
**Clinical investigation of medical devices
for human subjects — Good clinical
practice**

*Investigation clinique des dispositifs médicaux pour sujets humains —
Bonnes pratiques cliniques*



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Foreword

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1 Scope

This International Standard addresses good clinical practice for the design, conduct, recording and reporting of clinical investigations carried out in human subjects to assess the safety or performance of medical devices for regulatory purposes.

The principles set forth in this International Standard also apply to all other clinical investigations and should be followed as far as possible, considering the nature of the clinical investigation and the requirements of national regulations.

This International Standard specifies general requirements intended to

- protect the rights, safety and well-being of human subjects,
- ensure the scientific conduct of the clinical investigation and the credibility of the clinical investigation results,
- define the responsibilities of the sponsor and principal investigator, and
- assist sponsors, investigators, ethics committees, regulatory authorities and other bodies involved in the conformity assessment of medical devices.

It does not apply to *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices.

NOTE Standards developed by ISO/TC 194 are intended to be applied to medical devices. Users of this International Standard will need to consider whether other standards and/or requirements also apply to the investigational device(s) under consideration.

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 14971:2007, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*