

# Dentistry — Information system on the location of dental equipment in the working area of the oral health care provider (ISO 4073:2009)

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## Foreword

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- a) deletion of annex with the recommendation for a paper identification card;
- b) addition of definitions for new devices or improved systems;
- c) deletion of symbols for location of dentist's or dental assistant's instrumentation.

## **Introduction**

The specification of an information system on the location of dental equipment in the working area of the oral health care provider is of basic importance for an international understanding and communication of the allocation of the dental equipment.

# Dentistry — Information system on the location of dental equipment in the working area of the oral health care provider

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies an information system for the location of items of dental equipment that are used in the working area of the team of the oral health care provider where examination, treatment and other clinical procedures, with the patient directly involved, are carried out.

The identification system provides the means of giving general information about the presence of items and of describing relevant characteristics concerning dimensional flexibility and adaptability of the items and parts of their accessories.

In addition, this International Standard provides definitions for general terms used in the area of dental equipment.

## 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.

ISO 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942 and the following apply.

### 3.1

**dental office**

**dental surgery**

facility where patients are received and treated by the dental personnel

### 3.2

**oral health care provider**

**dental operator**

person who is performing a treatment procedure on a patient

EXAMPLE Dentist, hygienist.

### 3.3

**chairside assistant**

person supporting the dental operator in the working area

**3.4**  
**working area of the oral healthcare provider**  
**treatment area of the oral health care provider**  
**working space of the oral health care provider**  
area organized around the oral health care provider and equipped for positioning and treatment of the patient

**3.5**  
**dental equipment**  
furniture, machines, apparatus and accessories thereto, specially made for use in the practice of dentistry and/or its associated procedures

**3.6**  
**dental X-ray equipment**  
radiographic equipment designed and used in dentistry for diagnostic purposes

**3.7**  
**dental unit**  
combination of interconnected dental equipment and dental instruments constituting a functional assembly for use in the provision of dental treatment

**3.8**  
**patient chair**  
device designed to support and position the patient for treatment and therefore provided with a range of movements

**3.9**  
**operator stool**  
movable seat, adjustable in height, which supports the body of the oral health care provider or of the chairside assistant in a seated position

**3.10**  
**operating light**  
device designed for use by an operator for illuminating the oral cavity

**3.11**  
**powered polymerization activator**  
device producing light that is applied directly in the oral cavity of a patient to polymerizable dental materials

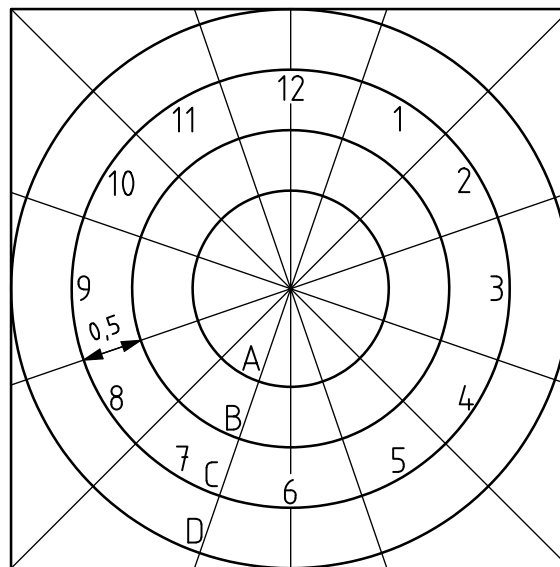
**3.12**  
**suction system**  
low and high volume aspirating units and the corresponding hoses that are connected to a remote suction machine to enable an air flow designed to remove spray, liquids and solids from the mouth of the dental patient during treatment

## **4 Information system on the location of items of dental equipment**

The information system on the location of items of dental equipment in the working area of the oral health care provider consists of a series of concentric circles, marked A, B, C, D, starting from the centre. The centre refers to the mouth of the patient, who is sitting in the patient chair. The radial sectors are symbolized by numbers 1 to 12 on an analogue watch dial (see Figure 1).



Dimensions in metres



**Figure 1 — Information system on the location of items of dental equipment**

Four concentric circles around the centre at a distance of 0,5 m each give the means of clearly locating the exact position of the different items. The circles are identified by the letters A, B, C and D.

The location of the items of dental equipment as well as an indication of the working area of the oral health care provider may be given in the reference plan by a sketch.

EXAMPLE 1 A8 = item is at a distance of less than 0,5 m at position 8 o'clock.

EXAMPLE 2 D3 = item is at a distance of between 1,5 m and 2 m at position 3 o'clock.

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