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Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 19979:2018 cancels and replaces ISO/TS 19979:2014, which has been technically revised. In addition to the change in document type from a Technical Specification to an International Standard, the main changes compared to ISO/TS 19979:2014 are as follows:

— the specific processes of hygienic management have been presented as tables;

— a flow chart of the hygienic management process has been introduced;

— the example of disinfection procedure using hydrogen peroxide has been moved to Annex A;

— editorial revisions have been implemented.

Introduction

Wherever possible, a trial contact lens should be used only on one individual. While the current trend in contact lens development is toward disposable and extended wear lenses, conventional lenses including rigid gas-permeable (RGP) contact lenses, composite contact lenses and hydrogel contact lenses in special designs and parameters are necessary to meet individual patient needs.

The reconditioning of multipatient use contact lenses involves cleaning, disinfection and storage of the contact lenses. The cleaning step is not specified in this document, as it does not differ from the cleaning of contact lenses for end-users.

The hygienic management for multipatient use differs from the requirements of hygienic management for contact lenses for individual use and from surface disinfection used in hospitals.

This document gives guidance for the development of instructions for manufacturers of multipatient use contact lenses, in order to mitigate the risk of pathogen transfer between patients.

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1 Scope

This document provides guidance to manufacturers for the development of information to be provided to eye care practitioners for the hygienic management of trial hydrogel, composite and rigid gas-permeable (RGP) contact lenses intended for multipatient use.

This document does not apply to:

— labelling of contact lenses;

— the inactivation of prions and viruses since there are no standardised methods available for contact lenses.

This document can be used as guidance for the development of a hygienic management procedure for multipatient use.

NOTE ISO 14729 does not cover multipatient use.

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 18369-1, *Ophthalmic optics — Contact lenses — Part 1: Vocabulary, classification system and recommendations for labelling specifications*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 18369-1 and the following apply.

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— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

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

3.1
trial contact lens
diagnostic contact lens
contact lens only used by a practitioner or fitter for the purpose of selecting the appropriate contact lens parameters for the intended wearer

[SOURCE: ISO 18369-1:2017, 3.1.10.8]

3.2
multipatient use trial contact lens
trial contact lens permitted to be used on more than one person

[SOURCE: ISO 18369-1:2017, 3.1.10.9, modified — Note 1 to entry has been deleted.]