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**Implants for surgery — Metal  
intramedullary nailing systems —**

**Part 3:  
Connection devices and reamer diameter  
measurements**

*Implants chirurgicaux — Systèmes d'enclouage intramédullaire en  
métal —*

*Partie 3: Dispositifs de connexion et mesurage du diamètre des alésoirs*



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## Foreword

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ISO 15142 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Implants for surgery — Metal intramedullary nailing systems*:

- *Part 1: Intramedullary nails*
- *Part 2: Locking components*
- *Part 3: Connection devices and reamer diameter measurements*

## Introduction

Intramedullary nailing is a method of fixation for temporary stabilization of long bones with reduced strength due to fractures or disease or both. Medical and engineering considerations influence the design of the different devices and the choice of a device for a particular clinical situation.

Nails are often, but not always, removed when they have completed their intended purpose of temporary stabilization.

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# Implants for surgery — Metal intramedullary nailing systems —

## Part 3: Connection devices and reamer diameter measurements

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 15142 specifies metallic medical devices used for the temporary intramedullary stabilization of long bones by surgical implantation, classifying and giving other requirements and dimensions for the devices used to insert, remove or both insert and remove intramedullary nails. It also provides a means of measuring reamer diameter. It is applicable to all metal intramedullary fixation devices used for temporary fixation of long bones in the human body, except drive connections for locking elements.

### 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 8319 (all parts), *Orthopaedic instruments — Drive connections*

ISO 15142-2, *Implants for surgery — Metal intramedullary nailing systems — Part 2: Locking components*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 3.1

##### **connection element**

integral part of the nail intended to connect the nail to the locking component or insertion/removal device

EXAMPLE Hole, window, bore, slot or thread.

[ISO 15142-1:2003, 3.5]

#### 3.2

##### **insertion/removal device**

device external to the nail which connects temporarily to the nail through the nail's connection element(s) in order to assist the insertion and/or removal of the nail

EXAMPLE Driving handle, drill guide, extractor bolt or hook.

[ISO 15142-1:2003, 3.10]

### 4 Classification and designation

Insertion/removal devices shall be classified as either those containing

- a) hooks, or
- b) parallel external threads.