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Introduction

There are three levels of European Standards dealing with medical devices used in dentistry. These are as follows:

- Level 1: General requirements for medical devices;
- Level 2: Particular requirements for families of medical devices used in dentistry;
- Level 3: Specific requirements for types of medical devices used in dentistry.

There are no level 1 standards written exclusively in respect of medical devices used in dentistry.

This standard is a level 2 standard and details requirements that apply to instruments used in the practice of dentistry. For instruments to be connected to an energy source, this standard should be used in conjunction with EN 1640, which is applicable for dental equipment. This standard also indicates that there are additional requirements in the level 3 standards. Where available, these are included as normative references. To cover all the requirements for a particular product, it is necessary to use a standard of the lowest available level.

In the Bibliography a reference for guidance on the classification of dental devices and accessories [3] is given.