
**Cardiovascular implants and artificial
organs — Cannulae for extracorporeal
circulation**

*Implants cardiovasculaires et organes artificiels — Canules pour
circulation extracorporelle*



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Foreword

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Introduction

This document is intended to ensure that cannulae designed to enable extracorporeal circulation (ECC) have been adequately tested for both their safety and function, and that cannulae characteristics are appropriately disclosed when labelling the device.

This document therefore contains procedures to be used for the evaluation of ECC cannulae. Type test procedures for determination of the cannulae performance and blood cell damage are described, although limits for these characteristics are not specified. Ready identification of the performance characteristics should, however, assist the user in the selection of cannulae that suits the needs of the patient.

This document also includes minimum reporting requirements, which allows the user to compare performance characteristics of cannulae of different designs in a standard way.

This document makes reference to other international standards in which methods for determination of characteristics common to medical devices can be found.

Requirements for animal and clinical studies have not been included in this document. Such studies can be necessary for regulatory submissions and/or be parts of a manufacturer's quality system.

This document contains only those requirements that are specific to cannulae. Non-specific requirements are covered by references to other International Standards listed in [Clause 2](#). Since non-toxicity is anticipated to be the subject of a future horizontal/level 1 standard, this document does not cover non-toxicity.

Cardiovascular implants and artificial organs — Cannulae for extracorporeal circulation

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for sterile, single-use cannulae for removal and delivery of patients' blood during cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB) up to 6 h duration, extracorporeal lung assist (ECLA with VV, VAV, or AV cannulation strategies), left or right heart bypass (LHB, RHB), cardiopulmonary support (CPS), extracorporeal life support (ECLS with VA cannulation strategy), extracorporeal carbon dioxide removal (ECCO₂R), and other extracorporeal circulation techniques. This standard does not apply to:

- introducers (e.g., guidewires) as addressed in ISO 11070,
- isolated organ perfusion cannulae, and
- intravascular catheters as addressed in ISO 10555-3.

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

ISO 10993-4, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 4: Selection of tests for interactions with blood*

ISO 10993-7, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 7: Ethylene oxide sterilization residuals*

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

ISO 11135, *Sterilization of health-care products — Ethylene oxide — Requirements for the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 11137-1, *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation — Part 1: Requirements for development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 11607-1, *Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices — Part 1: Requirements for materials, sterile barrier systems and packaging systems*

ISO 11607-2, *Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices — Part 2: Validation requirements for forming, sealing and assembly processes*

ISO 14937, *Sterilization of health care products — General requirements for characterization of a sterilizing agent and the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 17665-1, *Sterilization of health care products — Moist heat — Part 1: Requirements for the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 80369-7, *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 7: Connectors for intravascular or hypodermic applications*

ASTM F640-12, *Standard Test Methods For Determining Radiopacity For Medical Use*

DIN 13273-7, *Catheters for medical use — Part 7: Determination of the x-ray attenuation of catheters; Requirements and testing*

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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 extracorporeal circulation

blood circulation through an extracorporeal circuit used to support or replace a subject's circulatory and/or gas exchange requirements when the heart and/or lungs are temporarily not capable of functioning normally (e.g. due to lung and/or heart disease) incorporating cannulae, oxygenators, tubing, and/or other devices such as blood pump, arterial filter, reservoir

3.2 cannula

tubular device, single-lumen (3.4) or dual-lumen (3.5), designed to be partially inserted into the cardiovascular system for connection of the patient to the extracorporeal circuit

3.3 blood pathway

portions of the *cannula* (3.2) in contact with blood during the intended clinical use

3.4 single-lumen

cannula (3.2) with one inner lumen used to draw blood from the patient or to return blood to the patient

3.5 dual-lumen

cannula (3.2) with two inner lumens, separated from each other, used to draw blood from and to return blood to the patient

3.6 integral part

part that is connected to the *cannula* (3.2) and that cannot normally be separated by the user

3.7 operating variable

setting of controls that affects the function of the device

3.8 platelet reduction

percentage reduction of platelets contained in a circuit incorporating a *cannula* (3.2)

3.9 plasma free haemoglobin level

concentration of plasma free haemoglobin in a circuit incorporating a *cannula* (3.2)

3.9.1 NIH normalized index of haemolysis