
**Mechanical vibration and shock — Cold
provocation tests for the assessment of
peripheral vascular function —**

**Part 2:
Measurement and evaluation of finger
systolic blood pressure**

*Vibrations et chocs mécaniques — Essais de provocation à froid pour
l'évaluation de la fonction vasculaire périphérique —*

*Partie 2: Mesurage et évaluation de la tension sanguine systolique des
doigts*



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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Measurement and evaluation of finger skin temperature*
- *Part 2: Measurement and evaluation of finger systolic blood pressure*

Introduction

Assessing finger systolic blood pressure (FSBP) before and after local cooling can help to identify the presence and extent of vasoconstriction of the digital arteries in response to cold provocation produced by appropriate finger cooling.

A low finger systolic blood pressure following local cooling compared to that measured before cooling can indicate digital arterial vasoconstriction caused by an exaggerated response to cold. The amount of any change in FSBP following local cooling can reflect the degree of arterial vasoconstriction.

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Part 2: Measurement and evaluation of finger systolic blood pressure

1 Scope

This part of ISO 14835 specifies

- a) the methods for measuring finger systolic blood pressures (FSBP) with local cold provocation,
- b) the procedures for conducting the measurements, and
- c) how to report the measurement results.

The methods in this part of ISO 14835 are designed to assist in the collection of data for a quantitative evaluation of the vascular response to cold provocation, and to enable specification of normative data.

The measurement of FSBP with local cold provocation can be used for the assessment of peripheral vascular function. This part of ISO 14835 is applicable to the assessment of vascular function in persons exposed to hand-transmitted vibration.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

IEC 60601-1, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1: General requirements for safety*

3 Measurement equipment

3.1 General

FSBP may be measured using plethysmography. A typical measurement consists of applying an occluding pressure to a digit by means of a pressure cuff connected to a plethysmograph. The cuff may be perfused with water at a controlled temperature for application of local cooling. Alternatively, an air-inflated cuff may be used to apply an occluding pressure and a separate non-pressurized, water-perfused cuff may be used for the application of local cooling. After a period of cooling, the pressure in the occluding cuff is continuously released until a transducer situated distally to this cuff detects blood flow. The cuff pressure at which this blood flow is detected is equivalent to the maximum digital arterial pressure (systolic pressure) and the cuff pressure is noted as the FSBP.

The equipment consists of a device, or devices, for applying and controlling pressure around a digit whilst applying controlled local cooling to the digit. The equipment is capable of controlling the release of a