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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> At draft stage.

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<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	EN/HD	<u>Year</u>
-	-	Respiratory therapy equipment - Part 2: Tubing and connectors	EN 13544-2 +A1	2002 2009
ISO 5356-1	2004	Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment - Conical connectors - Part-1: Cones and sockets	EN ISO 5356-1	2004 3)
ISO 5356-1	2015	Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment - Conical connectors - Part 1: Cones and sockets	EN ISO 5356-1	2015
ISO 5356-2	2006	Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment - Conical connectors - Part 2: Screw- threaded weight-bearing connectors	EN ISO 5356-2	2007 4)
ISO 5356-2	2012	Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment - Conical connectors - Part 2: Screw-threaded weight-bearing connectors	EN ISO 5356-2	2012
ISO 8185	2007	Respiratory tract humidifiers for medical use - Particular requirements for respiratory humidification systems	EN ISO 8185	2009
ISO 14971	2007	Medical devices - Application of risk management to medical devices	EN ISO 14971	2012
ISO 80369-1	2010	Small bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications - Part 1: General requirements	EN ISO 80369-1	2010
ASTM D638-14	-	Standard test method for tensile properties of plastics	s -	-
ASTM D790-10	-	Standard test methods for flexural properties of unreinforced and reinforced plastics and electrical insulating materials	-	-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3)</sup> Superseded by EN ISO 5356-1:2015 (ISO 5356-1:2015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4)</sup> Superseded by EN ISO 5356-2:2012 (ISO 5356-2:2012).

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# SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS FOR LIQUIDS AND GASES IN HEALTHCARE APPLICATIONS –

# Part 5: Connectors for limb cuff inflation applications

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The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table. In ISO, the standard has been approved by 23 P members out of 23 having cast a vote.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

A list of all parts in the International Standard 80369 series, published under the general title Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications, can be found on the IEC and ISO websites.

In this standard, the following print types are used:

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- Informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: in smaller type.
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- "shall" means that compliance with a requirement or a test is mandatory for compliance with this standard;
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- "may" is used to describe a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test.

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- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn.
- · replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

The contents of the corrigendum of February 2017 have been included in this copy.

# INTRODUCTION

This International Standard was developed because of several incidents, with catastrophic consequences, resultant 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 International Standard 80369 series was developed to prevent misconnection between SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS used in different APPLICATIONS. Part 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.

Part 20 contains the common TEST METHODS to support the performance requirements for SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS. The other parts specify the designs of SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS for the various APPLICATIONS.

This part of International Standard 80369 specifies the design and the dimensions and drawings of SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS intended for use in limb cuff inflation APPLICATIONS. The informative Annex D through Annex G describe the methods by which this design has been assessed. Other parts of International Standard 80369 include requirements for SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS used in different APPLICATION categories.

Connectors manufactured to the dimensions set out within this International Standard are therefore dimensionally incompatible with the SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS used in other APPLICATIONS specified by the standards in this series, unless otherwise indicated. If fitted to the relevant Medical devices and accessories, these connectors should be able to prevent air being delivered intravenously. Connectors manufactured to the dimensions specified in this standard are also non-interconnectable with any of the other connectors identified in the International Standard 80369 series of standards for SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS, unless otherwise indicated.

# SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS FOR LIQUIDS AND GASES IN HEALTHCARE APPLICATIONS –

# Part 5: Connectors for limb cuff inflation applications

# 1 \* Scope

This part of International Standard 80369 specifies dimensions and requirements for the design and functional performance of SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS intended to be used for CONNECTIONS in limb cuff inflation APPLICATIONS of MEDICAL DEVICES and ACCESSORIES. Limb cuff inflation APPLICATIONS include CONNECTIONS between a sphygmomanometer and its cuff. [3] [7] 1

This part of International Standard 80369 does not specify requirements for the MEDICAL DEVICES or ACCESSORIES that use these CONNECTORS. Such requirements are given in particular International Standards for specific MEDICAL DEVICES or ACCESSORIES.

This part of International Standard 80369 does not specify requirements for pressurizing and depressurizing the retention mechanism (e.g. balloon) used to hold invasive MEDICAL DEVICES in place.

NOTE 1 MANUFACTURERS are encouraged to incorporate the SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS specified in this part of International Standard 80369 into MEDICAL DEVICES, medical systems or ACCESSORIES, even if currently not required by the relevant particular MEDICAL DEVICE standards. It is expected that when the relevant particular MEDICAL DEVICE standards are revised, requirements for SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS, as specified in this part of International Standard 80369, will be included.

NOTE 2 The requirements for SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS intended to be used with neonatal PATIENTS to connect a cuff to a sphygmomanometer are intended to be added to this standard by an amendment or new edition. IEC 80601-2-30 [7] defines the age range for neonatal mode usage of sphygmomanometers.

NOTE 3 The requirements for SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS intended to be used to connect a tourniquet to its inflating equipment are intended to be added to this standard by an amendment or new edition.

NOTE 4 ISO 80369-1:2010, 5.8, specifies alternative methods of compliance with ISO 80369-1:2010, for SMALL-BORE CONNECTORS intended for limb cuff inflation APPLICATIONS of MEDICAL DEVICES or ACCESSORIES which do not comply with this part of ISO 80369.

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NOTE 1 The way in which these referenced documents are cited in normative requirements determines the extent (in whole or in part) to which they apply.

NOTE 2 Informative references are listed in the bibliography on page 40.

ISO 5356-1:2004, Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment – Conical connectors – Part 1: Cones and sockets

ISO 5356-1:2015<sup>2</sup>, Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment – Conical connectors – Part 1: Cones and sockets

ISO 5356-2:2006<sup>3</sup>, Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment – Conical connectors – Part 2: Screw-threaded weight-bearing connectors

<sup>1</sup> Figures in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

<sup>2</sup> Both the current and previous versions of this standard are normatively referenced.

<sup>3</sup> Both the current and previous versions of this standard are normatively referenced.

ISO 5356-2:2012, Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment – Conical connectors – Part 2: Screw-threaded weight-bearing connectors

ISO 8185:2007, Respiratory tract humidifiers for medical use – Particular requirements for respiratory humidification systems

ISO 14971:2007, Medical devices – Application of risk management to medical devices

ISO 80369-1:2010, Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications – Part 1: General requirements

EN 13544-2:2002, Respiratory therapy equipment – Part 2: Tubing and connectors EN 13544-2:2002:AMD 1:2009

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