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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 80369-7:2016), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- Tolerances of several reference *connector* dimensions are increased to facilitate easier manufacturing and certification. Most of the affected tolerances are for features that do not contact the test *connector* and therefore do not affect the test results. The angle tolerance for the bearing side of the threads do contact the *connector* under test but the change in the tolerance is considered likely have minimal to no effect on test outcomes.
- Some requirements for *Luer connectors* have been separated for *semi-rigid materials* and *rigid materials* to better ensure compatibility at the extreme of the design space. Definitions of *semi-rigid material* and *rigid material* have been added.
- The distance from the tip of the *connector* to the bottom of the first complete thread profile of the internal thread (*t* dimension) has been made an *auxiliary dimension* due to the difficulty in its measurement. The functional impact of the dimension is evaluated with the resistance to separation (from axial load) functional test.
- The N1 and N2 dimensions of the female *Luer lock connector* variant A (with lugs at right angle to axis) have been changed to allow measurement from the open end of the *connector*, to better ensure compatibility at the extreme of the design space.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

This document was developed because of several incidents, with catastrophic consequences, resulting from inappropriate medication, liquid nutritional formula or air being administered intravenously. Many incidents have been reported leading to international recognition of the importance of these issues and a need has been identified to develop specific *connectors* for *medical devices* and their *accessories* used to deliver fluids in other *applications*.

The ISO 80369 series was developed to prevent misconnection between *small-bore connectors* used in different *applications*. ISO 80369-1 specifies the requirements necessary to verify the designs and dimensions of *small-bore connectors* to ensure that

- a) they do not misconnect with other *small-bore connectors*, and
- b) they safely and securely connect with their mating half.

This document specifies the design and the dimensions and the drawings of *small-bore connectors* intended to be used as conical fittings with a 6 % (Luer) taper for *connections* in intravascular or hypodermic *applications*. [Annex D](#) to [Annex G](#) describe the methods by which this design has been assessed. Other parts of ISO 80369 include requirements for *small-bore connectors* used in different *application* categories.

*Connectors* manufactured to the dimensions set out within this document are dimensionally incompatible with any of the other *connectors* for *applications* identified in the ISO 80369 series of documents for *small-bore connectors*, except as indicated in [Annex G](#). If fitted to the relevant *medical devices* and *accessories*, these *connectors* should reduce the *risk* of air, non-vascular medication and liquid nutritional formula being delivered through an alternative route, such as intravenously or through an airway device.

In this document, the conjunctive “or” is used as an “inclusive or” so a statement is true if any combination of the conditions is true.

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- “shall” indicates a requirement;
- “should” means that conformance with a requirement or a test is recommended but is not mandatory for conformance with this document;
- “may” indicates a permission;
- “can” indicates a possibility or a capability.