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covered by the scope of ISO/TC 84 —  
Risk assessment on mucocutaneous  
blood exposure**

*Utilisation et manipulation des dispositifs médicaux couverts par  
le domaine d'application de l'ISO/TC 84 — Évaluation du risque  
concernant l'exposition au sang mucocutané*

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## Introduction

Use and handling of medical devices covered by ISO/TC 84 might expose mucocutaneous membranes to blood or bodily fluids. Although exposure of mucous membranes to blood and bodily fluids may present a risk for infection, the pathogenesis is unknown. This exposure risk is to be included in the risk assessment taking into account that the exposure should be minimized as far as possible.

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