
**Dentistry — Evaluation of
biocompatibility of medical devices
used in dentistry**

*Médecine bucco-dentaire — Évaluation de la biocompatibilité des
dispositifs médicaux utilisés en médecine bucco-dentaire*



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Foreword

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This third edition of ISO 7405 cancels and replaces ISO 7405:2008 and ISO/TS 22911:2016 which have been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 7405:2008/Amd.1:2013.

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

- as crucial first step in the biological evaluation a material characterization is required before biological tests are conducted (see 5.4.2)
- modifications of contents of ‘pulp and dentine usage test’ and ‘endodontic test’
- deletion of [Annex C](#) (Acute toxicity testing);
- addition of ISO/TS 22911 as new [Annex C](#).

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This corrected version of ISO 7405:2018 incorporates the following corrections.

- In [Table A.1](#), 3rd row, 3rd column for “Physical and/or chemical data”, “ISO 10993-18” and “ISO/TS 10993-19” have been added.
- In [Table A.1](#), 3rd row, 5th column for “Cytotoxicity tests”, “ISO 10993-5” has been added.
- In [Table A.1](#), 3rd row, 11th column for “Genotoxicity”, “ISO 10993-3” has been added.

Introduction

This document describes the evaluation of the biocompatibility of medical devices used in dentistry. It is to be used in conjunction with the ISO 10993 series of standards. This document contains special tests, for which ample experience exists in dentistry and which acknowledge the special needs of dentistry.

Only test methods for which the members of the committee considered there was sufficient published data have been included. In recommending test methods, the need to minimize the number and exposure of test animals was given a high priority. It is essential that the decision to undertake tests involving animals be reached only after a full and careful review of the evidence indicating that a similar outcome cannot be achieved by other types of test. In order to keep the number of animals required for tests to an absolute minimum, consistent with achieving the objective indicated, it can be appropriate to conduct more than one type of test on the same animal at the same time, e.g. pulp and dentine usage test and pulp capping test. However, in accordance with ISO 10993-2 these tests are performed both in an efficient and humane way. On all occasions when animal testing is undertaken, such tests are conducted empathetically and according to standardized procedures as described for each test.

This document does not explicitly describe test methods for occupationally related risks.

[Annex B](#) is included to encourage the development of *in vitro* and *ex vivo* test methods which will further reduce the use of animals in the evaluation of the biocompatibility of medical devices used in dentistry. [Annex C](#) is based on and replaces ISO/TS 22911.

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1 Scope

This document specifies test methods for the evaluation of biological effects of medical devices used in dentistry. It includes testing of pharmacological agents that are an integral part of the device under test.

This document does not cover testing of materials and devices that do not come into direct or indirect contact with the patient's body.

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 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

ISO 6344-1, *Coated abrasives — Grain size analysis — Part 1: Grain size distribution test*

ISO 10993-1, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 10993-2, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 2: Animal welfare requirements*

ISO 10993-3, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 3: Tests for genotoxicity, carcinogenicity and reproductive toxicity*

ISO 10993-5, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 5: Tests for in vitro cytotoxicity*

ISO 10993-6, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 6: Tests for local effects after implantation*

ISO 10993-10, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 10: Tests for irritation and skin sensitization*

ISO 10993-11, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 11: Tests for systemic toxicity*

ISO 10993-12, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 12: Sample preparation and reference materials*

ISO 10993-18, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 18: Chemical characterization of materials*

ISO/TS 10993-19, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 19: Physico-chemical, morphological and topographical characterization of materials*

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

ISO 16443, *Dentistry — Vocabulary for dental implants systems and related procedure*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942, ISO 10993-1, ISO 10993-12, ISO 16443 and the following apply.