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Standard Specification for Articulating Total Wrist Implants¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification describes total wrist implants, including solid ceramic implants, used to provide functioning articulation by employing radial and carpal components.

1.2 This specification excludes those implants with ceramic-coated or porous-coated surfaces, one-piece elastomeric implants (with or without grommets), and those devices used for custom applications.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

F67 Specification for Unalloyed Titanium, for Surgical Implant Applications (UNS R50250, UNS R50400, UNS R50550, UNS R50700)

F75 Specification for Cobalt-28 Chromium-6 Molybdenum Alloy Castings and Casting Alloy for Surgical Implants (UNS R30075)

F86 Practice for Surface Preparation and Marking of Metallic Surgical Implants

F90 Specification for Wrought Cobalt-20Chromium-15Tungsten-10Nickel Alloy for Surgical Implant Applications (UNS R30605)

F136 Specification for Wrought Titanium-6Aluminum-4Vanadium ELI (Extra Low Interstitial) Alloy for Surgical Implant Applications (UNS R56401)

F562 Specification for Wrought 35Cobalt-35Nickel-20Chromium-10Molybdenum Alloy for Surgical Implant Applications (UNS R30035)

F563 Specification for Wrought Cobalt-20Nickel-20Chromium-3.5Molybdenum-3.5Tungsten-5Iron Alloy for Surgical Implant Applications (UNS R30563) (Withdrawn 2005)³

F601 Practice for Fluorescent Penetrant Inspection of Metallic Surgical Implants

F603 Specification for High-Purity Dense Aluminum Oxide for Medical Application

F629 Practice for Radiography of Cast Metallic Surgical Implants

F648 Specification for Ultra-High-Molecular-Weight Polyethylene Powder and Fabricated Form for Surgical Implants

F746 Test Method for Pitting or Crevice Corrosion of Metallic Surgical Implant Materials

F748 Practice for Selecting Generic Biological Test Methods for Materials and Devices

F799 Specification for Cobalt-28 Chromium-6 Molybdenum Alloy Forgings for Surgical Implants (UNS R31537, R31538, R31539)

F981 Practice for Assessment of Compatibility of Biomaterials for Surgical Implants with Respect to Effect of Materials on Muscle and Insertion into Bone

F983 Practice for Permanent Marking of Orthopaedic Implant Components

F1108 Specification for Titanium-6Aluminum-4Vanadium Alloy Castings for Surgical Implants (UNS R56406)

F1537 Specification for Wrought Cobalt-28Chromium-6Molybdenum Alloys for Surgical Implants (UNS R31537, UNS R31538, and UNS R31539)

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ The last approved version of this historical standard is referenced on www.astm.org.

2.2 *ANSI/ASME Standard:*

ANSI/ASME B46.1 Surface Texture (Surface Roughness, Waviness, and Lay)⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *carpal component*—articulating member inserted into or through the carpal bones.

3.1.2 *radial component*—articulating member inserted into the radius for articulation with the carpal component.

3.1.3 *total wrist replacement*—prosthetic parts substituted for the native opposing radial and carpal articulating surfaces.

4. Classification

4.1 *Constrained*—A constrained joint prosthesis is used for joint replacement and prevents dislocation of the prosthesis in more than one anatomical plane and consists of either a single, flexible, across-the-joint component, or more than one component linked together or affixed.

4.2 *Partially Constrained*—A semi-constrained joint prosthesis is used for partial or total joint replacement and limits translation and rotation of the prosthesis in one or more planes via the geometry of its articulating surfaces. It has no across-the-joint linkages.

4.3 *Unconstrained*—An unconstrained joint prosthesis is used for partial or total joint replacement and restricts minimally prosthesis movement in one or more planes. Its components have no across-the-joint linkages.

5. Materials and Manufacture

5.1 Proper material selection is necessary, but insufficient to ensure suitable functioning of a device.

5.2 All metal implant components shall conform to one of the following specifications for implant materials: ASTM Specification **F67**, **F75**, **F90**, **F136**, **F562**, **F563** (nonbearing use only), **F799**, **F1108**, or **F1537**.

5.3 All polymeric components shall conform to Specification **F648** for implant materials.

5.4 All solid ceramic components shall conform to Specification **F603** for implant materials.

5.5 *Biocompatibility*—Materials with limited or no history of successful use for orthopedic implant application shall be determined to exhibit acceptable biological responses equal to or better than one of the materials listed in 5.2 when tested in accordance with Practices **F748** and **F981**.

5.6 When required for metallic implants, fluorescent penetrant inspection shall be performed in accordance with Practice **F601**.

5.7 When required for cast metallic implants, radiography shall be performed in accordance with Practice **F629**.

5.8 *Corrosion Resistance*—Materials with limited or no history of successful use for orthopedic implant application

shall be determined to exhibit corrosion resistance equal to or better than one of the materials listed in 5.2 when tested in accordance with Test Method **F746**.

6. Performance Requirements

6.1 *Polymeric Creep (Cold Flow)*—Ultra-high-molecular-weight-polyethylene in implant form shall conform to the requirements detailed in Specification **F648**. When creep occurs, it must not impair the function or stability of the interface.

6.2 *Wear of Alternative Materials*—It is important to understand the wear performance for articulating surfaces. Any new or different material couple should not exceed the wear rates of the following material couple when tested under physiological conditions. The current wear couple is CoCrMo alloy (Specification **F75**) against ultra-high-molecular-weight-polyethylene. This is an industry wide referenced wear couple and is considered by some to be the minimum. It has been proven to provide clinically acceptable results.

NOTE 1—In situations where the pin-on-flat test may not be considered appropriate, other test methods may be considered.

6.3 *Range of Motion of the Device Before Implantation*—The implant shall be evaluated to determine the maximum dorsiflexion, palmar flexion, radial deviation, and ulnar deviation possible before subluxation occurs or the motion is arrested by the implant. These results shall be reported in the product labeling.

6.4 *Guidelines for In-Vitro Laboratory Testing*—No ASTM standards for testing articulating wrist implants have been developed. Laboratory testing that simulates the conditions of use is desirable to compare materials and designs and to provide an indication of clinical performance. Implant testing shall be done in keeping with the implant's intended function, that is, implants intended to partially stabilize or stabilize a joint shall be subjected to the maximum destabilizing force anticipated in clinical application during flexural testing.

7. Dimensions

7.1 Dimensions of wrist joint replacement components should be designated as in **Figs. 1 and 2**.

8. Finish and Marking

8.1 Items conforming to this specification shall be finished and marked in accordance with Practice **F86** where applicable.

8.2 *Articulating Surface Finishes:*

8.2.1 *Metallic Bearing Surface*—The main bearing surface shall have a surface finish no rougher than 0.10 μm roughness average, R_a , with a cutoff length of 0.25 mm, when measured in accordance with the principles given in ANSI/ASME B46.1–1995.

8.2.2 *Polymeric Bearing Surface (if used)*—The main bearing surface shall have a surface finish no rougher than 2 μm roughness, R_a , with a cut-off length of 0.8 mm, when measured in accordance with the principles given in ANSI/ASME B46.1–1995.

8.3 Items conforming to this specification shall be marked in accordance with Practices **F86** and **F983**. Radial and carpal

⁴ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.