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equipment**

Systèmes de rails de support pour équipement médical

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Foreword

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Introduction

This International Standard specifies basic requirements and dimensions for rail systems used for supporting medical equipment. A rail system consists of a number of components that can be assembled into different configurations.

Rail systems allow medical equipment such as flowmeters, suction devices and luminaires to be placed near the patient. They can be mounted in many different locations in health care facilities and in ambulances and other means of transportation and on many different pieces of equipment such as medical supply units, ceiling pendants, trolleys, beds, ventilators and anaesthetic workstations.

Medical equipment can be attached to a rail by rail clamps directly or using other components of dimensions which are specified in this International Standard. Rail clamps are required to be compatible with rails which have dimensions specified in this International Standard.

Rail systems have to be fitted to different kinds of load-bearing structures which can vary from solid concrete walls or thin plasterboard partitions to the covers of medical equipment. This can create hazards to the equipment and to the patient. Patients with accompanying medical equipment are frequently moved either to or within health care facilities. Lack of standardization of rail systems in different locations can create hazardous situations in the transfer of the patient from one location to another.

Annex B contains rationale statements for some of the requirements of this International Standard. It is included to provide additional insight into the reasoning that led to the requirements and recommendations that have been incorporated in this International Standard. The clauses and subclauses marked with an asterisk (*) after their number have corresponding rationale contained in Annex B. It is considered that knowledge of the reasons for the requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of this International Standard, but will expedite any subsequent revisions.

Rail systems for supporting medical equipment

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies basic requirements to ensure compatibility between rail systems complying with this International Standard and medical equipment in order to facilitate the transfer of medical equipment from one rail system to another. The specifications for rail systems include dimensions, strength and information to be supplied by the manufacturer.

This International Standard applies only to rail systems intended to be mounted horizontally.

This International Standard does not specify either the structures to which a rail system can be attached or the types of medical equipment that can be supported.

This International Standard does not apply to overhead rail systems for supporting curtains and infusion devices.

NOTE 1 Some medical equipment can be attached to the rail by means that are outside the scope of this International Standard.

NOTE 2 It is expected that particular standards will be prepared to cover applications for which the rail systems specified in this International Standard are unsuitable.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 1302:2002, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Indication of surface texture in technical product documentation*

ISO 4135:2001, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Vocabulary*

ISO 6506-1:1999, *Metallic materials — Brinell hardness test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 14971:2000, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

EN 980, *Graphical symbols for use in the labelling of medical devices*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 4135 and the following apply.

3.1

commissioning

proof of function to verify that the agreed system specification is met and is accepted by the user or the representative of the user