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Evaluation and testing**

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3, 4, 5, 6, 7	Annex I: 7.1, 7.2, 7.5	The presumption of conformity depends on applying the other parts of the EN ISO 10993 series that are relevant

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Table ZB — Correspondence between this European Standard and Directive 90/385/EEC on active implantable medical devices

Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Essential Requirements (ERs) of Directive 90/385/EEC	Qualifying remarks/Notes
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Introduction

This part of ISO 10993 is a combination/harmonization of numerous international and national standards and guidelines concerning the biological evaluation of medical devices. It is intended to be the overall guidance document for the selection of tests enabling evaluation of biological responses relevant to the safety of medical devices and materials.

The role of this part of ISO 10993 is to serve as a framework in which to plan such a biological evaluation which minimizes the number and exposure of test animals.

The protection of humans is the primary goal of ISO 10993.

The appropriate selection and interpretation of biological evaluation tests requires an understanding of the rationale behind such testing. An informative rationale for the use of this part of ISO 10993 is provided in Annex A. Annex B contains a flow chart to aid in the systematic approach to the biological evaluation of medical devices. A bibliography is given at the end of the text.

Biological evaluation of medical devices —

Part 1: Evaluation and testing

1 Scope

This part of ISO 10993 describes

- a) the general principles governing the biological evaluation of medical devices;
- b) the categorization of devices based on the nature and duration of their contact with the body;
- c) the selection of appropriate tests.

This part of ISO 10993 does not cover testing of materials and devices that do not come into direct or indirect contact with the patient's body, nor does it cover biological hazards arising from any mechanical failure.

NOTE Other parts of ISO 10993 cover specific tests (see also the rationale in A.2).

2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

2.1

medical device

any instrument, apparatus, appliance, material or other article, including software, whether used alone or in combination, intended by the manufacturer to be used for human beings solely or principally for the purpose of:

- diagnosis, prevention, monitoring, treatment or alleviation of disease;
- diagnosis, monitoring, treatment, alleviation of or compensation for an injury or handicap;
- investigation, replacement or modification of the anatomy or of a physiological process;
- control of conception;

and which does not achieve its principal intended action in or on the human body by pharmacological, immunological or metabolic means, but which may be assisted in its function by such means

NOTE 1 Devices are different from drugs, and their biological evaluation requires a different approach.

NOTE 2 Use of the term “medical device” includes dental devices.

2.2

material

any synthetic or natural polymer, metal, alloy, ceramic or other nonviable substance, including tissue rendered nonviable, used as a medical device or any part thereof