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Introduction

This International Standard has been prepared in order to provide minimum requirements for tubular vascular grafts and vascular patches, including guidance on the methods of test that will enable their evaluation. This International Standard is an update of ISO 7198:1998, necessary given the introduction of new standards for endovascular prostheses, vascular stents and vascular device-drug combination products.

This International Standard covers vascular prostheses implanted using direct visualization surgical techniques as opposed to fluoroscopic or other non-direct imaging (e.g. computerized tomography or magnetic resonance imaging). ISO 25539-1 specifies requirements and testing guidelines for endovascular prostheses, implanted using catheter delivery and non-direct visualization. Since the design of endovascular prostheses often involves the use of materials that are used in traditional vascular prostheses, some of the methods to evaluate these materials are contained in this International Standard and referenced in the endovascular prostheses standard (ISO 25539-1).

It is recognized by this ISO committee that many forms of tubular vascular grafts and vascular patches have been shown to be a safe and effective means to surgically restore blood flow in various indications over many years. This update is not intended to significantly change the manner in which tubular vascular grafts have been evaluated or to add new requirements. Therefore, manufacturers can rely on evaluation and historical data gathered under ISO 7198:1998 to meet the requirements that have not changed in the current standard. The committee recognizes that, with the addition of requirements for vascular patches and references to device-drug combination requirements in other ISO documents, a reasonable amount of time (e.g. one to three years) might be needed to become fully compliant with this International Standard.