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The U.S. TAG for ISO/TC 106 Dentistry participates in the development of international dental standards for dental materials, oral hygiene products, dental equipment, dental instruments, dental implants and more!



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Dental Representation

Dentistry in ISO (International Organization for Standardization, a non-treaty standards organization) is represented through Technical Committee (TC) 106. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is the U.S. member to ISO. U.S. input to ANSI for ISO/TC 106 is provided through the U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) which determines the U.S. vote on all dental standards. The American Dental Association (ADA) is the sponsor and secretariat of the U.S. TAG.

Why Develop International Standards?

The world is getting smaller and markets are getting bigger. Fair international competition needs to be based on identifiable, clearly defined references from one country to the next. Conforming to international standards now will determine the success of the market in the future.

With the growing global market and elimination of borders, it can be difficult to determine the origin of products. International standards establish better quality control, help eliminate duplicative requirements, and promote the worldwide acceptance of products. This facilitates free trade and can help eliminate or reduce non-tariff, technical trade barriers. There is also a trend towards increasing reliance on International standards versus regional, national or internal corporate standards.

Why participate? By being involved in the U.S. TAG for ISO/TC106 Dentistry, you can influence the content of a standard, manage the impact of standardization on your organization, assess new market directions and future market trends as well as open opportunities for networking.

U.S. TAG Membership

You can join the team! As a participant in the U.S. TAG, you will engage in key topic discussions and have the opportunity to participate in developing the U.S. position on international dental standards with manufacturers, experts and end users in a neutral atmosphere. You could become a U.S. expert in one of the various working groups within the Sub-TAGs and help ensure that U.S. interests are considered!

You may become a voting or observer member. **Active members of the U.S. TAG also receive substantial discounts on the purchase of ISO dental standards!**

You can join the U.S. TAG today by visiting the website at <http://sitiescape.ada.org/USTAG> or by sending an e-mail to standards@ada.org.

The seven Sub-TAGs of the U.S. TAG for ISO/TC 106 Dentistry are:

Sub-TAG 1, Restorative and Orthodontic Materials, addresses such topics as dental amalgam, dental cements and orthodontic products.

Sub-TAG 2, Prosthodontic Materials, addresses such topics as corrosion test methods, dental ceramics, artificial teeth, dental waxes, wear test methods and impression materials.

Sub-TAG 3, Dental Terminology, addresses such topics as new terms, communications and harmonization of dental codes and abbreviations.

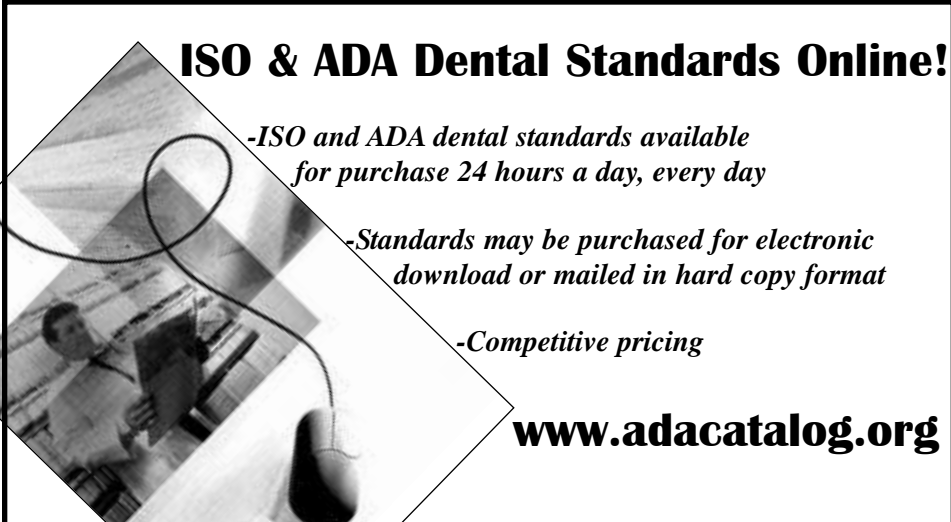
Sub-TAG 4, Dental Instruments, addresses such topics as handpieces, hand instruments, root canal instruments and dental burs.

Sub-TAG 6, Dental Equipment, addresses such topics as amalgamators, dental patient chair and unit, amalgam separators, dental operating light and suction equipment.

Sub-TAG 7, Oral Hygiene Products, addresses such topics as powered oral hygiene products, oral rinses, dentifrices and toothbrushes.

Sub-TAG 8, Dental Implants, addresses such topics as implantable material and mechanical testing.

For more information on the U.S. TAG for ISO/TC 106 Dentistry, please visit: <http://sitiescape.ada.org/USTAG>. To view the published standards available, please visit: www.adacatalog.org. Please submit any questions to: standards@ada.org.



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