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38 Foreword

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58 Trade Organization (WTO) principles in the Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) see
59 www.iso.org/iso/foreword.html.

60 This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 210, *Quality management and*
61 *corresponding general aspects for medical devices*, in collaboration with IEC/TC 62, *Electrical equipment*
62 *in medical practice*, Subcommittee SC D, *Electromedical equipment* and CEN/CENELEC TC 3/WG 2, *Small-*
63 *bore connectors*.

64 This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 80369-1:2018), which has been
65 technically revised.

66 The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- 67 — the normative references have been updated;
- 68 — reformatted according to most recent Central Secretariat editing rules;
- 69 — added respiratory *applications*; and
- 70 — extended the use of the ISO 80369-7 *connector* to *medical devices* and *accessories* beyond
71 intravascular and hypodermic *applications* where the *risk* is acceptable.

72 A list of all parts in the ISO and IEC 80369 series can be found on the ISO and IEC websites.

73 Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A
74 complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

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75 **Introduction**

76 In the 1990s, concern grew regarding the proliferation of *medical devices* fitted with *Luer connectors* as
 77 specified in ISO 594 series and the reports of *patient* death or injury arising from *unintended connections*
 78 that resulted in the inappropriate delivery of fluids and gases via incorrect routes. In addition to clinical
 79 and workplace protocols and warnings, attention was turned to engineering solutions to reduce the
 80 probability of wrong route administration of liquids and gases.

81 Concerns regarding the use of *Luer connectors* with enteral feeding tubes and gas sampling and gas
 82 delivery systems were raised with CEN/BT and the European Commission. In November 1997, the newly
 83 created CHeF steering group set up a Forum Task Group (FTG) to consider the problem.

84 The FTG produced CEN Report, CR 13825^[7], in which they concluded that there is a problem arising from
 85 the use of a single *connector* design to several different *applications*. In a coronary care unit, there were
 86 as many as 40 *Luer connectors* on the *medical devices* used with a single *patient* until the use of *connectors*
 87 defined in the ISO and IEC 80369 documents started to be established. Therefore, it is not surprising that
 88 *unintended connections* were made.

89 *Medical devices* have, for many years, followed the established principle of “safety under single fault
 90 conditions.” Simply stated, this means that a single fault should not result in an unacceptable *risk*. This
 91 principle is embodied in the requirements of numerous *medical device* standards^[5]. Extending this
 92 principle to the use of *Luer connectors* (i.e., that an *unintended connection* should not result in an
 93 unacceptable *risk* to a *patient*) the FTG recommended that the *Luer connector* should be restricted to
 94 *medical devices* intended to be connected to the vascular system or a hypodermic syringe. In addition, the
 95 FTG recommended that new designs of *small-bore connectors* should be developed for other *applications*,
 96 and these should be *non-interconnectable* with *Luer connectors* and each other.

97 ISO 16142-1:2016 addresses this type of problem in Essential Principle 2 of Table B.1:

98 The solutions adopted by the manufacturer for the design and manufacture of the medical
 99 device should conform to safety principles, taking into account the generally acknowledged
 100 state of the art. When risk reduction is required the manufacturer should control the risks so
 101 that the residual risk associated with each hazard is judged acceptable. The manufacturer
 102 should apply the following principles in the priority order listed:

- 103 a) identify known or foreseeable hazards and estimate the associated risks arising from the
 104 intended use and foreseeable misuse;
- 105 b) eliminate risks as far as reasonably practicable through inherently safe design and
 106 manufacture;
- 107 c) reduce as far as reasonably practicable the remaining risks by taking adequate protection
 108 measures, including alarms, or information for safety;
- 109 d) inform users of any residual risk.

110 It is understood that *small-bore connector* systems cannot be designed to overcome all chances of
 111 *unintended connections* and potential for wrong route administration or to eliminate deliberate misuse.
 112 With these *application-specific connectors* now available, there is a much safer environment for *patients*
 113 and the potential of *unintended connections* is reduced with reduction of the *risk* of wrong route
 114 administration and thus improved *patient* safety. Introduction of *medical devices* and *accessories* utilizing
 115 these *small-bore connectors* is progressing albeit slowly.

116 The *risks* associated with *unintended connections* and subsequent wrong route administration of liquids
 117 and gasses cannot be fully assessed until these *small-bore connectors* are part of a *medical device* or
 118 *accessory*. Therefore, the intended *applications* specified are recommendations. It is expected that
 119 particular *medical device* standards will reference the *connectors* from the relevant parts of the ISO and
 120 IEC 80369 series if considered appropriate.

121 This document contains the general requirements to reduce *connections* between *small-bore connectors*
122 used in different *applications* as well as specifying those *applications*.

123 It specifies the general requirements and *test methods* for assessing the *non-interconnectable*
124 characteristics of *small-bore connectors* within the ISO and IEC 80369 series.

125 The *Luer connector* as originally defined in the withdrawn ISO 594 series has been widely used on many
126 *medical devices* and *accessories* and in a wide range of clinical *applications* for many years. The clinical
127 *applications* that present the highest *risk* to a *patient* from wrong route administration of liquids and
128 gases have been identified and are those included in the *application* parts of the ISO and IEC 80369 series.
129 ISO 80369-7, which replaces the ISO 594 series (i.e., the *Luer connector*), is intended for use with
130 intravascular or hypodermic *applications*.

131 However, there are currently *medical devices* and *accessories* which incorporate a *Luer connector*, but do
132 not fall into any of the *applications* specified by the ISO and IEC 80369 series. There are also some *medical*
133 *devices* and *accessories* within the *applications* of the ISO and IEC 80369 series *applications* that
134 incorporate a *Luer connector*. Those that present no unacceptable *risk* to the *patient* from an *unintended*
135 *connection* to a *medical device* or *accessory* within intravascular or hypodermic *application* are suitable
136 for consideration for the use of the *Luer connector* as specified in ISO 80369-7.

137 ISO 80369-20 specifies the common *test methods* for assessing the basic performance requirements
138 specified in ISO 80369-2 to ISO 80369-7 for *small-bore connectors*.

139 ISO 80369-2 to ISO 80369-7 specify the dimensional requirements for the interfaces of the *connectors*
140 and the specific performance requirements for assessing the interconnectability of the *connector*-mating
141 halves.

142 The designs and dimensions of *small-bore connectors* specified in ISO 80369-2 to ISO 80369-7 have been
143 successfully assessed according to the requirements of this document (i.e. have been proven to be
144 acceptable with regard to the *risk* of *misconnection* with the other *connectors* of this series).

145 In this document, the conjunctive “or” is used as an “inclusive or” so a statement is true if any combination
146 of the conditions is true.

147 In this document the following verbal forms are used:

- 148 — “shall” indicates a requirement;
- 149 — “should” indicates a recommendation;
- 150 — “may” indicates a permission;
- 151 — “can” is used to describe a possibility or capability.

152 Requirements in this document have been decomposed so that each requirement is uniquely delineated.
153 This is done to support automated requirements tracking.

154

Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

NOTE 1 There is guidance or rationale for this Clause contained in Clause A.2.

This document specifies general requirements for *small-bore connectors* that form part of a *medical device* or *accessory* that conveys liquids or gases to a *patient*.

This document also identifies the *applications* for which these *small-bore connectors* are intended to be used, which include, but are not limited to:

- respiratory;
- enteral;
- limb cuff inflation;
- neural;
- intravascular or hypodermic.

This document provides the methodology to assess *non-interconnectable* characteristics of *small-bore connectors* based on their inherent design in order to reduce the *risk of misconnections* between *medical devices* or between *accessories* for different *applications* as specified in this document as well as those that might be developed under future parts of the ISO and IEC 80369 series.

This document specifies the *small-bore connector*-related interface requirements for the *medical devices* and *accessories* that use these *small-bore connectors*.

These interface requirements reduce the *risk* of wrong route administration of liquids or gases between the *medical device* or *accessory* by incorporating these *small-bore connectors* in different *applications*.

NOTE 2 6.1 allows for additional designs of *small-bore connectors* for inclusion in the ISO and IEC 80369 series.

NOTE 3 *Manufacturers* are encouraged to incorporate the *small-bore connectors* specified in the ISO and IEC 80369 series into *medical devices*, medical systems or *accessories*, even if currently not required by the relevant particular *medical device* standards. It is expected that when the relevant particular *medical device* standards are revised, the *risks* associated with changing to the new *small-bore connectors* as specified in the ISO and IEC 80369 series of documents will be considered.

NOTE 4 *Manufacturers* and other entities including those accountable for the use of a *medical device* and the clinical incident monitoring are encouraged to report their experience with the *small-bore connectors* specified in the ISO and IEC 80369 series to the Committee Manager of ISO/TC 210 so that this feedback can be considered during the revision of the relevant part of the ISO and IEC 80369 series.

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 14971:2019, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

191 ISO 20417:2021, *Medical devices — Information to be supplied by the manufacturer*

192 ISO 80369-2:—¹, *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 2:*
193 *Connectors for respiratory applications*

194 ISO 80369-3, *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 3: Connectors*
195 *for enteral applications*

196 IEC 80369-5, *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 5: Connectors*
197 *for limb cuff inflation applications*

198 ISO 80369-6, *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 6: Connectors*
199 *for neural applications*

200 ISO 80369-7, *Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 7: Connectors*
201 *for intravascular or hypodermic applications*

202 IEC 62366-1:2015+AMD1:2020, *Medical devices — Part 1: Application of usability engineering to medical*
203 *devices*

204 3 Terms and definitions

205 For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 14971:2019 and
206 IEC 62366-1:2015+AMD1:2020 and the following apply.

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

208 — ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

209 — IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

210 3.1

211 accessory

212 additional part(s) for use with a *medical device* in order to:

213 — achieve the *intended use*;

214 — adapt it to some special use;

215 — facilitate its use;

216 — enhance its performance; or

217 — enable its functions to be integrated with those of other *medical devices*

218 [SOURCE: IEC 60601-1:2005, 3.3, modified — replaced “equipment” with “a *medical device*”.]

219 3.2

220 application

221 specific healthcare use

222 Note 1 to entry: Annex D lists examples of uses of the *applications* of *small-bore connectors*.

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ISO 80369-1:2023(E)**3.3****connection**

union or joining of two *connectors* (3.4)

3.4**connector**

part of a *medical device*, consisting of one of two mating halves and designed to join a conduit to convey liquids or gases

3.5**contactable surface**

any surface on a *connector* (3.4) that has an interaction potential in which physical contact occurs with any other surface on an opposing *connector*

Note 1 to entry: *Contactable surfaces* may include, but are not limited to, sealing surfaces as intended by design, crest geometry of external or internal threads, faces, shrouds, grips, etc. These are surfaces on a *connector* that can possibly interact with another *connector*.

3.6**information for safety**

information provided to the *user* or responsible organization as a *risk control* measure

EXAMPLE 1 Warnings, precautions or contraindications.

EXAMPLE 2 *Instructions for the use* of a *medical device* or *accessory* to prevent use error or avoid a *hazardous situation*.

EXAMPLE 3 Explanation of a safety feature of a *medical device*.

Note 1 to entry: *Information for safety* may be found in any or all types of information supplied by the *manufacturer*.

Note 2 to entry: *Information for safety* can be located on the display of a *medical device*.

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021, 3.9]

3.7**instructions for use****IFU**

portion of the accompanying information that is essential for the safe and effective use of a *medical device* or *accessory* (3.1) directed to the *user* of the *medical device*

Note 1 to entry: For the purposes of this document, a *user* can be either a lay *user* or professional *user* with relevant specialized training.

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021, 3.11, modified — deleted notes 2 to 5.]

3.8**interference test part**

component that physically represents a *small-bore* (3.15) *connector* (3.4) or *connector* feature

Note 1 to entry: An *interference test part* is used to evaluate whether a *contactable surface* (3.5) can misconnect with the *small-bore connector* being evaluated.

Note 2 to entry: *Contactable surfaces* are identified during the dimensional analysis per B.2.

3.9**least material condition****LMC**

condition in which a feature contains the least amount of material within the stated tolerance

EXAMPLES Maximum hole diameter, minimum shaft diameter.

3.10**Luer connector**

small-bore (3.15) *connector* (3.4) that contains a conical mating surface with a 6 % (Luer) taper intended for use in intravascular or hypodermic *applications* (3.2) of *medical devices* and related *accessories* (3.1)

Note 1 to entry: A *Luer connector* can be either a *Luer slip connector* or a *Luer lock connector*.

[SOURCE: ISO 80369-7:2021, 3.2, modified — deleted note 2.]

3.11**marking**

information, in text or graphical format, durably affixed, printed, etched (or equivalent) to a *medical device* or *accessory* (3.1)

Note 1 to entry: For the purposes of this document, the term *marked* is used to designate the corresponding act.

Note 2 to entry: For the purposes of this document, *marking* is different from 'direct *marking*' as commonly described in unique device identification (UDI) standards and regulations. A UDI 'direct *marking*' is a type of *marking*.

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2021, 3.16, modified — deleted note 3.]

3.12**maximum material condition****MMC**

condition in which a feature contains the maximum amount of material within the stated tolerance

EXAMPLE Minimum hole diameter, maximum shaft diameter.

3.13**misconnection**

connection (3.3) between two *connectors* (3.4) of a different type

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 3.69]

3.14**non-interconnectable**

having characteristics which incorporate geometries or other features that prevent different *connectors* (3.4) from making a *connection* (3.3)

3.15**patient**

person undergoing a medical, surgical or dental *procedure*

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-1:2005+A1:2012, 3.76, modified — replaced "living being (person or animal)" with "person" and deleted the note.]

3.16**small-bore**

inner-fluid pathway of a *connection* (3.3) with a diameter less than 8,5 mm

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302 Note 1 to entry: For the purposes of this document, the 8,5 mm cone and socket of ISO 5356-1 is not considered a
 303 *small-bore connector*

3.17**test method**

306 definitive *procedure* for evaluating *connectors* (3.4) that produces a test result

3.18**unintended connection**

309 *connection* (3.3) between two *connectors* (3.4) of the same type for different use cases

4 Small-bore connector non-interconnectable requirement

311 NOTE 1 There is guidance or rationale for this Clause contained in Clause A.2.

312 *Small-bore connectors* of each *application* category specified in this document shall be *non-*
 313 *interconnectable* with any of the *small-bore connectors* of every other *application* category unless
 314 otherwise indicated within the ISO and IEC 80369 series.

315 Check conformity by confirming that *objective evidence* demonstrates that the acceptability criteria
 316 specified in Annex B are met.

317 The use of a *connector* specified by the ISO and IEC 80369 series is considered as *objective evidence* that
 318 the acceptability criteria specified in Annex B are met.

319 NOTE 2 For the purpose of this document, dimensional conformity and modulus of elasticity conformity with the
 320 requirements of the various *application* parts of the ISO and IEC 80369 series is considered sufficient *objective*
 321 *evidence* of *non-interconnectable* characteristics.

5 Small-bore connectors for clinical applications

323 NOTE 1 There is guidance or rationale for this Clause contained in Clause A.2.

324 NOTE 2 Annex D lists examples of the sort of *medical devices* or *accessories* for which the *small-bore connectors*
 325 within each *application* are intended.

5.1 Small-bore connectors for new clinical applications

327 Designs of *small-bore connectors* other than those specified in 5.2 to 5.6, for inclusion in the ISO and
 328 IEC 80369 series, and used in *medical devices* or *accessories* intended for use with a *patient*, shall meet
 329 the requirements of Annex C.

330 Check conformity by application of Annex C.

5.2 Small-bore connectors for respiratory applications

332 *Small-bore connectors* intended to be used for *connections* in the respiratory *application* shall conform
 333 with:

- 334 a) ISO 80369-2, unless the use of these *connectors* creates an unacceptable *risk* for a specific *medical*
 335 *device* or *accessory*, or
- 336 b) Clause 6.

337 Check conformity by inspection of the documentation demonstrating that the *small-bore connector*
 338 conforms to the requirements of ISO 80369-2 or, in case of alternative *connectors* as per Clause 6, by
 339 applying the performance tests of ISO 80369-2 using appropriate *reference connectors* for the alternative
 340 design.

5.3 *Small-bore connectors for enteral applications*

Small-bore connectors intended to be used for *connections* in the enteral *application* shall conform with:

a) ISO 80369-3, unless the use of these *connectors* creates an unacceptable *risk* for a specific *medical device* or *accessory*, or

b) Clause 6.

Check conformity by inspection of the documentation demonstrating that the *small-bore connector* conforms to the requirements of ISO 80369-3 or, in case of alternative *connectors* as per Clause 6, by applying the performance tests of ISO 80369-3 using appropriate *reference connectors* for the alternative design.

5.4 *Small-bore connectors for limb cuff inflation applications*

Small-bore connectors intended to be used for *connections* in limb cuff inflation *application* shall conform with:

a) IEC 80369-5, unless the use of these *connectors* creates an unacceptable *risk* for a specific *medical device* or *accessory*, or

b) Clause 6.

Check conformity by inspection of the documentation demonstrating that the *small-bore connector* conforms to the requirements of IEC 80369-5 or, in case of alternative *connectors* as per Clause 6, by applying the performance tests of IEC 80369-5 using appropriate *reference connectors* for the alternative design.

5.5 *Small-bore connectors for neural applications*

Small-bore connectors intended to be used for *connections* in neural *application* shall conform with:

a) ISO 80369-6, unless the use of these *connectors* creates an unacceptable *risk* for a specific *medical device* or *accessory*, or

b) Clause 6.

Check conformity by inspection of the documentation demonstrating that the *small-bore connector* conforms to the requirements of ISO 80369-6 or, in case of alternative *connectors* as per Clause 6, by applying the performance tests of ISO 80369-6 using appropriate *reference connectors* for the alternative design.

5.6 *Small-bore connectors for intravascular and hypodermic applications*

Small-bore connectors intended to be used for *connections* in intravascular or hypodermic *applications* shall conform with:

a) ISO 80369-7, unless the use of these *connectors* creates an unacceptable *risk* for a specific *medical device* or *accessory*; or

b) Clause 6.

Check conformity by inspection of the documentation demonstrating that the *small-bore connector* conforms to the requirements of ISO 80369-7 or, in case of alternative *connectors* as per Clause 6, by applying the performance tests acceptance criteria of ISO 80369-7 using appropriate *reference connectors* for the alternative design.

5.7 *Other use cases utilizing an ISO 80369-7 small-bore connector*

NOTE 1 There is guidance or rationale for this subclause contained in Clause A.2.