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lenses —**

Part 7:  
**Clinical investigations of intraocular  
lenses for the correction of aphakia**

*Implants ophtalmiques — Lentilles intraoculaires —*

*Partie 7: Investigations cliniques de lentilles intraoculaires pour la  
correction de l'aphakie*



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## Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 11979-7:2014). It also cancels and replaces the first edition of ISO 11979-9:2006 and its amendment ISO 11979-9:2006/Amd 1:2014.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- Integration of the multifocal intraocular lens document (ISO 11979-9:2006);
- Technical updates concerning the safety and efficacy of the intraocular lens subtypes monofocal, multifocal, toric and accommodating;
- Recommendations for the clinical investigations of novel lens models; and
- The separation of guidance for intraocular lenses used in cases of aphakia, and intraocular lens used for the correction of ametropia in phakic patients.

A list of all parts in the ISO 11979 series can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

Intraocular lenses (IOLs) are used to correct residual refractive errors in subjects who have aphakia. Such residual refractive errors typically include sphere and astigmatism, but can also include accommodation. Different designs of IOLs can be used to correct for specific refractive errors. In the case where an IOL is designed to provide more than one type of refractive correction, that IOL will have to satisfy each of the separate requirements of those correction designs.

This document provides requirements and recommendations for intraocular lens investigations of new IOL models. In the case where an IOL model is a modification of a parent IOL model, a risk analysis can be used in order to determine the appropriate level of testing.



# Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses —

## Part 7:

# Clinical investigations of intraocular lenses for the correction of aphakia

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the particular requirements for the clinical investigations of intraocular lenses that are implanted in the eye in order to correct aphakia.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 11979-1, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 1: Vocabulary*

ISO 11979-10:2018, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 10: Clinical investigations of intraocular lenses for correction of ametropia in phakic eyes*

ISO 14155, *Clinical investigation of medical devices for human subjects — Good clinical practice*

ISO 14971, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

## 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document the terms and definitions given in ISO 11979-1 and ISO 14155 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.2 Abbreviated terms

UDVA	uncorrected distance visual acuity
UIVA	uncorrected intermediate visual acuity
UNVA	uncorrected near visual acuity
CDVA	corrected distance visual acuity
CIVA	corrected intermediate visual acuity