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**Optics and photonics — Medical  
endoscopes and endotherapy devices —  
Part 1:  
General requirements**

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# Optics and photonics — Medical endoscopes and endotherapy devices —

## Part 1: General requirements

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 8600 defines terms and gives requirements for endoscopes and endotherapy devices used in the practice of medicine.

### 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 8600-3, *Optics and optical instruments — Medical endoscopes and endoscopic accessories — Part 3: Determination of field of view and direction of view of endoscopes with optics*

ISO 8600-4, *Optics and optical instruments — Medical endoscopes and endoscopic accessories — Part 4: Determination of maximum width of insertion portion*

ISO 10993-1, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing*

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

IEC 60601-2-18, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 2: Particular requirements for the safety of endoscopic equipment*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1 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 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).

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**3.2  
endotherapy device**

medical device intended to be inserted into a natural or surgically-created body opening during endoscopic procedures, whether through the same or a different orifice from the endoscope for examination, diagnosis or therapy

NOTE Endotherapy devices include the instrument through which an endoscope or endotherapy device is inserted, such as a guide tube, trocar tube or sliding tube, etc. Endotherapy devices include the devices to be inserted through the openings other than the opening for an endoscope, to ensure the safety of the devices for the intended use under the endoscopic view.

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**3.3  
rigid endoscope [endotherapy device]**

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

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**3.4  
flexible endoscope [endotherapy device]**

endoscope [endotherapy device] whose insertion portion is intended to conform to natural or surgically created body cavities or instrument channels

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**3.5  
French**

$F_r$

Charrière

measure of the size of certain circular or non-circular cross-section endoscopes defined as:

$$F_r = 3u/\pi$$

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

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**3.6  
distal (adj.)**

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

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**3.7  
proximal (adj)**

any location of that portion of an endoscope or endotherapy device which is closer to the user than some referenced point

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**3.8  
instrument channel**

portion of an endoscope or endotherapy device through which an endoscope or an endotherapy device is intended to pass

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**3.9****insertion portion**

that portion of an endoscope or endotherapy device 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 of an endoscope or endotherapy device

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**3.10****maximum insertion portion width**

maximum external width of an endoscope or endotherapy device throughout the length of the insertion portion

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**3.11****minimum instrument channel width**

minimum internal width of an instrument channel

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**3.12****working length**

maximum length of the insertion portion

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**3.13****field of view**

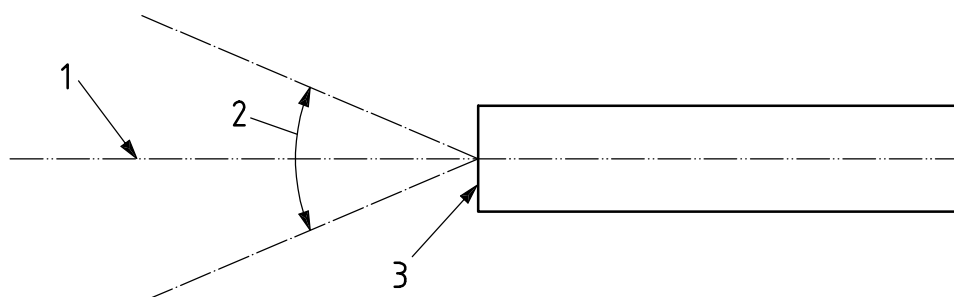
size of the object field viewed through an optical endoscope, expressed as the vertex angle (in degrees) of the cone whose vertex is at the distal window surface of the endoscope

See Figure 1.

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

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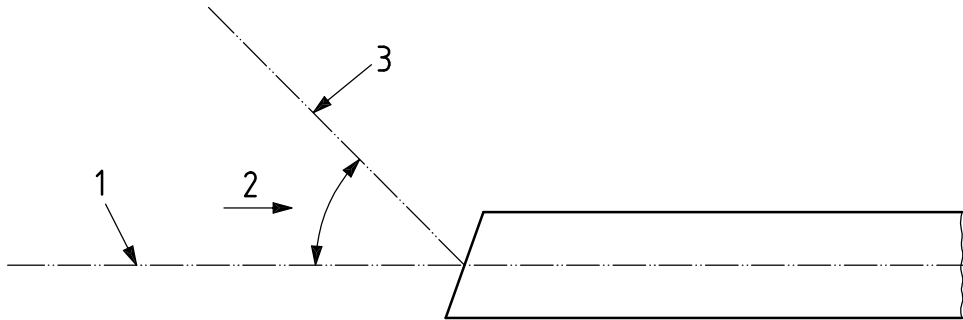
- 1 central axis of field of view
- 2 field of view
- 3 distal window surface of endoscope

**Figure 1 — Field of view**

**3.14**  
**direction of view**

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

See Figure 2.



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

**Figure 2 — Direction of view**  
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**3.15**  
**controllable portion**

that part of the insertion portion of an endoscope or endotherapy device whose motion is intended to be remotely controlled by the user

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**4 Requirements**

**4.1 General**

Design and construction of endoscopes and endotherapy devices shall comply with the requirements specified in 4.2 to 4.9, considering the present state of the art.

**4.2 Surface and edges**

Endoscopes and endotherapy devices shall be designed in such a way that their intended use will not lead to any unintentional injuries.

The surfaces of all instruments shall be free of pores, cracks, and remainders of tooling agents.

**4.3 Maximum insertion portion width**

The maximum insertion portion width shall not be larger than that stated in the instruction manual provided by the manufacturer [see 7 d) 3)].



#### 4.4 Minimum instrument channel width

The minimum instrument channel width shall not be smaller than that stated in the instruction manual provided by the manufacturer [see 7 d) 8)].

#### 4.5 Field of view

If not otherwise specified by the manufacturer, the deviation of the field of view of an endoscope with optics from the nominal value stated by the manufacturer shall not be greater than 15 %. In catalogues, manuals, etc., the declaration of the field of view is not imperative.

#### 4.6 Direction of view

If not otherwise specified by the manufacturer, the deviation of the direction of view of a rigid endoscope with optics from the nominal value stated by the manufacturer shall not be greater than 10°.

#### 4.7 Safety

Endoscopes and endotherapy devices shall conform to IEC 60601-2-18.

#### 4.8 Biological compatibility

Materials used for the outer surface of the insertion portion shall be evaluated for biological compatibility in accordance with ISO 10993-1.

#### 4.9 Connectors

The manufacturer of endoscopes and endotherapy devices shall carry out a risk management procedure in accordance with ISO 14971 to consider the probability of misconnection of medical devices intended for connection to endoscopes or endotherapy devices to non-endoscopic patient connections (e.g. intravenous applications).

The purpose of the risk management procedure is to assess both the physical possibility of a misconnection of such medical devices to non-endoscopic patient connections, particularly to Luer connectors in accordance with ISO 594-1 and ISO 594-2, and the probability of occurrence of such a misconnection, together with the potential severity of harm for the patient. Where relevant standards exist for connectors that match the intended use of the endoscope, endotherapy device or medical device intended for connection to endoscopes or endotherapy devices, these should be used unless contra-indicated by the risk management procedure.

Guidelines on the application of risk management to endoscopic system connectors are given in Annex A for information.

### 5 Testing

#### 5.1 General

All tests described in this document are type tests.

#### 5.2 Surface and edges

The compliance of an instrument with the requirements of 4.2 shall be judged visually and subjectively, without magnifying aids and with sufficient illumination.