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**Cardiovascular implants and artificial  
organs — Blood-gas exchangers  
(oxygenators)**

*Implants cardiovasculaires et organes artificiels — Échangeurs gaz/  
sang extracorporels (oxygénateurs)*

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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 150, *Implants for surgery*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Cardiovascular implants and extracorporeal systems*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 7199:2009), which has been technically revised.

It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 7199:2009/Amd.1:2012.

## Introduction

This document is intended to ensure that devices designed to affect the exchange of gases in support of, or as a substitution for, the normal respiratory function of the lungs have been adequately tested for both their safety and function, and that extracorporeal device characteristics are appropriately disclosed when labelling the device.

This document therefore contains procedures to be used for evaluation of extracorporeal blood-gas exchangers (oxygenators). Type test procedures for determination of the gas transfer, blood cell damage and heat exchanger performance 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 an oxygenator that will suit the needs of the patient.

This document also includes minimum reporting requirements, which will allow the user to compare performance characteristics of oxygenators 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.

No provisions have been made for quantification of microbubble generation or for non-formed elements of bovine blood because there currently is no consensus regarding satisfactorily reproducible test methods.

Requirements for animal and clinical studies have not been included in this document. Such studies may be parts of a manufacturer's quality system.

This document contains only those requirements that are specific to oxygenators. Non-specific requirements are covered by references to other International Standards listed in the normative references clause. 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 — Blood-gas exchangers (oxygenators)

## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for sterile, single-use, extracorporeal blood-gas exchangers (oxygenators) intended for supply of oxygen to, and removal of carbon dioxide from, the blood of humans.

This document also applies to heat exchangers and arterial filters that are integral parts of the oxygenator.

This document also applies to external equipment unique to the use of the oxygenator.

This document does not apply to

- implanted oxygenators,
- liquid oxygenators,
- extracorporeal circuits (blood tubing),
- separate heat exchangers,
- separate ancillary devices, and
- separate arterial line filter.

## 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 interaction 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 15675, *Cardiovascular implants and artificial organs — Cardiopulmonary bypass systems — Arterial blood line filters*

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*

### 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:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

#### 3.1 blood-gas exchanger oxygenator

extracorporeal device designed to supplement, or be a substitute for, the respiratory function of the lungs

#### 3.2 blood pathway

paths of the oxygenator containing blood during intended clinical use

#### 3.3 gas pathway

parts of the oxygenator containing the ventilation gas during intended clinical use

#### 3.4 heat exchanger

component that is intended to control the temperature of the circulating blood or priming solution

#### 3.5 heat exchanger performance factor $R$

ratio of the difference between the temperature of blood at the outlet of the oxygenator and the temperature of blood at the inlet of the oxygenator to the difference between the temperature of the water at the inlet of the heat exchanger and the temperature of blood at the inlet of the oxygenator

#### 3.6 integral arterial filter

component that is intended to filter particles such as blood clots, debris, and gas emboli from the blood

#### 3.7 filtration efficiency

ability of the filter to remove particles from the simulated blood suspension test fluid, expressed as a percentage

#### 3.8 integral part

part that is connected to the oxygenator and cannot normally be separated by the user

#### 3.9 operating variables

settings of controls that affect the function of the device

#### 3.10 platelet reduction

percentage reduction of platelets contained in a circuit incorporating an oxygenator, as a function of time

#### 3.11 plasma-free haemoglobin level

concentration of plasma-free haemoglobin in a circuit incorporating an oxygenator, as a function of time