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**Cardiovascular implants —  
Endovascular devices —**

**Part 1:  
Endovascular prostheses**

*Implants cardiovasculaires — Dispositifs endovasculaires —  
Partie 1: Prothèses endovasculaires*



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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.

The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see [www.iso.org/directives](http://www.iso.org/directives)).

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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 second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 25539-1:2003), which has been technically revised.

It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 25539-1:2003/Amd1:2005.

A list of all the parts of ISO 25539 can be found on the ISO website.

## Introduction

This document was prepared to provide minimum requirements for endovascular prostheses. The normative requirements are provided in the main body. The rationale for the requirements for bench tests and analyses to assess device performance, guidance on the identification of appropriate testing to evaluate a specific device design and guidance for developing test methods are provided in informative annexes. Further clarification of terminology and a cross reference between the main body and these annexes are provided in additional informative annexes.

This document has been updated to reflect current knowledge regarding the testing and clinical use of endovascular prostheses, reflected in modifications to the requirements in the main body and in the guidance for developing test methods in [Annex D](#). In addition, revisions have been made to improve consistency in nomenclature and reporting and to enhance the utility of this document.

This document introduces methodology to identify appropriate testing and analyses for specific endovascular prosthesis, designated as the device evaluation strategy (DES). The requirement regarding the DES is in the main body, with informative guidance for the preparation of a DES table included in [Annex A](#). [Annex A](#) also provides guidance for developing a DES for device design modifications and changes in intended use.

The other significant modifications in the requirements include the addition of non-radial durability testing, with guidance on the selection of appropriate testing, and specific requirements for testing to evaluate patency-related characteristics. Guidance for the development of appropriate tests to meet these requirements is included in [Annex D](#).

The guidance on the development of methods to address the requirement for evaluating fatigue and durability through computational analyses has been modified significantly to include recommendations regarding verification of the solution and validation of the computational model, as well as reporting. The guidance on the model development for simulated use has also been significantly revised to improve the clinical relevance of this testing.

New requirements also include the evaluation of leakage at a seal zone and dislodgement force of endovascular prosthesis from a balloon. Guidance for the development of appropriate tests to meet these requirements is included in [Annex D](#).

The requirement for evaluating the strength of the connection(s) between the graft material and a discrete fixation system(s) has been clarified with respect to the applicability of this requirement, that is, this requirement is only applicable for prostheses with a fixation system that is discrete from any stent(s) intended to provide structural support within the prosthesis [e.g. suprarenal stent that is not continuous with the stent(s) in the prosthesis body].

The specific requirements to evaluate pushability, flexibility, torquability, trackability and deployment accuracy of an endovascular system have been removed and incorporated within the simulated use evaluation requirement to better reflect how these attributes are evaluated. Similarly, the requirement to evaluate tubing tensile strength has been removed and incorporated within the evaluation of tensile bond strength.

The requirement to evaluate stent-free surface area has been removed as this attribute is not relevant for endovascular prostheses, which includes covered stents.

In addition to modifications to specific design evaluation requirements, guidance has been provided regarding the assessment of the acceptability of test results. When the requirement is to quantitatively appraise or analyse a parameter, test results generally may be compared to a quantitative value (i.e. acceptance criteria). For characterization tests, it is appropriate to provide an explanation of the relevance of the results. Additionally, some testing may include comparison to test data or existing data from a previously evaluated device.

For design evaluation, requirements regarding sampling, conditioning of test samples and reporting have been incorporated in the main body. Guidance on these elements of testing and documentation were previously included in [Annex D](#).

The revisions to the titles of the annexes to this document are as follows.

Annex	ISO 25539-1:2003+A1:2005	ISO 25539-1:2017
A	Attributes of endovascular devices — Technical and clinical considerations	Relationship between testing requirements and device attributes and potential failure modes
B	Bench and analytical tests	Description of device and clinical effects of failure
C	Definitions of reportable clinical events	Bench and analytical tests
D	Test methods	Test methods
E	Sample equations as a supplement to the radial fatigue and durability test	There is no Annex E as this information was incorporated in <a href="#">Annex D</a>

It is recognised by this ISO committee that many endovascular systems have been shown to be safe and effective in clinical use. This update is not intended to require additional evaluation of these devices to remain in compliance with this document as the testing would not provide useful information regarding the expected clinical performance of the device. Manufacturers may rely on historical data gathered under the guidance of the previous version of this document. Similarly, for device modifications or changes in intended clinical use, this update is not intended to require additional evaluation of any aspects of the device that are not expected to change clinical performance.





# Cardiovascular implants — Endovascular devices —

## Part 1: Endovascular prostheses

### 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the evaluation of endovascular systems (prostheses and delivery systems) and requirements with respect to nomenclature, design attributes and information supplied by the manufacturer based upon current medical knowledge. Guidance for the development of *in vitro* test methods is included in an informative annex to this document. This document can be considered as a supplement to ISO 14630, which specifies general requirements for the performance of non-active surgical implants.

This document is applicable to endovascular systems used to treat aneurysms, stenoses or other vascular anomalies or pathologies (e.g. dissections, transections) or to create shunts between vessels [e.g. creation of transjugular intrahepatic portosystemic shunting (TIPS)]. Some of the requirements are specific to endovascular treatment of arterial aneurysms or stenoses. Although uses of endovascular systems other than treatment of arterial aneurysms or stenoses (e.g. dissections, transections, shunts) are within the scope of this document, the specific requirements and testing are not described. Similarly, specific prosthesis configurations (e.g. fenestrated, branched) are within the scope, but specific requirements and testing are not described for these devices.

This document is not applicable to vascular occluders, with the exception of contra-lateral iliac artery occluders when used as an integral part of aorto-uni-iliac endovascular prosthesis. Although contra-lateral iliac artery occluders when used as an integral part of aorto-uni-iliac endovascular prosthesis are within the scope of this document, specific requirements and testing are not described for these devices.

Balloons used to achieve adequate apposition of the prosthesis with the vessel wall or overlapping components are within the scope of this document, even if they are not integral to the endovascular system. This document provides requirements beyond the requirements of ISO 10555-4, specific to the use of balloons with endovascular prostheses.

This document is not applicable to procedures and devices used prior to the introduction of the endovascular system, such as balloon angioplasty devices.

The valve component of valved conduits constructed with an endovascular prosthesis component and the combination of the valved component and the endovascular prosthesis component are excluded from the scope of this document. This document can be helpful in identifying the appropriate evaluation of the endovascular prosthesis component of a valved conduit, but specific requirements and testing are not described for these devices.

NOTE 1 Cardiac valved conduits are within the scope of ISO 5840-1.

Pharmacological aspects of drug eluting or drug coated endovascular prostheses are not addressed in this document.

NOTE 2 Vascular device-drug combination products are within the scope of ISO 12417.

This document does not address the requirements for, and the evaluation of, viable tissues and non-viable biologic materials used in the construction of endovascular prostheses.

The requirements for, and the evaluation of, degradation and other time-dependant aspects of absorbable materials used in the construction of endovascular prostheses are not addressed in this document.

NOTE 3 Absorbable materials are within the scope of ISO/TS 17137 and ISO/TR 37137.

## 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 7198:2016, *Cardiovascular implants and extracorporeal systems — Vascular prostheses — Tubular vascular grafts and vascular patches*

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

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 (all parts), *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation*

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

ISO 13485, *Medical devices — Quality management systems — Requirements for regulatory purposes*

ISO 14160, *Sterilization of health care products — Liquid chemical sterilizing agents for single-use medical devices utilizing animal tissues and their derivatives — Requirements for characterization, development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 14630:2012, *Non-active surgical implants — General requirements*

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

ASTM F2503, *Standard Practice for Marking Medical Devices and Other Items for Safety in the Magnetic Resonance Environment*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 7198 and ISO 14630 and the following 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 <https://www.iso.org/obp/>

NOTE Additional descriptions of device and clinical effects of failure are included in [Annex B](#).