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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 23500-4:2019), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- alternatives to classic microbial analytical methods [endotoxin testing using rFC (tp)] have been incorporated;
- further clarifications on the use of concentrates spikes and containers have been added.

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## Introduction

The requirements established in this document will help ensure the effective, safe performance of haemodialysis concentrates and related materials. Haemodialysis concentrates are a mixture of chemicals and water, or chemicals in the form of dry powder or other highly concentrated media, which are delivered to the end user to make dialysis fluid used to perform haemodialysis and related therapies. In this document, the dialysis fluid made by the end user mixing haemodialysis concentrate and water of the quality given in ISO 23500-3 is discussed to help clarify the requirements for manufacturing concentrates. Therefore, it is recommended to refer to ISO 23500-3 along with this document.

This document reflects the conscientious efforts of concerned physicians, clinical engineers, nurses, dialysis technicians and dialysis patients, in consultation with device manufacturers and regulatory agency representatives to develop a standard for performance levels. The term “consensus” as applied to the development of voluntary medical device standards does not imply unanimity of opinion, but rather reflects the compromise necessary in some instances when a variety of interests are merged.

Because the manufacturer of the concentrate does not have control over the final dialysis fluid, any reference to dialysis fluid is for clarification and is not a requirement of the manufacturer. Furthermore, label requirements for dialysis fluid are placed on the labelling of the concentrate, it is the user's responsibility to ensure proper use.

The rationale for the development of this document is given in [Annex A](#).

# Preparation and quality management of fluids for haemodialysis and related therapies —

## Part 4: Concentrates for haemodialysis and related therapies

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the chemical and microbiological requirements for concentrates used for haemodialysis and related therapies and applies to the manufacturer of such concentrates.

This document is applicable to:

- concentrates in both liquid and powder forms;
- additives, also called spikes, which are chemicals that can be added to the concentrate to supplement or increase the concentration of one or more of the existing ions in the concentrate and thus in the final dialysis fluid;
- equipment used to mix acid and bicarbonate powders into concentrate at the user's facility.

This document does not apply to:

- concentrates prepared from pre-packaged salts and water at a dialysis facility for use in that facility;
- pre-packaged and sterile dialysis fluid;
- sorbent dialysis fluid regeneration systems that regenerate and recirculate small volumes of the dialysis fluid;
- equipment to perform patient treatment; this is addressed IEC 60601-2-16.

This document does not cover the dialysis fluid that is used to clinically dialyse patients. Dialysis fluid is covered in ISO 23500-5. The making of dialysis fluid involves the proportioning of concentrate and water at the bedside or in a central dialysis fluid delivery system. Although the label requirements for dialysis fluid are placed on the labelling of the concentrate, it is the user's responsibility to ensure proper use.

### 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 23500-1, *Preparation and quality management of fluids for haemodialysis and related therapies — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 23500-3, *Preparation and quality management of fluids for haemodialysis and related therapies — Part 3: Water for haemodialysis and related therapies*

ISO 23500-5, *Preparation and quality management of fluids for haemodialysis and related therapies — Part 5: Quality of dialysis fluid for haemodialysis and related therapies*

IEC 60601-1, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 23500-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

#### 3.1

##### **bicarbonate dialysis fluid**

dialysis fluid containing physiological or higher concentrations of bicarbonate

Note 1 to entry: Dry sodium bicarbonate, without added sodium chloride, is also used in *concentrate generators* (3.3) to produce a concentrated solution of sodium bicarbonate used by the dialysis machine to make dialysis fluid.

#### 3.2

##### **concentrate mixer**

mixer for the preparation of dialysis concentrate for dialysis fluid at a dialysis facility

#### 3.3

##### **concentrate generator**

system where the concentrate is delivered to the user as a powder in a container, suitable for attachment to the dialysis machine with which it is intended to be used, and then the powder is converted into a concentrated solution by the dialysis machine

Note 1 to entry: The solution produced by the concentrate generator is used by the dialysis machine to make the final dialysis fluid delivered to the dialyser.

### 4 Requirements

#### 4.1 Concentrates

##### 4.1.1 Physical state

###### 4.1.1.1 General

The concentrate for haemodialysis can be supplied in dry or aqueous form. Packaging can be for direct use with a single dialysis machine or for use in systems supplying multiple dialysis machines (bulk use).

###### 4.1.1.2 Liquid solute concentrations

All electrolytes identified on the label shall be present within  $\pm 5\%$  or  $\pm 0,1$  mEq/l (expressed as dialysis fluid concentrations), whichever is greater, of the stated concentration, with the exception of sodium, which shall be present within  $\pm 2,5\%$  of the labelled concentration. If used, glucose shall be present within  $\pm 5\%$  or  $\pm 0,05$  g/l (when measured as properly diluted dialysis fluid), whichever is greater, of the labelled concentration. Where concentrates include non-traditional constituents, such as antioxidants and iron compounds, these constituents shall be present at nominal concentrations with  $\pm 5\%$  tolerances. If alternate, locally approved tolerances are used, the tolerances shall be similarly stated and the rationale for their use documented.

Most concentrates are manufactured with standard traditional chemicals such as sodium chloride, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride, calcium chloride, acetic acid and glucose. New concentrates are available which include additional chemicals or in which certain chemicals have been substituted by others; for example, citric acid has been substituted for acetic acid. Where this occurs, the labelling shall correctly