

Discussion of a Developing ISO Standard:

Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 18: Chemical Characterization of Materials

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A **medical device** is "an instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, contrivance, implant, in vitro reagent, or other similar or related article, including a component part, or accessory which is:

- recognized in the official National Formulary, or the United States Pharmacopoeia, or any supplement to them,
- intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions, or in the cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease, in man or other animals, or
- intended to **affect the structure or any function** of the body of man or other animals, and which **does not achieve** any of its primary intended purposes **through chemical action** within or on the body of man or other animals and which is not dependent upon being metabolized for the achievement of any of its primary intended purposes."

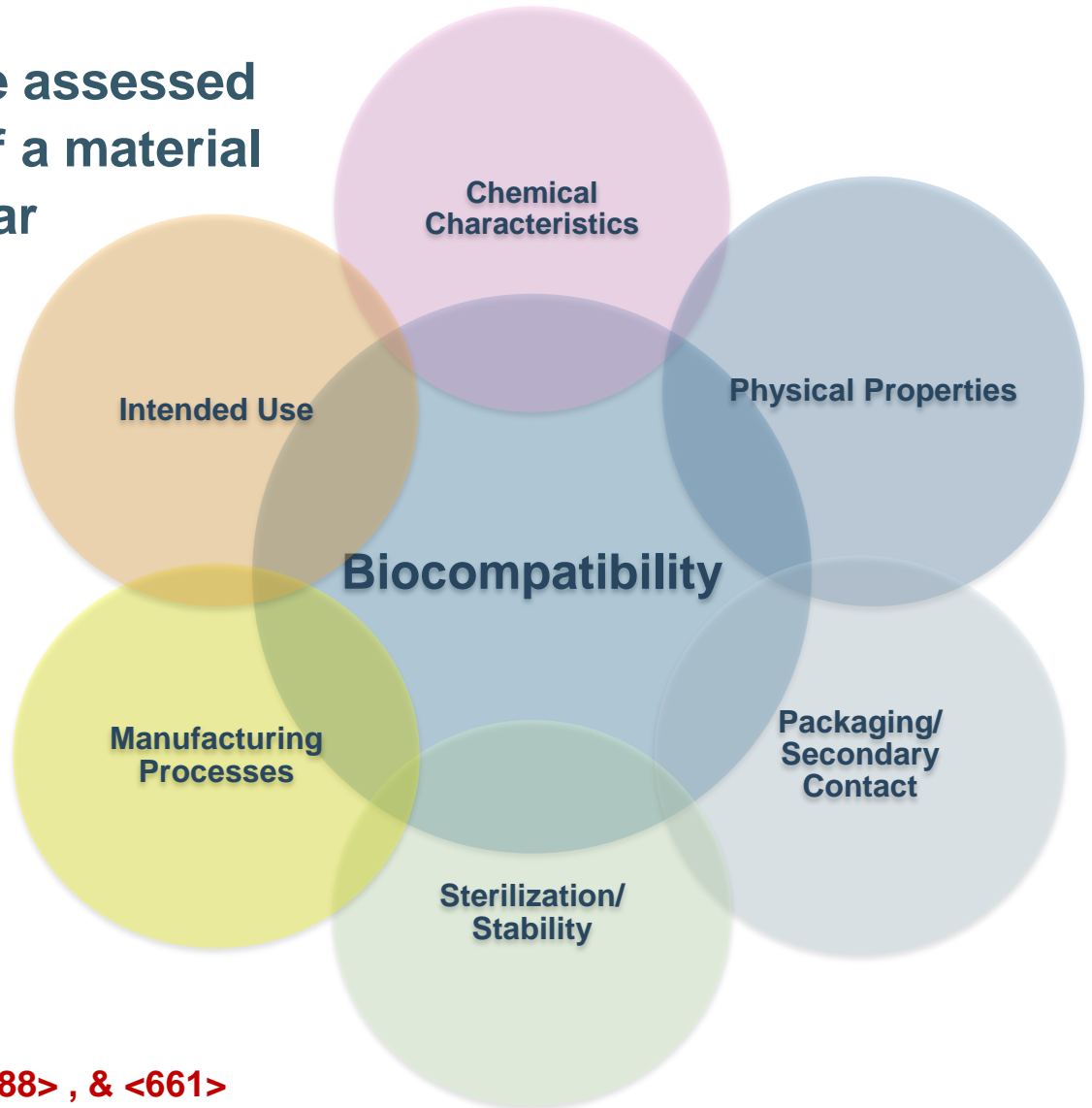
“Essential principles of safety and performance of medical devices”

Medical devices should be designed and manufactured in such a way that, when used under the conditions and for the purposes intended and, where applicable, by virtue of the technical knowledge, experience, education or training of intended users, they **will not compromise** the clinical condition or **the safety of patients, or the safety and health of users or, where applicable, other persons**, provided that any risks which may be associated with their use constitute acceptable risks when weighed against the benefits to the patient and are compatible with a high level of protection of health and safety.

GHTF.SG1.N0020R5. Essential Principles of Safety & Performance of Medical Devices. The Global Harmonization Task Force. 30-June-1999.

What does that mean?

Biocompatibility is the assessed biological response of a material or device in a particular application.



Source: USP Workshop on <87> , <88> , & <661>



What is a "Safe" Medical Device?

Evaluation Strategy

ISO 10993–1:2009 *Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices: Part 1: Evaluation & testing within a risk management process.*

Test Methods

- Part 5: Cytotoxicity
- Part 10: Irritation & hypersensitivity
- Part 11: Systemic toxicity
- Part 3: Genotoxicity, carcinogenicity and reproductive toxicity
- Part 6: Implantation and local effects
- Part 4: Blood compatibility
- Part 16: Toxicokinetic study design for leachables and degradation products
- Part 20: Principles and methods for immunotoxicology testing

Sterilization Residuals

- Part 7: Ethylene oxide sterilization residuals

Degradation Products

- Part 9: Framework for Identification and quantification of degradation products
- Part 13: Identification and quantification of polymeric degradation products
- Part 14: Identification and quantification of ceramic degradation products
- Part 15: Identification and quantification of metallic degradation products

Animal Welfare

- Part 2: Animal welfare requirements

Risk Assessment

- Part 17: Establishment of allowable limits for leachables

Reference Materials

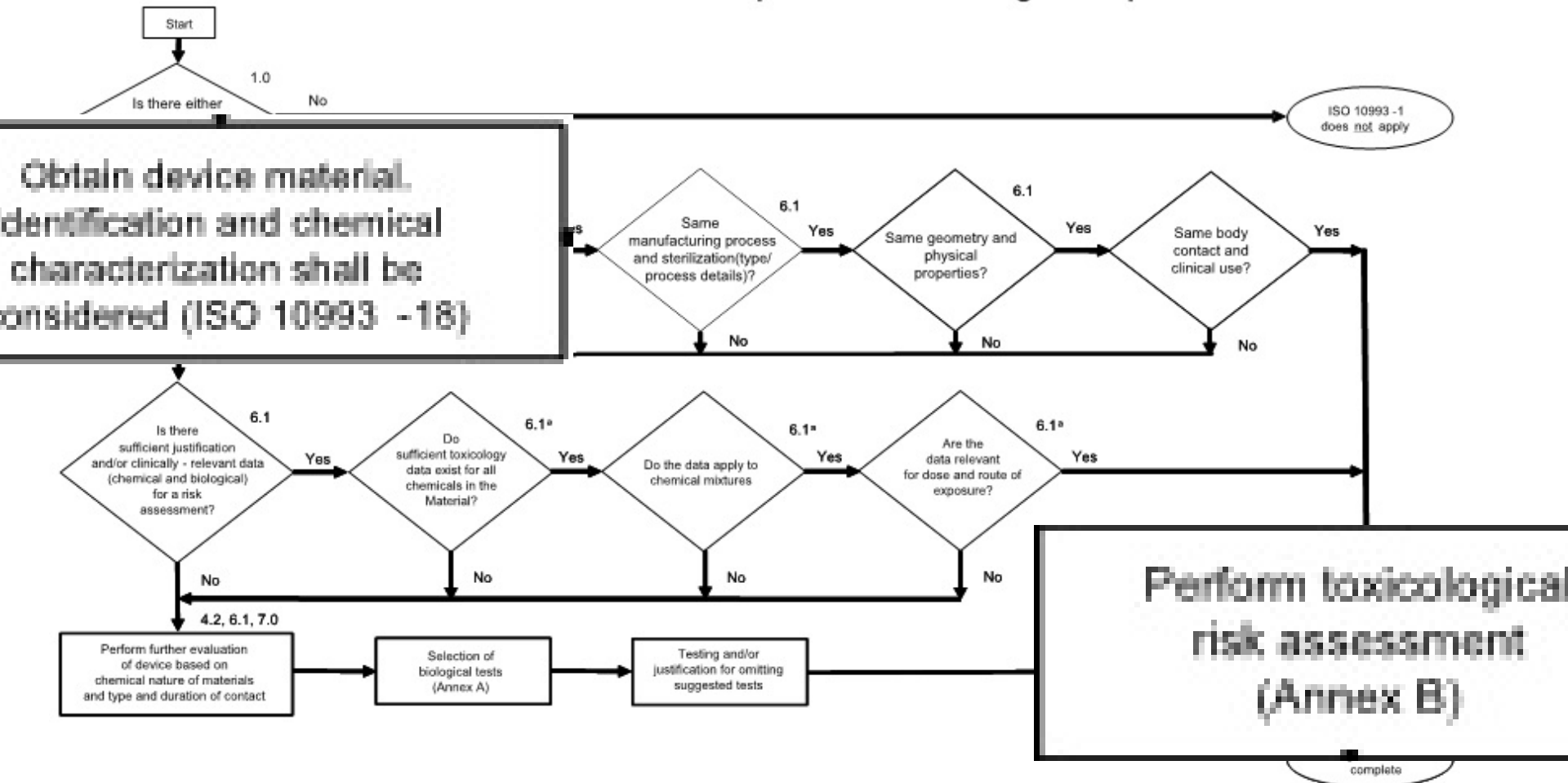
- Part 8: Selection of reference materials
- Part 12: Sample preparation and reference materials

Materials Characterization

- Part 18: Chemical characterization of materials
- Part 19: Physico-chemical, morphological and topographical characterization

Role of Chemical Characterization in Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices

Figure 1 — Summary of the systematic approach to a biological evaluation of medical devices as part of a risk management process





Role of Chemical Characterization in Biological Evaluation of Medical Devices

Device Categories			Initial Evaluation									Supplemental				
Category	Body Contact Contact	Contact duration	Cytotoxicity	Sensitivity/Sensitization	Irritation/Intracutaneous Reactivity	Systemic Toxicity (Acute)	Pyrogenicity	Sub acute and/or Sub chronic toxicity	Genetic Toxicity/Genotoxicity	Implantation	Hemocompatibility	Chronic Toxicity	Carcinogenicity	Reproductive/ Developmental	Biodegradation/ Biodegradable	
Body Surface Contact Device/Surface Device	Skin	less than 24 hours	✗	■	■	■										
		24 hours to 30 days	✗	■	■	■										
		more than a 30 days	✗	■	■	■										
Body Surface Contact Device/Surface Device	Mucous/Mucosal Membrane	less than 24 hours	✗	■	■	■		○	○							
		24 hours to 30 days	✗	■	■	■	○	○	○							
		more than a 30 days	✗	■	■	■	○	○	○	■	■	○			○	
Body Surface Contact Device/Surface Device	Breached/Compromised Surface	less than 24 hours	✗	■	■	■		○	○							
		24 hours to 30 days	✗	■	■	■	○	○	○							
		more than a 30 days	✗	■	■	■	○	○	○	■	■	○			○	
Devices connecting the internal to the external/External communicating device	Blood Vessels/Blood Path Indirect	less than 24 hours	✗	■	■	■	■	■								
		24 hours to 30 days	✗	■	■	■	■	■	○							
		more than a 30 days	✗	■	■	○	■	■	■	■	○				■	■
Devices connecting the internal to the external/External communicating device	Tissue/Bone/Dentin	less than 24 hours	✗	■	■	■	○	○								
		24 hours to 30 days	✗	■	■	□	□	□	□	■	■					
		more than a 30 days	✗	■	■	□	□	□	□	■	■				□	■
Devices connecting the internal to the external/External communicating device	Circulating Blood	less than 24 hours	✗	■	■	■	■	■	○							
		24 hours to 30 days	✗	■	■	■	■	■	■	□	■					
		more than a 30 days	✗	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	□	■			■	■
Internally implanted devices/Implant device	Tissue/Bone	less than 24 hours	✗	■	■	■	○	○								
		24 hours to 30 days	✗	■	■	□	□	□	□	■	■					
		more than a 30 days	✗	■	■	□	□	□	□	■	■				■	■
Internally implanted devices/Implant device	Blood	less than 24 hours	✗	■	■	■	■	■	◆							
		24 hours to 30 days	✗	■	■	■	■	■	■	□	■					
		more than a 30 days	✗	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				■	■

- = Evaluation required by ISO, FDA and MHLW
- = Evaluation required by ISO and FDA
- = Evaluation required by FDA
- ◆ = Evaluation required by ISO

The **requirements specified** are **intended to yield** the following **information**, which will be of value in **assessing** the **biological response of the materials** as represented in the final product:

- The **identities** and **quantities**, as appropriate, of the **materials of construction** of the medical device (**device configuration**).
- The **identities** and **quantities**, as appropriate, of the **chemical substances** intentionally and unintentionally present in each material of construction (**material composition**).
- The **identities** and **quantities**, as appropriate, of **chemical substances** used in the device's **manufacturing process** including processing aids and residues.
- The **potential** of the medical **device** and/or its materials of construction to **release chemical substances** to which the **patient** could be **exposed** to during clinical conditions of use.

This document specifies a framework for the characterization of a device through:

- the **identification** of its materials of construction (**device configuration**),
- the **characterization** of the materials of construction via the identification and quantification of their chemical constituents, both intentionally and unintentionally present (**material composition**),
- the **characterization** of the device for **chemical substances** that were introduced during **manufacturing** (e.g., mold release agents, DEHP contaminants), and
- the **assessment** of the **potential** of the device, or its materials of construction, to **release chemical substances** under **clinical use conditions**.

ISO 10993 series of standards is **applicable** when the material or device has **direct or indirect tissue contact** with a patient .
(see ISO 10993-1 for categorization by nature of body contact)

Part 1 also describes **instances** in which **direct or indirect contact** with a ***clinician's body should be considered***;

that is, if the device is intended to protect the clinician (e.g., surgical gloves, masks and others).

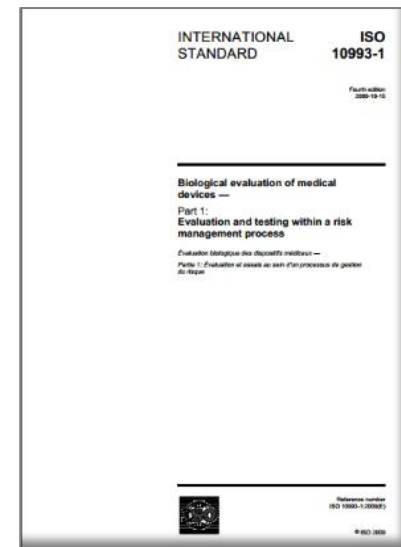
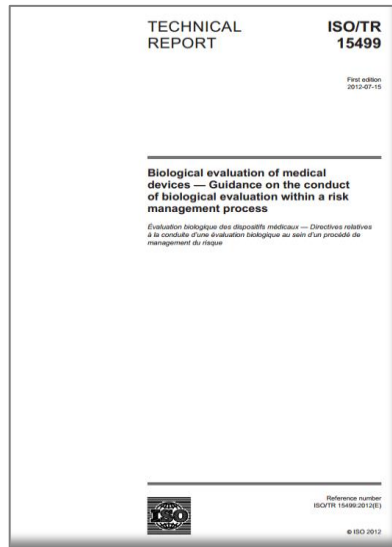
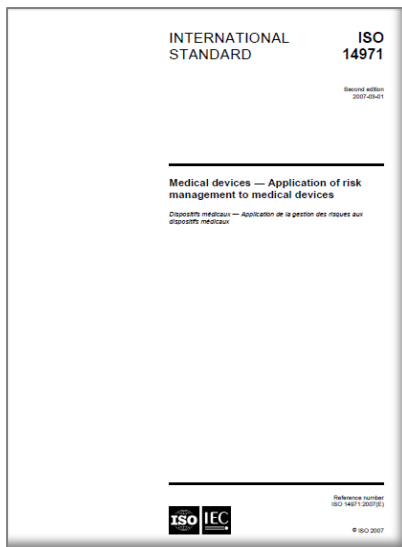
throughout this part, *references to patient contact shall be understood to include contact with the clinician for devices intended to protect the clinician.*



Applicability of 10993-18 (2)

This document is intended for suppliers of materials and manufacturers of medical devices, to support a biological evaluation.

- Supporting the overall biological safety of a medical device (ISO 10993-1 (including former ISO 15499) & ISO 14971).



- Supporting the **overall biological safety** of a medical device (ISO 10993-1 *(including former ISO 15499)* & ISO 14971).
- Supporting the overall biological safety of a reprocessed medical device.
- Determining the **level** of **chemical substances** that might be **leached** from a medical device **under** the **conditions** of its clinical use, to **assess** conformance to the **allowable limit** of those substances as derived from health based risk assessment (ISO 10993-17).
- **Screening** of potential **new materials** for **chemical suitability** in a medical device for a proposed **clinical application**.



Applications of 10993-18 (2)

- Establishing **equivalence** of a **proposed device** to a legally marketed device with regard to either the device's **configuration** or its **extractables/leachables profiles** and any subsequent relevant evaluations.
- Establishing **equivalence** of a legally marketed device ***after changes*** in the **manufacturing process**, (including, but not limited, to changes in the sterilization process), manufacturing sites, suppliers of materials or components, etc.
- Establishing **equivalence** of a **proposed material of construction** to a **clinically established material of construction** with regard to either the **material's composition** or its **extractables profiles** & any subsequent relevant evaluations.
- Establishing **equivalence** of a **final device** to a **prototype device** in regards to the use of data secured on the prototype to support the assessment of the final device, specifically **considering** relevant information such as **composition, device configuration** and **extractable profile** obtained for either the device or its materials of construction.

... chemical characterization **alone** may be insufficient to **establish** the **equivalence** or **biocompatibility** of materials and devices, and cannot unilaterally substitute for biological testing.

However, **chemical characterization** in combination **with risk assessment** may be a necessary part of judging chemical equivalence and assessing biocompatibility, and **if appropriately conducted** can be used **in lieu** of certain **biocompatibility** tests.

More on this later ...

chemical safety risk assessment

process of establishing that a medical device, when used in its clinically prescribed manner, **is safe**, meaning that there is a negligible risk to the health of potentially affected individuals, **based** on the individual's **exposure** to the device's **chemical constituents**

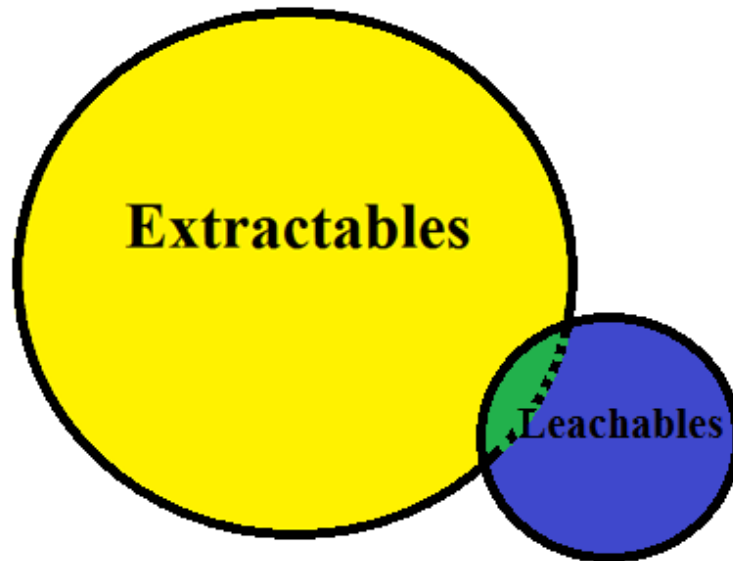
Extractables

substances that are **released** from a medical device or material of construction when the device or material is extracted using **laboratory extraction conditions** and **vehicles**

Leachables

substances that are **released** from a medical device and to a patient **during its clinical use**

Controlled Extraction relevance to clinical application



Overlap is based on *how well* Controlled Extraction study *models*
Clinically Relevant condition

Device Configuration

listing of a **device's components** (*qualitative*), augmented by a listing of the component's **materials of construction** (*qualitative*) and the **proportion** of each material in each component (*quantitative*)

Material Composition

listing of the **substances** that are **contained** in a material (*qualitative*) and the **amount** of **each substance** in the material (*quantitative*)

Extraction: chemical process performed to **separate a chemical substance** from a test article by **exposing** the **test article** to an **extraction vehicle** under defined and **controlled conditions**

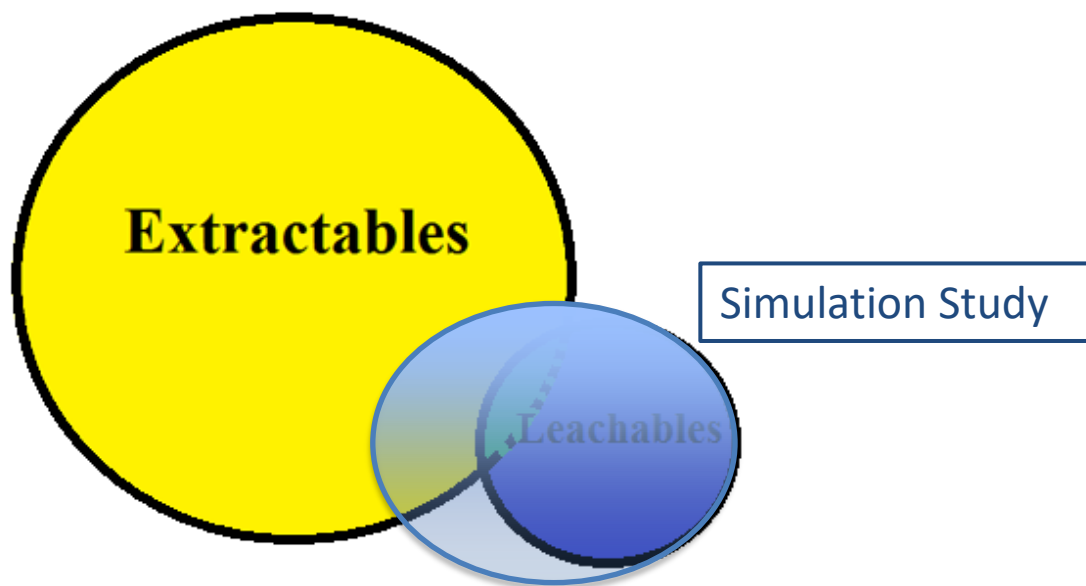
Exhaustive: extraction, accomplished using **multiple extraction steps**, that solubilizes the **total amount** of **extractable substances** present in a test article, as evidenced when the amount of extractables released in a subsequent extraction step is less than 10% of the amount of extractables released in the first extraction step

Exaggerated: extraction that is intended to result in a **greater number or amount of chemical constituents** being released as compared to the **amount generated under the clinical conditions** of use but is not expected to result in a chemical change of the substances being extracted

Accelerated: extraction whose **duration is shorter** than the **duration of clinical use** but whose conditions do not result in a chemical change of the substances being extracted

Simulated-use: extraction, performed using an **extraction method** that **simulates clinical use**, which is conducted to evaluate those extractable substances which **could be available** as **leachables** from a device during the **routine clinical use** of the device

Controlled Extraction relevance to clinical application



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Key Definitions – Types of Extractions (5)

Why are there so many different types of extractions?

Because the extraction should match the objective of the chemical characterization!

MEDICAL DEVICE CATEGORIZATION		EXAMPLES		SAMPLE PREPARATION FOR MATERIAL CHARACTERIZATION																				
				Typical Model Solvents					Typical Extraction Conditions															
				Consider Extraction Solvent as related to Clinical Use:					Consider Extraction Condition as related to Clinical Use															
NATURE OF BODY CONTACT		Contact Duration: A – Limited (<24h) B – prolonged (>24h – 30 days) C – permanent (> 300days)	Device Example	Material of Construction	3. Simulated Use					1. Exaggerated 2. Accelerated 4. Exhaustive			3. Simulated use			1. Exaggerated 2. Accelerated		4. Exhaustive Extraction						
SURFACE DEVICE					Model Solvents of Intended Use - Demonstrate Extractable Solubility & -Material Effects					Purified Water (polar)			1/9 (v/v) ethanol/saline		2/3 (v/v) ethanol/saline		1/1 (v/v) ethanol/water		Other Solvents for consideration include:					
EXTERNAL COMMUNICATING DEVICE					Commonly Utilized (but not limited). Solvents include:																			
IMPLANT DEVICE					Commonly Utilized (but not limited). Conditions include:																			
					As appropriately determined through clinical considerations																			
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Chemical characterization can facilitate the biological safety assessment process in three ways:

1. By providing the *chemical information* that is a **necessary input** into **comparing** the medical device in question with potential predicate devices (**establish equivalence**),
2. By providing the *chemical basis* for **comparing** the medical device in question to a *relevant standard* (**establish conformance**),
3. By providing the chemical information that serves as the basis for a toxicological risk assessment (enable assessment).

Chemical Characterization is based on the following:

1. The issue of **biocompatibility** is **only relevant** for devices that have **direct** or **indirect** patient contact.
2. The extent of **chemical characterization** should **reflect** the nature and duration of the **clinical exposure**

AND

the physical **form** of the **materials used** and shall be determined **with the toxicological risk assessor** based on the data necessary to **evaluate** the **biological safety** of the device.

Chemical Characterization is based on the following:

3. Establishing the ***configuration*** of a device is the **necessary first step** in establishing the device's **biocompatibility** as
 - a. use of ***appropriate materials*** of construction predisposes a device to biocompatible
 - b. ***knowledge of the materials*** of construction could provide the *starting point* for establishing *chemical equivalence*.

4. Establishing the **chemical composition** of the materials of construction is a **necessary step** in establishing a device's **biocompatibility**, as
 - a. the *composition* of the individual materials can serve as the basis for establishing chemical equivalence to a clinically established device, and
 - b. **chemical entities** contained in a material are logical **sources of extractables & leachables**

Chemical Characterization is based on the following:

5. Determining the device's **potential to release chemical substances** under **clinical use** conditions can provide the **basis** for understanding and assessing the device's **potential patient safety impact**.

Although any of the **substances** in a material or additives used in the process of manufacturing a medical device **could be leached** from the device and thereby become bio-available,

it could potentially be **necessary** to obtain information **demonstrating** the **extent** to which the **substances** will be **leached** under the **clinical use conditions** of the finished product to **estimate the risk arising from them**.

This can be estimated by conducting extraction studies of the device.

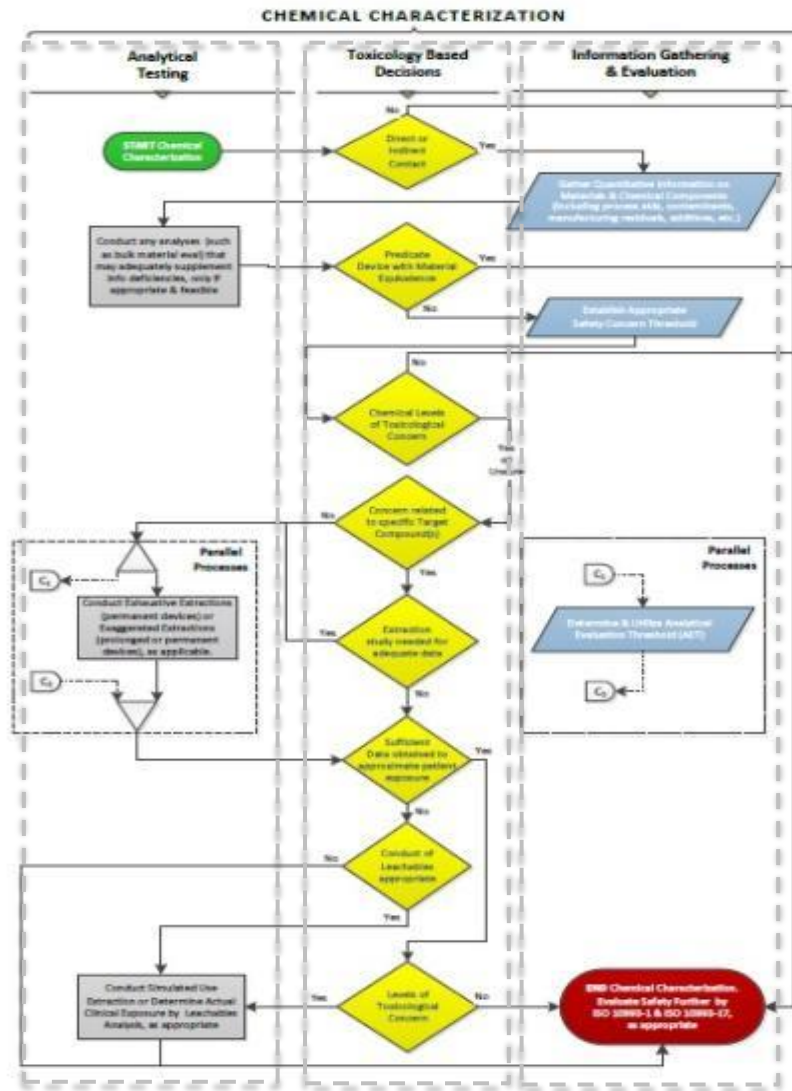
The successful completion of the chemical characterization outlined in this document *requires* expertise in **material science** and **analytical chemistry** to *provide* the necessary qualitative and quantitative **data** that a risk assessor can use to assess device safety.

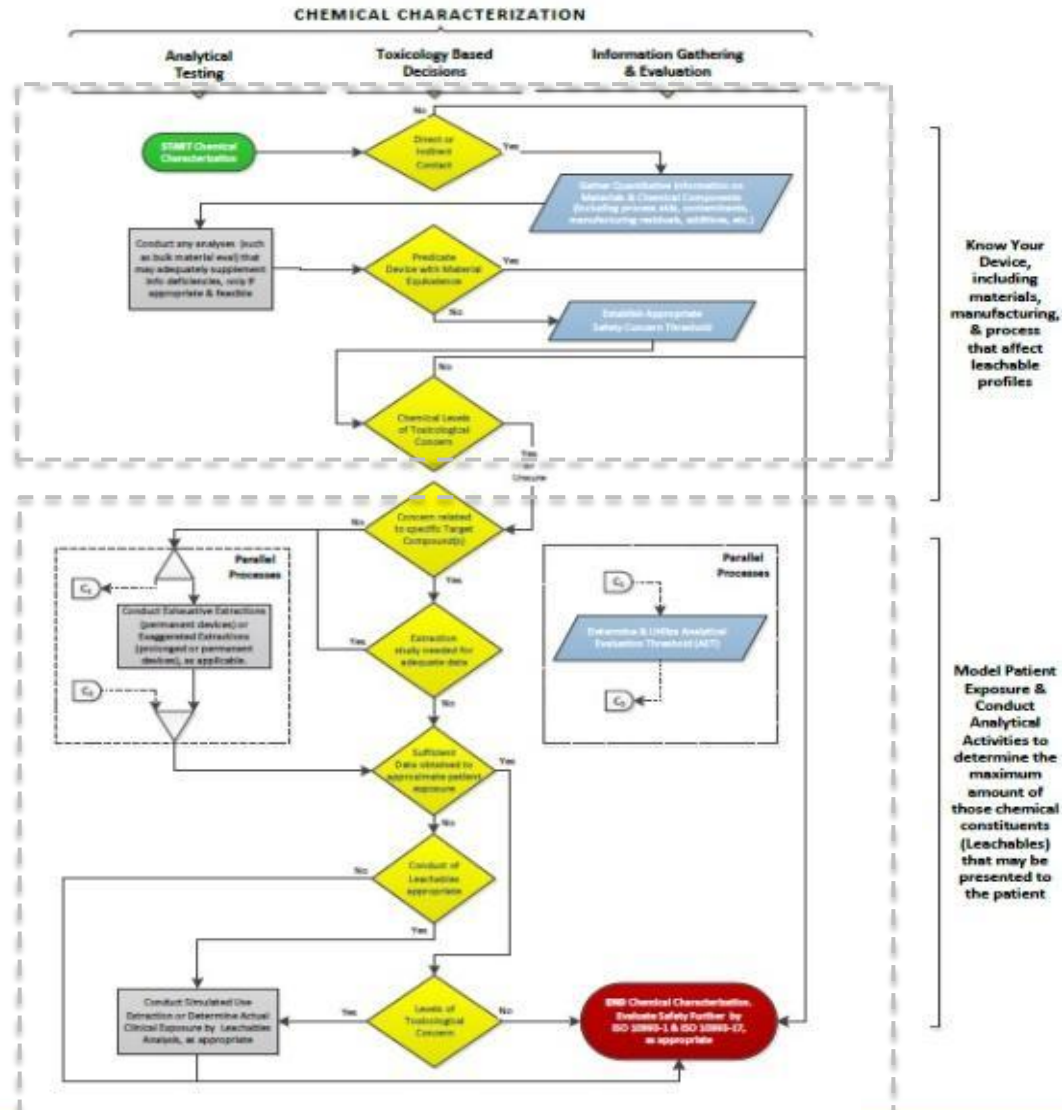
Toxicology expertise is *required* in understanding the types of compounds that might be of toxicological concern so that the **materials** and **chemistry experts** can design appropriate experiments.

... the **biological safety** of the **medical device** is inferred over the device's time in market only so long as the device's **materials of construction** and **manufacturing process** remain unchanged.

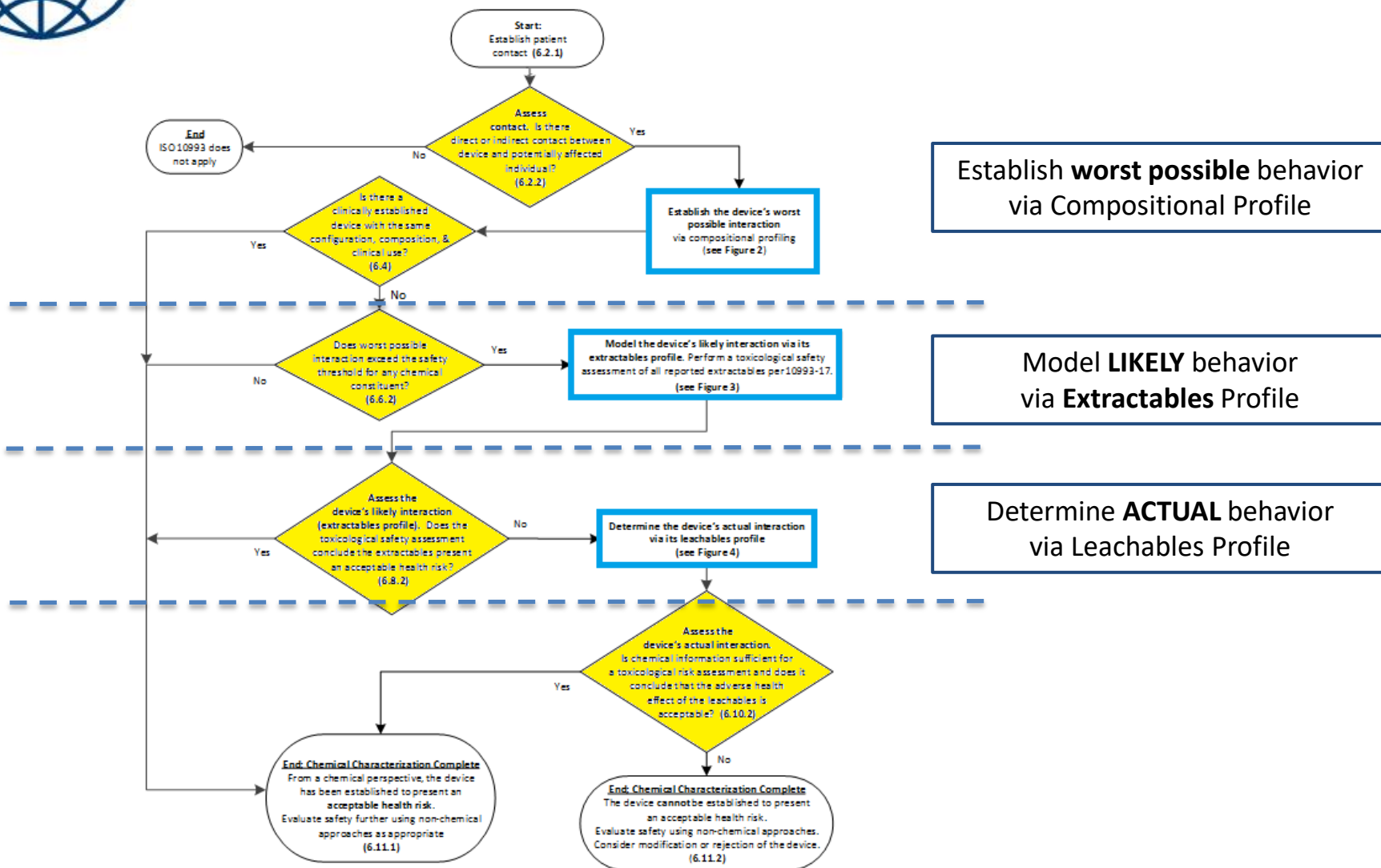
It is important that **controls** be introduced to **prevent** a material supplier from **changing** the **composition** of a material supplied without prior notification to the medical device manufacturer.

The *manufacturer* shall **assess** the **consequences** of any notified **changes** on the biological safety of the product.





Characterization Procedure



Chemical characterization data **CAN** be produced by **testing** a test article (device or material) **directly** in its natural state (*for example, IR analysis of a film*),

HOWEVER, it is **more typically** the case that the **generation** of such **chemical characterization data** *requires 2 processes*,

1. the **solubilisation** of all or part of the test article (where solubilisation refers to processes such as **extraction** & **dissolution**),

AND

1. the **analytical testing** of the **resulting solution**.

Important Considerations:

1. The nature of the **solubilisation** step shall **match** the **intent** and **purpose** of the testing.
2. The **vehicles/media** used for **solubilisation** should be **considered** in the context of the methods chosen for **testing** those extracts, as the vehicles should be **compatible** with the test methods employed to **analyse** the extracts.
3. If visible **particles** or precipitates occur during extraction, and are **not solubilized**, these should be **analysed** as well, using applicable methods.



Chemical Characterization Parameters and Methods – Analytical Testing (3)

Items Relevant to Analytical Testing:

1. Analytical **test methods** are **provided** (*in name but not in detail*) and discussed for establishing **chemical composition**.
2. Analytical **test methods** are **provided** (*in name but not in detail*) and discussed for **extractables & leachables profiling** (*organic and elemental*).
3. Analytical **test methods** are **provided** (*in name but not in detail*) and discussed for assessing the **structural composition** of device materials.
4. Considerations around the **qualification of analytical methods** are discussed.

Reports for the Communication of Chemical Data Should Include:

1. Test article (material or device) description and details;
2. Analytical methods and extraction conditions;
3. Surrogate standard information and detection method for the estimation of unknowns observed in the analysis of the test solutions;
4. Qualitative data generated;
5. Quantitative data generated;
6. Estimated clinical exposure to chemicals.

See also Annex E.

Requirements for Reporting Data:

1. As necessary and appropriate, **identified substances** in the test solutions could be **grouped into compound classes**, based on structural or functional similarities, to assist in any toxicological risk assessment.
2. Any **quantitative data** shall be presented in a way that permits **estimation of human exposure**.
3. Data establishing the **identity of relevant substances** (e.g., extractables and leachables) shall be presented in a way that permits the toxicological safety assessment of the substance.
4. Reports containing vendor data would include a discussion of the **relevance of the vendor data** to the toxicological safety assessment.
5. The Report should contain detailed information that establishes the **appropriateness** of the **analytical process** employed.

- **Annex A:** Information sources for chemical characterization
- **Annex B:** Principles for judging chemical equivalence in support of a toxicological risk assessment
- **Annex C:** Principles of sample extraction
 - Extraction performed for correlating chemical characterization with biological testing (containing a Table of proposed extraction solvents)
 - Approaches to establishing the compositional aspects of the configuration of a medical device or the composition of a material of construction
 - Exaggerated extraction to establish the worst-case extractables profile of a medical device or material
 - Simulated or accelerated extractions to establish clinical use extractables profiles
- **Annex D:** Calculation and application of the analytical evaluation threshold (AET)
 - Calculation of the AET
 - Determination of the uncertainty factor, UF
 - Use of the AET
 - Exclusions to the AET; cohorts of concern
- **Annex E:** Reporting details for analytical methods and chemical data



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