
Traditional Chinese medicine — Infection control for acupuncture treatment

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1 Scope

This document specifies aspects to be considered for infection control for acupuncture treatment. Clinical practice in acupuncture treatment is outside the scope of this document.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

3.1

infection

invasion of bodily tissue by pathogenic microorganisms that proliferate, resulting in tissue injury that can progress to disease

3.2

infection control

policies and procedures used to minimize the risk of spreading infections

3.3

sterilization

validated process used to render product free from viable microorganisms

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 11139:2006, 2.47, modified]

3.4

disinfection

removal of all pathogenic microorganisms, except spores of germs on the surface of inanimate objects

[SOURCE: ISO 13408-1:2008, 3.18, modified]

3.5

germicide

agent that kills microorganisms

[SOURCE: ISO 13958:2014, 3.21]

3.6

acupuncture

insertion of needles into humans or animals for remedial purposes or its methods

[SOURCE: WHO International Standard Terminologies on Traditional Medicine in the Western Pacific Region, 5.1.0]

3.7

acupuncture needle

thin metal needles used in acupuncture treatment

3.8

sterile acupuncture needle

acupuncture needle that has been sterilized

[SOURCE: ISO 17218:2014, 3.6]

3.9

guide tube

assistant tool in the shape of a slender, long tube into which the acupuncture needle is placed and used to ease insertion

[SOURCE: ISO 17218:2014, 3.7, modified]

3.10

tip of the needle

sharp apex at the end of the acupuncture needle body that is inserted into the human body

[SOURCE: ISO 17218:2014, 3.3]

3.11

handle of the needle

part of the acupuncture needle that is not inserted into the human body

[SOURCE: ISO 17218:2014, 3.2]

3.12

needling hand

practitioner's hand that holds and inserts the acupuncture needle

[SOURCE: WHO International Standard Terminologies on Traditional Medicine in the Western Pacific Region, 5.1.108]

3.13

pressing hand

practitioner's hand that presses the puncturing area with one or two fingers to facilitate acupuncture needle insertion

[SOURCE: WHO International Standard Terminologies on Traditional Medicine in the Western Pacific Region, 5.1.109]

3.14

acupuncture treatment

insertion of acupuncture needles into humans or animals for remedial purposes or its methods

3.15

acupoint

specific spot on the body where an acupuncture needle may be inserted to control pain and other symptoms