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**Preparation and quality management  
of fluids for haemodialysis and related  
therapies —**

**Part 5:  
Quality of dialysis fluid for  
haemodialysis and related therapies**

*Préparation et management de la qualité des liquides d'hémodialyse  
et de thérapies annexes —*

*Partie 5: Qualité des liquides de dialyse pour hémodialyse et thérapies  
apparentées*



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## Foreword

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The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular, the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see [www.iso.org/directives](http://www.iso.org/directives)).

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For an explanation of the voluntary nature of standards, the meaning of ISO specific terms and expressions related to conformity assessment, as well as information about ISO's adherence to the World Trade Organization (WTO) principles in the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) see [www.iso.org/iso/foreword.html](http://www.iso.org/iso/foreword.html).

This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 150, *Implants for surgery*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Cardiovascular implants and extracorporeal systems*.

This first edition cancels and replaces ISO 11663:2014, 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).

A list of all parts in the ISO 23500 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

Haemodialysis patients are directly exposed to large volumes of dialysis fluid, with the dialyser membrane being the only barrier against transfer of hazardous contaminants from the dialysis fluid to the patient. It has long been known that there could be hazardous contaminants in the water and concentrates used to prepare the dialysis fluid. To minimize this hazard, ISO 23500-3 and ISO 23500-4 set forth quality requirements for the water and concentrates used to prepare dialysis fluid. However, if the dialysis fluid is not prepared carefully, it could contain unacceptable levels of contaminants even though it is prepared from water and concentrates, conforming to the requirements of ISO 23500-3 and ISO 23500-4. Further, the dialysis fluid might be used as the starting material for the online preparation of fluids intended for infusion into the patient, for example, in therapies such as online haemodiafiltration. For these reasons, this document for dialysis fluid quality was developed to complement the existing International Standards for water and concentrates, ISO 23500-3 and ISO 23500-4, respectively. Guidelines to aid the user in routinely meeting the requirements of this document and ISO 23500-3 can be found in ISO 23500-1.

Within these International Standards, measurement techniques current at the time of preparation have been cited. Other standard methods can be used, provided that such methods have been appropriately validated and are comparable to the cited methods. The rationale for the development of this document is given in [Annex A](#).

This document reflects the conscientious efforts of healthcare professionals, patients, and medical device manufacturers to develop recommendations for the quality of dialysis fluid. This document is directed at the healthcare professionals involved in the management of dialysis facilities and the routine care of patients treated in dialysis facilities, since they are responsible for the final preparation of dialysis fluid. The recommendations contained in this document are not intended for regulatory application.

This document aims to help protect haemodialysis patients from adverse effects arising from known chemical and microbiological contaminants that can be found in improperly prepared dialysis fluid. However, the physician in charge of dialysis has the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the dialysis fluid is correctly formulated and meets the applicable quality standards.

The concepts incorporated in this document should not be considered inflexible or static. The requirements and recommendations presented here should be reviewed periodically in order to assimilate increased understanding of the role of dialysis fluid purity in patient outcomes and technological developments.



# Preparation and quality management of fluids for haemodialysis and related therapies —

## Part 5:

## Quality of dialysis fluid for haemodialysis and related therapies

### 1 Scope

This document specifies minimum quality requirements for dialysis fluids used in haemodialysis and related therapies.

This document includes dialysis fluids used for haemodialysis and haemodiafiltration, including substitution fluid for haemodiafiltration and haemofiltration.

This document excludes the water and concentrates used to prepare dialysis fluid or the equipment used in its preparation. Those areas are covered by other International Standards.

Sorbent-based dialysis fluid regeneration systems that regenerate and recirculate small volumes of dialysis fluid, systems for continuous renal replacement therapy that use pre-packaged solutions, and systems and solutions for peritoneal dialysis are excluded from this document.

### 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 23500-1, *Preparation and quality management of fluids for haemodialysis and related therapies — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 23500-3, *Preparation and quality management of fluids for haemodialysis and related therapies — Part 3: Quality of water for haemodialysis and related therapies*

ISO 23500-4, *Preparation and quality management of fluids for haemodialysis and related therapies — Part 4: Concentrates for haemodialysis and related therapies*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 23500-1 apply.

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

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