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Introduction

Intraocular lenses (IOLs) are used to correct residual refractive errors in subjects who have aphakia. Such residual refractive errors typically include sphere and astigmatism but may also correct for a lack of accommodation. Different designs of IOLs can be used to correct for specific refractive errors. In the case where an IOL is designed to provide more than one type of refractive correction, that IOL will have to satisfy each of the separate requirements of those correction designs.

This document provides requirements and recommendations for intraocular lens investigations of new IOL models. In the case where an IOL model is a modification of a parent IOL model, a risk analysis can be used in order to determine the appropriate level of testing.

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DCNVA distance corrected near visual acuity

4 Justification for a clinical investigation

A risk analysis shall be implemented in accordance with ISO 14971. If the risk analysis identifies the need for a clinical investigation, the requirements of ISO 14155 shall apply, with additional requirements given in this document.

If a new IOL model is a modification of a parent IOL for which the safety and performance have already been established through clinical investigation in accordance with this document, then a limited or no additional clinical investigation shall suffice.

ISO/TR 22979^[2] provides guidance in determining the need for a clinical investigation. The outcomes of optical evaluation performed according to in ISO 11979-2^[1] can be used to include or exclude characteristics to be studied in a clinical investigation.

5 Ethical considerations

For clinical investigations of medical devices for human subjects, the ethical requirements in ISO 14155 apply.

6 General requirements

6.1 General

There are four main categories of intraocular lenses that are determined by optical design and/or clinical characteristics or performance:

- a) monofocal (IOL);
- b) toric (TIOL);
- c) simultaneous vision lens (SVIOL): non accommodative lenses of three sub-categories that provide simultaneous vision at multiple distances with EDF and FVR IOLs classified as non-inferior to monofocal lenses at far:
 - multifocal (MIOL); lens implants that emphasize optical and functionally useful acuity levels at far, but when compared to the monofocal control lens, also have improved optical and clinical performances at near focal distances. Multifocal lenses (MIOLs) have additional requirements for near vision;
 - extended depth of focus (EDF IOL); lens implants that emphasize optical and functionally useful acuity levels at far but also from far through intermediate focal distances. Extended depth of focus lenses (EDF IOLs) have additional requirements for intermediate vision;
 - full visual range IOL (FVR IOL) lens implants that emphasize optical and functionally useful acuity levels at far but also from far through intermediate and up to near focal distances. Full visual range lenses (FVR IOLs) have additional requirements at intermediate and near vision
- d) Accommodating (AIOL).

The same basic requirements apply to all of the IOL types. Additional requirements apply to SVIOL, EDF, TIOL, and AIOL lenses.

There is a further subdivision depending on anatomic placement of the IOL:

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