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Foreword

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ISO 7396 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Medical gas pipeline systems*:

- *Part 1: Pipeline systems for compressed medical gases and vacuum*
- *Part 2: Anaesthetic gas scavenging disposal systems*

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Introduction

Anaesthetic gas scavenging systems (AGSS) are used to reduce occupational exposure to anaesthetic gases and vapours.

The anaesthetic gas scavenging system comprises three main parts:

- a transfer system,
- a receiving system, and
- a disposal system.

A schematic diagram of typical anaesthetic gas scavenging systems is shown in Figure 1. Requirements for receiving systems and transfer systems are specified in ISO 8835-3. Type-specific connections for terminal units are specified in ISO 9170-2. In this part of ISO 7396, specifications and test procedures are given to ensure compatibility between the components of the system.

This part of ISO 7396 specifies requirements for pipelines for anaesthetic gas scavenging systems for anaesthetic gases and vapours. It is intended for use by those persons involved in the design, construction, inspection and operation of healthcare facilities treating human beings. It is advisable that those persons involved in the design, manufacture and testing of equipment intended to be connected to pipeline systems also be aware of the contents of this part of ISO 7396.

Specific components are used for scavenging terminal units and for other connectors which are intended to be used by the operator. In addition, the system is tested and certified to operate at safe flows and without leakage. It is also intended to address issues of patient safety.

The objectives of this part of ISO 7396 are to ensure the following:

- a) avoidance of cross connections between different pipeline systems;
- b) continuity of function of the system;
- c) use of suitable materials;
- d) cleanliness of components;
- e) correct installation;
- f) provision of indicating system(s);
- g) correct marking of the pipeline system and components;
- h) testing, commissioning and certification;
- i) correct operational management.

Annex E contains rationale statements for some of the requirements of this part of ISO 7396. It is included to provide additional insight into the reasoning that led to the requirements and recommendations that have been incorporated in this part of ISO 7396. The clauses and subclauses marked with (*) after their number have corresponding rationale contained in Annex E.