
**Dentistry — Evaluation of
biocompatibility of medical devices used
in dentistry**

*Art dentaire — Évaluation de la biocompatibilité des dispositifs
médicaux utilisés en art dentaire*



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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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ISO 7405 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 106, *Dentistry*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 7405:1997) which has been technically revised. The following changes have been made:

- a) addition of dentine barrier cytotoxicity test to Annex B;
- b) improved description of test methods;
- c) updated cross-references to ISO 10993 series.

Introduction

This International Standard concerns the evaluation of the biocompatibility of medical devices used in dentistry. It is to be used in conjunction with the ISO 10993 series of standards. This International Standard contains special tests, for which ample experience exists in dentistry and which acknowledge the special needs of dentistry.

Only test methods for which the members of the committee considered there was sufficient published data have been included. In recommending test methods, the need to minimize the use of animals was given a high priority. It is essential that the decision to undertake tests involving animals be reached only after a full and careful review of the evidence indicating that a similar outcome cannot be achieved by other types of test. In order to keep the number of animals required for tests to an absolute minimum, consistent with achieving the objective indicated, it can be appropriate to conduct more than one type of test on the same animal at the same time, e.g. pulp and dentin usage test and pulp capping test. However, in accordance with ISO 10993-2 these tests are performed both in an efficient and humane way. On all occasions when animal testing is undertaken, such tests are conducted empathetically and according to standardized procedures as described for each test.

This International Standard does not explicitly describe test methods for occupationally related risks.

Annexes B and C are included to encourage the development of *in vitro* and *ex vivo* test methods which will further reduce the use of animals in the evaluation of the biocompatibility of medical devices used in dentistry.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies test methods for the evaluation of biological effects of medical devices used in dentistry. It includes testing of pharmacological agents that are an integral part of the device under test.

This International Standard does not cover testing of materials and devices that do not come into direct or indirect contact with the patient's body.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

ISO 6344-1, *Coated abrasives — Grain size analysis — Part 1: Grain size distribution test*

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

ISO 10993-2, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 2: Animal welfare requirements*

ISO 10993-3, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 3: Tests for genotoxicity, carcinogenicity and reproductive toxicity*

ISO 10993-5, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 5: Tests for in vitro cytotoxicity*

ISO 10993-6, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 6: Tests for local effects after implantation*

ISO 10993-10¹⁾, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 10: Tests for irritation and skin sensitization*

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

ISO 10993-12:2007, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 12: Sample preparation and reference materials*

ISO 14971, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

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