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## Introduction

This document is intended to protect PATIENTS connected to MEDICAL DEVICES from excessive amounts of VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS (VOCs) that arise from within the GAS PATHWAYS of those MEDICAL DEVICES. This document represents the application of the best-known science by addressing the RISKS from potentially hazardous VOCs being conveyed to the PATIENT by the gas stream.

This document is intended to cover the biological evaluation of GAS PATHWAYS of MEDICAL DEVICES within a RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS, as part of the overall MEDICAL DEVICE evaluation and development. This approach combines the review and evaluation of existing data from all sources with, where necessary, the selection and application of additional tests.

In general, the ISO 10993 series<sup>[1]</sup> is intended to cover the biological evaluation of MEDICAL DEVICES. However, the ISO 10993 series does not appropriately address the biological evaluation of the GAS PATHWAYS of MEDICAL DEVICES. For example, the ISO 10993 tests do not detect VOCs.

It is not within the scope of this document to address contamination arising from the source of the breathing gases entering such MEDICAL DEVICES, but rather only address the potential contamination generated from within the MEDICAL DEVICE itself. This contamination might be from the original manufacturing PROCESS or generated by the MEDICAL DEVICE itself during use.

This document is concerned with VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS that could be conveyed to the PATIENT by the breathing gases. VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS can have health effects ranging from unpleasant odour and irritation of the mucous membranes to possible long-term effects on the nervous system. It is accepted that there is no point in setting levels that are lower than those found in air that people might breathe every day.

The tests for the presence of VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS generated by respiratory MEDICAL DEVICES are based on advanced laboratory practice and require specialist training and equipment to generate meaningful results.

The methods to determine the acceptable levels of contamination are contained in ISO 18562-1.

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