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Foreword

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ISO 14708-6 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 150, *Implants for surgery*, Subcommittee SC 6, *Active implants*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 14708-6:2010), which has been technically revised.

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

- addition of requirements for congestive heart failure devices;
- introduction of nomenclature for devices having more than two channels of pacing/sensing/defibrillation as shown in ISO 14117:2019, Annex N;
- inclusion of new temporary exposure criteria in [17.1](#) for outer surface temperatures exceeding 39 °C;
- revision of atmospheric pressure test requirements in [Clause 25](#) to align with requirements of ISO 14708-2;
- replacement of detailed requirements in [Clause 27](#) by reference to ISO 14117.

Other changes include updates to selected definitions and incorporation of new measurement equipment accuracy requirements.

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Introduction

This document specifies particular requirements for *implantable cardioverter defibrillators* and the functions of active implantable medical devices intended to treat tachyarrhythmia, to provide basic assurance of safety for both patients and users.

An external defibrillator is a medical device used, in the emergency setting, to deliver a high-energy shock to the heart, by means of *electrodes* applied to the external chest wall, in patients suffering ventricular fibrillation (a rapid, disorganized and potentially lethal heart rhythm abnormality), to restore normal heart action. External defibrillators can also be used, in emergency or elective settings, to terminate other ventricular or atrial tachyarrhythmias by delivery of a high-energy shock, synchronized to the intrinsic cardiac rhythm, a procedure known as *cardioversion*. In patients known to be at risk of such arrhythmias, due to the occurrence of previous episodes or the presence of specific predisposing cardiac conditions, an *implantable cardioverter defibrillator* might be implanted to perform similar functions. The implantable device, which is much smaller than an external defibrillator, is contained within a sealed, encapsulating enclosure. It generates high voltage *pulses* from an enclosed, miniature, electrical battery. The *pulses* are transmitted to the heart by means of implanted, insulated conductors with *electrodes* (leads). The *implantable cardioverter defibrillator* can also incorporate other sensing and pacing functions, such as rate support for bradycardia and *antitachycardia pacing (ATP)* to terminate certain tachyarrhythmias without the need of a high-energy shock. The defibrillator can be adjusted non-invasively by means of an electronic device, known as a programmer.

In recent years, other active implantable cardiovascular devices have emerged, most notably devices that perform the function of improving cardiac output by optimizing ventricular synchrony, in addition to performing *ICD* functions.

Although these devices can deliver an additional therapy with respect to *ICD* devices, most of their requirements are similar so that, in most cases, the concepts that apply to *ICDs* also apply to *CRT-D* devices, and the appropriate way to test a *CRT-D* device is similar to the way *ICDs* are tested.

This document is relevant to all parts of active implantable medical devices intended to treat tachyarrhythmia other than pacing functions to control bradyarrhythmia or provide cardiac resynchronization. Typical examples are *implantable pulse generators*, leads, *adaptors*, *accessories*, programmers and the related software (bradyarrhythmia and cardiac resynchronization pacing functions are dealt with in ISO 14708-2).

The requirements of this document supplement or modify those of ISO 14708-1, *Implants for surgery — Active implantable medical devices — Part 1: General requirements for safety, marking and for information to be provided by the manufacturer*, hereinafter referred to as ISO 14708-1. The requirements of this document take priority over those of ISO 14708-1.

In this document, terms printed in italic letters are used as defined in [Clause 3](#). Where a defined term is used as a qualifier in another term, it is not printed in italic letters unless the concept thus qualified is also defined.

Information is also provided in [Annex A](#) that explains the relationship between ISO/TR 14283, *Implants for surgery — Essential principles of safety and performance*, ISO 14708-1 and this document.

Notes on this document are provided in [Annex B](#) for information.

[Annex C](#) describes a coding system that may be used to designate tachyarrhythmia therapy modes. All annexes are informative.

Implants for surgery — Active implantable medical devices —

Part 6:

Particular requirements for active implantable medical devices intended to treat tachyarrhythmia (including implantable defibrillators)

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements that are applicable to *implantable cardioverter defibrillators* and *CRT-Ds* and the functions of active implantable medical devices intended to treat tachyarrhythmia.

The tests that are specified in ISO 14708 are type tests and are to be carried out on samples of a device to show compliance.

This document was designed for tachyarrhythmia *pulse* generators used with either *endocardial leads* or *epicardial leads*. At the time of this edition, the authors recognized the emergence of technologies that do not use *endocardial* or *epicardial leads* for which adaptations of this part will be required. Such adaptations are left to the discretion of manufacturers incorporating these technologies.

This document is also applicable to some non-implantable parts and *accessories* of the devices (see Note 1).

The characteristics of the *implantable pulse generator* or lead shall be determined by either the appropriate method detailed in this document or by any other method demonstrated to have accuracy equal to, or better than, the method specified. In the case of dispute, the method detailed in this document shall apply.

Any aspect of an active implantable medical device intended to treat bradyarrhythmias or cardiac resynchronization is covered by ISO 14708-2.

NOTE 1 The device that is commonly referred to as an active implantable medical device can in fact be a single device, a combination of devices, or a combination of a device or devices and one or more *accessories*. Not all of these parts are required to be either partially or totally implantable, but there is a need to specify some requirements of non-implantable parts and *accessories* if they could affect the safety or performance of the implantable device.

NOTE 2 In this document, terms printed in italics are used as defined in [Clause 3](#). Where a defined term is used as a qualifier in another term, it is not printed in italics unless the concept thus qualified is also defined.

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 5841-3:2013, *Implants for surgery — Cardiac pacemakers — Part 3: Low-profile connectors (IS-1) for implantable pacemakers*

ISO 11318:2002, *Cardiac defibrillators — Connector assembly DF-1 for implantable defibrillators — Dimensions and test requirements*

ISO 14117:2019, *Active implantable medical devices — Electromagnetic compatibility — EMC test protocols for implantable cardiac pacemakers and implantable cardioverter defibrillators*

ISO 14708-1:2014, *Implants for surgery — Active implantable medical devices — Part 1: General requirements for safety, marking and for information to be provided by the manufacturer*

ISO 14708-2:2019, *Implants for surgery — Active implantable medical devices — Part 2: Cardiac pacemakers*

IEC/TR 60878:2015, *Graphical symbols for electrical equipment in medical practice*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 14708-1 and the following apply.

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 adaptor

special connector used between an otherwise incompatible *implantable pulse generator* and a lead

[SOURCE: ISO 14708-2:2019, 3.2]

3.2 implantable cardioverter defibrillator ICD

active implantable medical device comprising an *implantable pulse generator* and lead(s) that is intended to detect and correct tachycardias and fibrillation by application of *cardioversion/defibrillation pulse(s)* to the heart

3.3 implantable pulse generator IPG

part of the active implantable medical device, including the power supply and electronic circuit that produces an electrical output

Note 1 to entry: For purposes of this document, the term *implantable pulse generator* describes any active implantable medical device that incorporates functions intended to treat tachyarrhythmias.

[SOURCE: ISO 14708-2:2019, 3.4, modified – “active implantable medical device” substituted for “pacemaker”, NOTE 1 to entry added]

3.4 sensitivity

minimum signal required to control consistently the function of the *implantable pulse generator*

[SOURCE: ISO 14708-2:2019, 3.8]

3.5 electrode

electrically conducting part (usually the termination of a lead), which is designed to form an interface with body tissue or body fluid

[SOURCE: ISO 14708-2:2019, 3.9]

3.6 endocardial lead

lead with an *electrode* designed to make contact with the endocardium, or inner surface of the heart

[SOURCE: ISO 14708-2:2019, 3.12]