminants found in water supplies. However, dialysis and patient safety is ultimately dependent on the quality of the dialysis fluid. Since the manufacturer or supplier of water treatment equipment does not have control over the dialysis fluid, any reference to dialysis fluid in this document is for clarification only and not a requirement of the manufacturer. The responsibility for assuring that the dialysis fluid is not contaminated, mismatched, or otherwise damaging to the patient rests with the clinical professionals caring for the patient under the supervision of the medical director. Requirements and recommendations on the preparation and handling of water and dialysis fluid in a dialysis facility are provided in ISO 23500-5. The rationale for the development of this document is given in Annex A.

Since the chemical and microbiological content of the water produced need to meet the requirements of ISO 23500-3, the maximum allowable levels of contaminants are listed in Annex B (Tables B.1 and B.2). The values shown include the anticipated uncertainty associated with the analytical methodologies listed in Table B.3.