



Medaval Comparative-Equivalence Procedure

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Summary

This document describes equivalence for medical devices in accordance with MEDDEV 2.7/1 revision 4.

- In compliance with Council Directive 93/42/EEC as amended by directive 2007/47/EC
- Used to compare devices described under Medaval Device Registration with Core measurement-critical items indicated as Technical, Clinical or Biological, in accordance with MEDDEV 2.7/1 revision 4
- Identifies how each item is compared to corresponding item on the paired device
- Standard critical core items compared to ensure equality or equivalence, in accordance with MEDDEV 2.7/1 revision 4.
- Identity, Features and Accessories indicated, in Device Registration, compared to identify device differences in accordance with MEDDEV 2.7/1 revision 4.
- Provides summary comparison for equivalent devices
- Identifies "Families" of devices where each pair are equivalent to each other
- Results provided in Clinical Evaluation Reports prepared in accordance with MEDDEV 2.7/1 revision 4.
- Evaluations conducted by renowned experts in Blood Pressure Measurement with proven and published experience in protocol development and validation.

Equivalence and Validation

- Equivalence is independent of validation.
- Validation is only of one functionality, normally the the measurement technology. The particular device used in a validation can be any that uses that technology.
- Validation of a measurement technology is therefore applied to all devices within a family i.e. all those with proven to be equivalent for that technology.
- Existing validations are applied immediately. Subsequent validations are applied once published.
- Equivalence of cuffs means that where one cuff was proved accurate with the technology, all equivalent cuffs can be used also.