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Foreword

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- Part 1: *General requirements*
- Part 2: *Particular requirements for rigid bronchoscopes*
- Part 3: *Determination of field of view and direction of view of endoscopes with optics*
- Part 4: *Determination of maximum width of insertion portion*

Annex A of this part of ISO 8600 is for information only.

Introduction

Rigid bronchoscopes need to serve three simultaneous functions during endoscopic procedures:

- 1) as an endoscope with distal illumination to allow visualization of the larynx, trachea and bronchi, and views into the bronchial trees;
- 2) as a sheath for a flexible or rigid endoscope, aspirator (suction channel), biopsy forceps, scissors, etc.;
- 3) as a gas passage (airway) for the terminal part of an anaesthesia ventilation system or the upper respiratory tract.

Rigid bronchoscopes should therefore have sufficiently large channels with low gas-flow resistance and should also have an adequate gas supply from the breathing system of an anaesthetic and/or breathing machine, or from compressed air/oxygen gas sources. Particular attention should therefore be paid to the life-sustaining ventilatory aspects of this part of ISO 8600.

Ideally, all rigid bronchoscopes should be usable to ventilate the patient whenever clinically necessary either under general anaesthesia or not, by means of a ventilation connector and an end cap for assisted/controlled ventilation or by means of a jet-injector for intermittent jet ventilation. In addition to the general features of rigid bronchoscopes, the ventilatory aspects of both rigid ventilation bronchoscopes and rigid jet-ventilation bronchoscopes are especially included in this part of ISO 8600.

Test methods other than those specified in this part of ISO 8600, but of equal or greater accuracy, may be used to verify compliance with the given requirements. However, in the event of a dispute, the methods specified in this part of ISO 8600 are to be used as the reference methods.

A rationale for the most important requirements is given in annex A. It is considered that a knowledge of the reasons for the requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of this part of ISO 8600, but will expedite any subsequent revision.

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