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endoscopes and endotherapy devices —  
Part 6:  
Vocabulary**

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- Part 1: *General requirements*
- Part 2: *Particular requirements for rigid bronchoscopes*
- Part 3: *Determination of field of view and direction of view of endoscopes with optics*
- Part 4: *Determination of maximum width of insertion portion*
- Part 5: *Determination of optical resolution of rigid endoscopes with optics*
- Part 6: *Vocabulary*

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# Optics and photonics — Medical endoscopes and endotherapy devices —

## Part 6: Vocabulary

### Scope

This part of ISO 8600 defines terms for endoscopes and endotherapy devices commonly used in the endoscopic area.

### 1 Types of endoscopes

#### 1.1

##### **endoscope**

medical instrument having viewing means, with or without optics, introduced into a body cavity through a natural or surgically-created body opening for examination, diagnosis or therapy

NOTE 1 Endoscopes may be of rigid or flexible type; all types may have different image pick-up systems (e.g. via lenses or ultrasonic sensors) and different image-transmitting systems (e.g. optical, via lenses or fibre bundles, or electrical).

NOTE 2 IEC 60601-2-18 deals with electrical safety aspects of endoscopic systems and therefore the endoscope is regarded as an applied part of medical electrical equipment introduced into a patient. In IEC 60601-2-18:1996, the endoscope is defined as the “applied part of medical electrical equipment introduced into a patient to provide an internal view or image for examination, diagnosis and/or therapy”.

#### 1.2

##### **fiberscope**

**endoscope** (1.1) in which the image is transmitted via a fibre bundle

#### 1.3

##### **rigid endoscope [endotherapy device]**

**endoscope** (1.1) [**endotherapy device** (4.1)] whose insertion portion is intended to be unyielding to natural or surgically-created body cavities or instrument channels

#### 1.4

##### **flexible endoscope [endotherapy device]**

**endoscope** (1.1) [**endotherapy device** (4.1)] whose insertion portion is intended to conform to natural or surgically-created body cavities or instrument channels

#### 1.5

##### **video endoscope**

**endoscope** (1.1) in which the image is transmitted by a solid state imaging device

#### 1.6

##### **ultrasonic endoscope**

ultrasound endoscope

**endoscope** (1.1) with an electro-acoustical image pick-up system

1.7

**telescope**

rigid optical device for endoscopic imaging

1.8

**rigid bronchoscope**

open straight tube-type **rigid endoscope** (1.3) fitted with a means of illumination through the distal end and intended to be introduced into the tracheobronchial airway, having an internal lumen sufficiently large to permit free respiration of the patient

[ISO 8600-2:2002]

1.9

**rigid ventilation bronchoscope**

**rigid bronchoscope** (1.8) fitted with a removable end-cap at the proximal end of the open straight tube and having an internal lumen sufficiently large to permit ventilation of the patient through an integral ventilation connector

[ISO 8600-2:2002]

1.10

**rigid jet-ventilation bronchoscope**

**rigid bronchoscope** (1.8) provided with a jet-injector

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**2 Optical specifications**

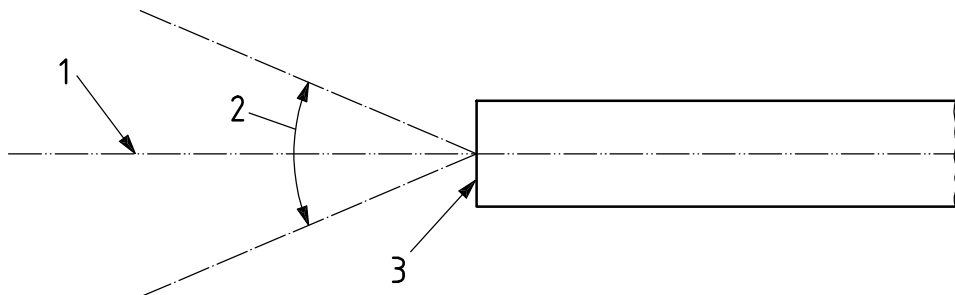
2.1

**field of view**

size of the object field viewed through an optical **endoscope** (1.1), expressed as the vertex angle (in degrees) of the cone whose vertex is at the distal window surface of the endoscope

See Figure 1.

NOTE The field of view is not appropriate when the endoscope is intended to be in contact with the object.



**Key**

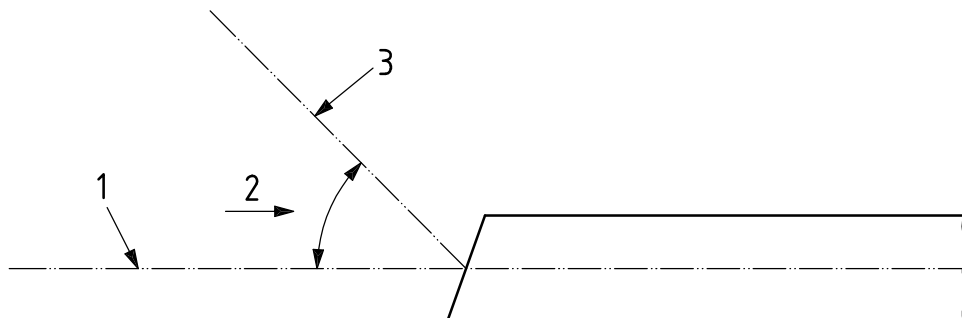
- 1 central axis of field of view
- 2 field of view
- 3 distal window surface of endoscope

**Figure 1 — Field of view**

**2.2****direction of view**

location of the centre of the object field relative to the normal axis of the **endoscope** (1.1), expressed as the angle (in degrees) between the normal axis of the endoscope ( $0^\circ$ ) and the central axis of the **field of view** (2.1)

See Figure 2.

**Key**

- 1 endoscope normal axis
- 2 direction of view
- 3 central axis of field of view

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 Figure 2 — Direction of view  
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**2.3****forward-viewing**

type of **endoscope** (1.1) having a  $0^\circ$  **direction of view** (2.2)

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NOTE The term “end viewing” is used in IEC 60601-2-18.

**2.4****forward oblique viewing**

fore-oblique

side-viewing with  $\theta^\circ$  forward view

type of **endoscope** (1.1) having a **direction of view** (2.2) larger than  $0^\circ$  and less than  $90^\circ$

**2.5****side-viewing**

type of an **endoscope** (1.1) having a  $90^\circ$  **direction of view** (2.2)

**2.6****retro-viewing**

backward side-viewing

side-viewing with  $\theta^\circ$  retro-view

type of **endoscope** (1.1) having a **direction of view** (2.2) larger than  $90^\circ$

### 3 Portions of endoscopes

#### 3.1

##### French

$F_r$   
Charrière

measure of the size of certain circular or non-circular cross-section **endoscopes** (1.1) defined as:

$$F_r = 3u/\pi$$

where  $u$  is the perimeter of the cross-section, expressed in millimetres

#### 3.2

##### **distal**, adj

any location of that portion of an **endoscope** (1.1) or **endotherapy device** (4.1) which is farther from the user than some referenced point

#### 3.3

##### **proximal**, adj

any location of that portion of an **endoscope** (1.1) or **endotherapy device** (4.1) which is closer to user than some referenced point

#### 3.4

##### **instrument channel**

portion of an **endoscope** (1.1) or **endotherapy device** (4.1) through which an endoscope or an endotherapy device is intended to pass

#### 3.5

##### **insertion portion**

insertion tube

that portion of an **endoscope** (1.1) or **endotherapy device** (4.1) which is intended to be inserted into a natural or surgically-created body opening or which is intended to be inserted into the **instrument channel** (3.4) of an endoscope or endotherapy device

NOTE ISO 8600-1:— only defines “insertion portion”.

#### 3.6

##### **maximum insertion portion width**

maximum external width of an **endoscope** (1.1) or **endotherapy device** (4.1) throughout the length of the **insertion portion** (3.5)

#### 3.7

##### **minimum instrument channel width**

minimum internal width of an **instrument channel** (3.4)

#### 3.8

##### **working length**

maximum length of the **insertion portion** (3.5)

#### 3.9

##### **controllable portion**

that part of the **insertion portion** (3.5) of an **endoscope** (1.1) or **endotherapy device** (4.1) whose motion is intended to be remotely controlled by the user

#### 3.10

##### **air/water nozzle**

air/water feed nozzle

nozzle

that part of the **distal** (3.2) end for feeding air or water



**3.11****angulation range**

bending capability

tip deflection

bending range

angle (in degrees) between the normal axis of the **endoscope** (1.1) ( $0^\circ$ ) and the central axis of the deflected **distal** (3.2) end

**3.12****flexible portion**

flexible section

that part of the **insertion portion** (3.5) of a **flexible endoscope** (1.4) excluding the **distal** (3.2) end and bending section

**3.13****light guide cord**

light guide (or umbilical) cable

light guide flexible section

that part of an **endoscope** (1.1) which connects to a light source for transmitting illumination

**3.14****eyepiece**

that part of an **endoscope** (1.1) located at its **proximal** (3.3) end through which an image can be observed or to which a photographic or video camera can be attached

**3.15****end-cap**

removable fitting at the **proximal** (3.3) end of a **rigid ventilation bronchoscope** (1.9) to seal its lumen

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**3.16****working element**

handle

element which secures an **endotherapy device** (4.1) and connects it to a **sheath** (4.2) which, when operated, moves the device backwards and forwards

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**3.17****bridge**

element which connects a **telescope** (1.7) to a **sheath** (4.2)

**3.18****ventilation connector****breathing system connector**

integral part of a **rigid ventilation bronchoscope** (1.9) that permits connection to a breathing system of an anaesthetic or breathing machine

[ISO 8600-2:2002]

**3.19****jet-injector**

narrow-lumen tubular device utilizing compressed gases (often using the Venturi principle) to provide intermittent positive gas pressure to the lungs of a patient

[ISO 8600-2:2002]

**3.20****jet ventilation**

providing inflation of the lungs by intermittent release of compressed gases by means of a jet-injector within or towards the trachea and/or bronchi of a patient