

# Risk Assessment iaw EN ISO 14971:2000 Annex D: Possible hazards with medical devices.

Ref.	Hazard.	Related part / Component posing	Sev of	Like of	Risk.	Solution.	Document referenced.	Sev of	Like 0f	Risk.
		risk.	Haz.	Haz.				Haz.	Haz.	
D.2	Energy hazards and con	tributory factors								
D.2.1	Electricity	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.2.2	Heat	If battery polarity	3	1	3	Protection diode added in	(YZ) Design File	1	1	1
		reversed				circuit				
D.2.3	Mechanical force	N/A	2	1	2			2	1	2
D.2.4	Ionising radiation	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.2.5	Non ionising radiation	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.2.6	Moving parts	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.2.7	Unintended motion	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.2.8	Suspended masses	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.2.9	Patient support failure	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.2.10	Pressure (vessel rupture)	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.2.11	Acoustic pressure	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.2.12	Vibration	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.2.13	Magnetic fields	N/A	2	2	4		F. User Instructions	2	1	2
	(eg. MRI)									
D.3	Biological hazards and c	ontributory factors								
D.3.1	Bio-contamination	Instrument & Leads	2	2	4	Easy to clean – cleaning	F. User Instructions	2	1	2
						instructions in user				
						instructions				
D.3.2	Bio-incompatibility	Electrodes	1	1	1		Manufacturers Data	1	1	1
D.3.3	Incorrect formulation	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
	(chemical composition)									
D.3.4	Toxicity	N/A	1	1	1		Manufacturers Data	1	1	1

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D.3.5	Allergenicity	N/A	1	1	1		Manufacturers Data	1	1	1
D.3.6	Mutagenicity	N/A	1	1	1		Manufacturers Data	1	1	1
D.3.7	Oncogenicity	N/A	1	1	1		Manufacturers Data	1	1	1
D.3.8	Carcinogenicity	N/A	1	1	1		Manufacturers Data	1	1	1
D.3.9	Re and/or cross infection	Instrument & Leads	1	1	1		Manufacturers Data	1	1	1
	Pyrogenicity	N/A	1	1	1		Manufacturers Data	1	1	1
D.3.11	Inability to maintain	Instrument & Leads	2	2	4	Easy to clean – cleaning	F. User Instructions	2	1	2
	hygienic standards					instructions in user manual				
D.3.12	Degradation	Instrument & Leads	2	1	2	Care Instructions given in	F. User Instructions	1	1	1
						user manual		D110000000111100000111100001111000001		
D.4	Environmental hazards	and contributory fac	tors							
D.4.1	Electromagnetic fields	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.4.2	Susceptibility to	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
	electromagnetic									
	interference									
D.4.3	Emissions of	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
	electromagnetic									
	interference									
D.4.4	Inadequate supply of	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
	power									
D.4.5	Inadequate supply of	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
	coolant									
D.4.6	Storage / operation	Instrument	2	1	2	No specific environmental		2	1	2
	outside prescribed					storage / operating				
	environmental conditions					conditions imposed				
D.4.7	Incompatibility with	ECG Pads	1	1	1	Standard sized ECG press		1	1	1
	other devices with which					studs on leads				
	the product is intended to									
	be used									

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D.4.8	Accidental mechanical damage	Instrument & Leads	2	1	2	Relatively robust material used. If damaged, user to assess level of damage – return for repair or spares parts available	F. User Instructions	1	1	1
D.4.9	Contamination due to waste products and/or device disposal	Instrument & Leads	1	1	1	No special disposal required. Alkaline batteries used		1	1	1
D.5	Hazards resulting from	incorrect output of e	nergy a	and sub	stance	es				
D.5.1	Electricity	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.5.2	Radiation	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.5.3	Volume	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.5.4	Pressure	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.5.5	Supply of medical gases	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.5.6	Supply of anaesthetic agents	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.6	Hazards related to the u	se of the medical dev	ice and	l contri	butory	factors				
D.6.1	Inadequate labelling	Label	2	1	2	Product easy to use. Label	F. Labels	1	1	1
D.6.2	Inadequate operating instructions	User Instructions	2	1	2	Product easy to use. User manual	F. User Instructions	1	1	1
D.6.3	Inadequate specification of accessories	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.6.4	Inadequate specification of pre-use checks	User Instructions / Labels	2	2	4	Product easy to use. User manual / labels	F. User Instructions F. Labels	2	1	2
D.6.5	Over-complicated operating instructions	User Instructions	2	1	2	Product easy to use. User manual	F. User Instructions	1	1	1

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D.6.6	Inadequate specification of service and maintenance	N/A	1	1	1	Instrument set up at manufacturer. Does not require regular service. Maintenance only required if performance degrades		1	1	1
D.6.7	Use by unskilled / untrained personnel	Instrument & Leads	3	2	6	Product easy to use.  Warning in user manual – not for use by untrained personnel	F. User Instructions	2	1	2
D.6.8	Reasonable foreseeable misuse	Instrument & Leads	3	2	6	Product easy to use.  Warning in user manual – not for use by untrained personnel	F. User Instructions	2	1	2
D.6.9	Insufficient warning of side effects	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.6.10	Inadequate warnings of hazards likely with reuse of single use devices	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.6.11	Incorrect measurement and other metrological aspects	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.6.12	Misrepresentation of results	Instrument & Leads	1	1	1	Only for use by qualified & trained personnel – warning & in-depth explanation in user manual		1	1	1
D.6.13	Incompatibility with consumables / accessories / other devices	Battery & Leads	1	1	1	Standard battery used. Leads colour coded – spares available	F. User Instructions	1	1	1

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D.6.14	Sharp edges or points	Instrument & Leads	2	2	4	Only if damaged, user to assess level of damage – return for repair or spares parts available	1	1	1
D.7	Inappropriate, inadequa	te or overcomplicate	d user	interfa	ce (ma	nn/machine communication)			
D.7.1	Mistakes & judgement errors	N/A	1	1	1	No complex user interface	1	1	1
D.7.2	Lapses and cognitive recall errors	N/A	1	1	1	No complex user interface	1	1	1
D.7.3	Slips & blunders (mental or physical)	N/A	1	1	1	No complex user interface	1	1	1
D.7.4	Violation or abbreviation of instructions, procedures etc	N/A	1	1	1	No complex user interface	1	1	1
D.7.5	Complex or confusing control system	N/A	1	1	1	No complex user interface	1	1	1
D.7.6	Ambiguous or unclear device state	N/A	1	1	1	No complex user interface	1	1	1
D.7.7	Ambiguous or unclear presentation of settings, measurement, or other information	N/A	1	1	1	No complex user interface	1	1	1
D.7.8	Misrepresentation of results	N/A	1	1	1	No results presented	1	1	1
D.7.9	Insufficient visibility, audibility or tactility	N/A	1	1	1	No complex user interface	1	1	1
D.7.10	Poor mapping of controls to action or of displayed information to actual state	N/A	1	1	1	No complex user interface	1	1	1

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	Controversial modes or mappings as compared to existing equipment		1	1	1	No complex user interface		1	1	1
D.8	Hazards arising from fu		enance	and ag	eing a	nd contributory factors				
D.8.1	Erroneous data transfer	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.8.2	Lack of, or inadequate specification for maintenance including post maintenance functional tests	N/A	1	1	1			1	1	1
D.8.4	Inadequate maintenance	N/A	1	1	1	Instrument set up at manufacturer. Does not require regular service.  Maintenance only required if performance degrades		1	1	1
D.8.5	Lack of adequate determination of end of device life	Instrument	1	1	1	User decision based on damage or cost effectiveness of repair		1	1	1
D.8.6	Loss of electrical integrity	Instrument	2	2	4	Failure of any electrical component will result in loss of audio or visual output indication		1	1	1
D.8.7	Loss of mechanical integrity	Instrument	1	1	1	User decision based on damage or cost effectiveness of repair		1	1	1
D.8.8	Inadequate packaging (contamination and / or deterioration of the device)	Instrument & Leads	2	2	4	Boxed in protective plastic case. Bubble wrap / cardboard box through mail / courier	M. Packaging	1	1	1

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D.8.9	Re-use and/or improper	Instrument & Leads	1	1	1	User decision on	1	1	1
	re-use					suitability for next use			
						based on pre-use check &			
						tolerable damage to casing			
D.8.10	Deterioration in function	Instrument & Leads	1	1	1	Degradation of electrical	1	1	1
	(gradual occlusion of					components will			
	fluid / gas path or change					eventually result in loss of			
	in resistance to flow,					audio or visual output			
	electrical conductivity)					indication			
	as a result of repeated								
	use								

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