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extracorporeal systems —
Cardiopulmonary bypass systems —
Venous bubble traps**

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Foreword

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Introduction

This document is intended to ensure that devices designed to remove air entering the venous line during surgical procedures requiring extracorporeal circulatory support have been adequately tested for both their safety and function, and that extracorporeal device characteristics are appropriately disclosed when labeling the device.

This document therefore contains procedures to be used for evaluation of extracorporeal venous bubble traps. Test procedures for determination of the air removal efficiency, blood cell damage and other performance characteristics are described, although limits for these characteristics are not specified. Ready identification of the performance characteristics should, however, assist the user in the selection of a venous bubble trap that will suit the needs of the patient.

This document also includes minimum reporting requirements, which will allow the user to compare performance characteristics of venous bubble traps of different designs in a standard way.

This document makes reference to other International Standards in which methods for determination of characteristics common to medical devices can be found.

Requirements for animal and clinical studies have not been included in this document.

Such studies may be part of a manufacturer's quality system.

This document contains only those requirements that are specific to venous bubble traps. Nonspecific requirements are covered by references to other International Standards listed in the normative references section.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for sterile, single-use, venous bubble traps intended to remove air entering the venous line during surgical procedures requiring extracorporeal circulatory support, which may include cardiopulmonary bypass (CPB), extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), or venovenous bypass for liver transplantation.

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 594-2, *Conical fittings with 6 % (Luer) taper for syringes, needles and certain other medical equipment — Part 2: Lock fittings*

ISO 10993-1, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 10993-4, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 4: Selection of tests for interaction with blood*

ISO 10993-7, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 7: Ethylene oxide sterilization residuals*

ISO 10993-11, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 11: Tests for systemic toxicity*

ISO 11135-1, *Sterilization of health care products — Ethylene oxide — Part 1: Requirements for development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 11137-1, *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation — Part 1: Requirements for development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 11607-1, *Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices — Part 1: Requirements for materials, sterile barrier systems and packaging systems*

ISO 11607-2, *Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices — Part 2: Validation requirements for forming, sealing and assembly processes*

ISO 14937, *Sterilization of health care products — General requirements for characterization of a sterilizing agent and the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 17665-1, *Sterilization of health care products — Moist heat — Part 1: Requirements for the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses.

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

3.1

venous bubble trap

device for removing air from the venous line of an extracorporeal circuit

3.2

blood pathway

blood-contacting surfaces of the venous bubble trap during its intended clinical use

3.3

blood cell damage

loss or destruction of cellular components of the blood

3.4

platelet reduction

percentage reduction of platelets contained in a circuit incorporating a venous bubble trap, as a function of time

3.5

plasma-free hemoglobin level

difference between the concentration of plasma-free hemoglobin in a circuit incorporating a venous bubble trap, as a function of time

3.5.1

normalized index of hemolysis

NIH

grams of plasma-free hemoglobin released after pumping 100 L of blood

$$NIH \{g / 100 L\} = \Delta fHb \times V \times \frac{100 - Hct}{100} \times \frac{100}{Q \times T}$$

where

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ΔfHb is the increase of plasma free hemoglobin concentration (g/L) over the sampling time interval;

V is the circuit volume (L);

Q is the flow rate (L/min);

Hct is the hematocrit (%);

T is the sampling time interval (min)

3.6

white blood cell reduction

percentage reduction of white blood cells contained in a circuit incorporating a venous bubble trap, as a function of time

3.7

air removal efficiency

ability of the venous bubble trap to remove air from the blood, expressed as a percentage

3.8

blood analogue

test solution which simulates blood viscosity between $2,0 \times 10^{-3}$ Pa·s (2,0 cP), to $3,5 \times 10^{-3}$ Pa·s (3,5 cP)

3.9

predicate venous bubble trap

similar venous bubble trap to the test venous bubble trap that has previously been approved and used for the same intended clinical use

4 Requirements

4.1 Biological characteristics

4.1.1 Sterility and non-pyrogenicity

The blood pathway shall be sterile and non-pyrogenic. Compliance shall be verified in accordance with [5.2.1](#).

4.1.2 Biocompatibility

The parts of the blood pathway shall be biocompatible with respect to their intended use. Compliance shall be verified in accordance with [5.2.2](#).

4.2 Physical characteristics

4.2.1 Blood pathway integrity

When tested in accordance with [5.3.1](#), the blood pathway shall not leak.

4.2.2 Prime volume

The volume of the blood pathway shall be within the tolerances specified by the manufacturer (see [6.3](#)).

4.2.3 Connectors

Connectors for connection to the blood pathway shall, when tested in accordance with [5.3.3](#), allow a secure connection.

NOTE 1 Connectors of a type that allows connection of tubes with an inside diameter of 4,8 mm, 6,3 mm, 9,5 mm or 12,7 mm, or a type that complies with ISO 8637:2010, Figure 1, or a type that complies with ISO 594-2, have been found satisfactory.

Connection for accessory ports shall meet the requirements of ISO 594-2.

NOTE 2 Connectors corresponding to ISO 8637:2010, Figure 3, are considered as one way to comply with this requirement.

4.3 Performance characteristics

4.3.1 Blood cell damage

When determined in accordance with [5.4.1](#), the percentage change (positive or negative) of plasma-free hemoglobin, platelets, and white blood cells, shall be within the range of values specified by the manufacturer.

The hemolysis results shall be reported as mg/dL and NIH.

4.3.2 Air removal efficiency

When tested in accordance with [5.4.2](#), the air removal efficiency shall be as expressed as a percentage. The manufacturer should specify the air challenge conditions. The test methodology should account for and measure gaseous microemboli for size and number and a second measurement of gross air volume.

4.3.3 Flow rate capacity

When tested in accordance with [5.4.3](#), the test results shall demonstrate the flow rate and pressure limitation(s), as specified by the manufacturer.