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The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— inclusion of cross-references to the applicable clauses in ISO 15189:2012.

Introduction

Traditional examinations of a patient's body fluids, excreta and tissues are carried out generally in the controlled and regulated environment of a recognized medical laboratory. The introduction of quality management systems and accreditation of these laboratories are gaining increasing interest.

Advances in technology have resulted in compact, easy-to-use *in vitro* diagnostic (IVD) medical devices that make it possible to carry out some examinations at, or close to, the location of the patient. Point-of-care/near-patient testing may benefit the patient as well as healthcare facilities.

Risk to the patient and to the facility can be managed by a well-designed, fully implemented quality management system that facilitates

— evaluation of new or alternative POCT instruments and systems,

— evaluation and approval of end-user proposals and protocols,

— purchase, installation and maintenance of equipment,

— maintenance of consumable supplies and reagents,

— training, certification and recertification of POCT system operators, and

— quality control and quality assurance.

Bodies that recognize the competence of POCT facilities may use this document as the basis for their activities. If a healthcare facility seeks accreditation for a part or all of its activities, it should select an accreditation body that operates in a manner which takes into account the special requirements of POCT.

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1 Scope

This document gives specific requirements applicable to point-of-care testing and is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO 15189. The requirements of this document apply when POCT is carried out in a hospital, clinic and by a healthcare organization providing ambulatory care. This document can be applied to transcutaneous measurements, the analysis of expired air, and *in vivo* monitoring of physiological parameters.

Patient self-testing in a home or community setting is excluded, but elements of this document can be applicable.

NOTE Local, regional and national regulations are to be taken into consideration.

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 15189:2012, *Medical laboratories —Requirements for quality and competence*