
Ophthalmic instruments — Corneal topographers

Instruments ophtalmiques — Topographes de la cornée



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- a) normative references were updated;
- b) [5.2.6](#) regarding requirements for test surfaces and requirement for testing of accuracy was changed;
- c) in [5.4.3](#), formulae for data analysis have been updated;
- d) Table 4 was deleted;
- e) document editorially revised.

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1 Scope

This document specifies minimum requirements for instruments and systems that fall into the class of corneal topographers (CTs). It also specifies tests and procedures to verify that a system or instrument complies with this document and thus qualifies as a CT according to this document. It also specifies tests and procedures that allow the verification of capabilities of systems that are beyond the minimum requirements for CTs.

This document defines terms that are specific to the characterization of the corneal shape so that they may be standardized throughout the field of vision care.

This document is applicable to instruments, systems and methods that are intended to measure the surface shape of the cornea of the human eye.

NOTE The measurements can be of the curvature of the surface in local areas, three-dimensional topographical measurements of the surface or other more global parameters used to characterize the surface.

This document is not applicable to ophthalmic instruments classified as ophthalmometers.

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.

IEC 60601-1:2005 + A1:2012 + A2:2020, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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/>

3.1

corneal apex

location on the corneal surface where the mean of the local principal curvature is greatest

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

3.2

corneal eccentricity

e_c

eccentricity, e , of the conic section that best fits the *corneal meridian* (3.3) of interest

Note 1 to entry: If the meridian is not specified, the corneal eccentricity is that of the flattest corneal meridian (see Table 1 and Annex A).