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IEC 60601-2-4:2002	ANSI/AAMI DF80:2003	Major technical variations
IEC 60601-2-19:1990 and Amendment 1:1996	ANSI/AAMI I136:2004	Major technical variations
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IEC 60601-2-21:1994 and Amendment 1:1996	ANSI/AAMI/IEC 60601-2-21 and Amendment 1:2000 (consolidated texts)	Identical
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ISO 10993-1:2003	ANSI/AAMI/ISO 10993-1:2003	Identical
ISO 10993-2:2006	ANSI/AAMI/ISO 10993-2:2006	Identical
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ISO 10993-5:1999	ANSI/AAMI/ISO 10993-5:1999	Identical
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ISO 14155-2:2003	ANSI/AAMI/ISO 14155-2:2003	Identical
ISO 14160:1998	ANSI/AAMI/ISO 14160:1998	Identical
ISO 14161:2000	ANSI/AAMI/ISO 14161:2000	Identical
ISO 14937:2000	ANSI/AAMI/ISO 14937:2000	Identical
ISO/TR 14969:2004	ANSI/AAMI/ISO TIR14969:2004	Identical
ISO 14971:2000 and A1:2003	ANSI/AAMI/ISO 14971:2000 and A1:2003	Identical
ISO 15223:2000, A1:2002, and A2:2004	ANSI/AAMI/ISO 15223:2000, A1:2001, and A2:2004	Identical
ISO 15225:2000 and A1:2004	ANSI/AAMI/ISO 15225:2000/(R)2006 and A1:2004/(R)2006	Identical
ISO 15674:2001	ANSI/AAMI/ISO 15674:2001	Identical
ISO 15675:2001	ANSI/AAMI/ISO 15675:2001	Identical
ISO/TS 15843:2000	ANSI/AAMI/ISO TIR15843:2000	Identical
ISO 15882:2003	ANSI/AAMI/ISO 15882:2003	Identical
ISO/TR 16142:2006	ANSI/AAMI/ISO TIR16142:2006	Identical
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Foreword

This voluntary standard was developed by the AAMI Renal Disease and Detoxification Committee.

The American National Standard, *Hemodialysis systems* was first published under the designation ANSI/AAMI RD5:1981. In 1996, during the 5 year review of RD5:1992, the AAMI Renal Disease and Detoxification Committee determined that the hemodialysis community would be better served by this standard if it were divided into three parts: (1) hemodialysis concentrates, (2) water, and (3) equipment. ANSI/AAMI RD62:2006 is a revision of ANSI/AAMI RD62:2001, *Water treatment equipment for hemodialysis applications*.

This standard reflects the conscientious efforts of concerned physicians, clinical engineers, nurses, dialysis technicians, and dialysis patients, in consultation with device manufacturers and government representatives, to develop a standard for performance levels that could be reasonably achieved at the time of publication. The term “consensus,” as applied to the development of voluntary medical device standards, does not imply unanimity of opinion, but rather reflects the compromise necessary in some instances when a variety of interests must be merged.

When this standard was undergoing its mandatory 5 year review in 2005, the committee recognized that differences in feed water quality and municipal water treatment practices could have a major impact on the removal of some chemical contaminants. This dependence on local conditions was particularly evident for chloramines. To address this issue, sections dealing with alternative and supplementary methods to carbon adsorption were added to the standard.

The term “should” as used in this document reflects the committee’s intent to define goals, not requirements. The term “shall” as used here denotes quality recommendations and procedures that are required by this or other applicable standards. The term “must” is used only to describe unavoidable situations, including those mandated by government regulation.

The concepts incorporated in this standard should not be considered inflexible or static. This standard, like any other, must be reviewed and updated periodically to assimilate progressive technological developments. To remain relevant, it must be modified as advances are made in technology and as new data come to light.

This is a voluntary standard, developed for use by manufacturers and health care professionals. The format and structure of this standard make it unsuitable for use as an enforced regulation.

Suggestions for improving this standard are invited. Comments and suggested revisions should be sent to Standards Department, AAMI, 1110 N. Glebe Rd., Suite 220, Arlington, VA 22201-4795.

NOTE—This foreword does not contain provisions of the AAMI recommended practice *Water treatment equipment for hemodialysis applications* (ANSI/AAMI RD62:2006), but it does provide important information about the development and intended use of the document.

Water treatment equipment for hemodialysis applications

1 Scope

1.1 General

This standard covers devices used to treat water intended for use in the delivery of hemodialysis. Included in the scope of the standard is water used for: (1) the preparation of concentrates from powder at a dialysis facility, (2) the preparation of dialysate, and (3) the reprocessing of dialyzers for multiple uses. The provisions of this standard apply to individual water treatment devices and to water treatment systems assembled from one or more of these devices. In the first instance, this standard is directed at the individual or company that specifies the complete water treatment system and, second, at the vendor who assembles and installs the system. Since systems may be assembled from a number of individual water treatment devices, the provisions of this standard are also directed at the manufacturers of these devices, provided that the manufacturer indicates that the device is intended for use in hemodialysis applications. This standard is written principally to address water treatment systems for dialysis facilities treating multiple patients. However, all of its provisions equally apply to water treatment systems used in applications where a single patient may be treated, such as in a home dialysis or acute hospital dialysis setting, except where stated otherwise.

The physician in charge of dialysis has the ultimate responsibility for selecting a water treatment system. The physician in charge of dialysis also is responsible for maintaining the performance of that system after control of the system has been transferred formally from the installer to the physician. Generally, this transfer takes place after the installer of the system has demonstrated that the performance of the system meets the requirements of this standard. Recommendations for ongoing monitoring and maintenance of the system are provided in ANSI/AAMI RD52:2004, *Dialysate for hemodialysis*.

The requirements established by this standard will help protect hemodialysis patients from adverse effects arising from known chemical and microbial contaminants found in water supplies. However, proper dialysis and patient safety is ultimately dependent on the quality of the dialysate. Since the manufacturer of water treatment equipment does not have control over the dialysate, any reference to dialysate in this standard is for clarification only and not a requirement of the manufacturer. The responsibility for assuring that the dialysate is not contaminated, mismatched, or otherwise damaging to the patient rests with the clinical professionals caring for the patient under the supervision of the medical director. Recommendations on the preparation and handling of dialysate in a dialysis facility are provided in ANSI/AAMI RD52:2004, *Dialysate for hemodialysis*.

1.2 Inclusions

The scope of this standard includes all devices, piping, and fittings between the point at which potable water is delivered to the water treatment system and the point of use of the treated water. Examples of components included within the scope of this standard are water treatment devices, on-line water quality monitors (such as conductivity monitors), and piping systems for the distribution of treated water. Also included in the scope of this standard is the quality of water used to prepare dialysate, to prepare concentrates from powder at a dialysis facility, and to reprocess dialyzers for multiple use.

1.3 Exclusions

Excluded from the scope of this standard are dialysate supply systems that proportion water and concentrates to produce dialysate, sorbent dialysate regeneration systems that regenerate and recirculate small volumes of the dialysate, dialysate concentrates, hemodiafiltration systems, hemofiltration systems, systems that process dialyzers for multiple uses, and peritoneal dialysis systems. Some of these devices, such as dialysate supply systems and concentrates, are addressed in other American National Standards. Also excluded from the scope of this standard are requirements for the ongoing monitoring of the purity of water used for dialysate, concentrate preparation, or dialyzer reprocessing.

NOTE—For an explanation of the need for this standard and the rationale for its specific provisions, see Annex A.