

## ASTM International

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Overview of Organization:

ASTM International, formerly known as the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), is a globally recognized leader in the development and delivery of international voluntary consensus standards. Today, some 12,000 ASTM standards are used around the world to improve product quality, enhance safety, facilitate market access and trade, and build consumer confidence.

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Information on becoming a member:

Anyone who has interest in the field covered by a committee's scope is eligible to become a committee member. The individual membership fee is \$75 and the organizational membership fee is \$400. ASTM also offers free memberships for students. All the information and benefits can be found at <http://www.astm.org/MEMBERSHIP/MemTypes.htm>. Individual and organizational members receive one free Volume of Standards in book, CD or virtual format.

Information on obtaining standards (if applicable):

Committee E31 on Healthcare Informatics has jurisdiction of approximately 35 standards. Document summaries for each standard can be viewed online. There is a modest cost for buying a standard but members receive one free Volume of Standards in book, CD or virtual format. The listing of standards by subcommittee can be viewed at <http://www.astm.org/COMMIT/SUBCOMMIT/E31.htm>.

Committee F04 on Medical Devices has jurisdiction of approximately 250 standards. Document summaries for each standard can be viewed online. There is a modest cost for buying a standard but members receive one free Volume of Standards in book, CD or virtual format. The listing of standards by subcommittee can be viewed at <http://www.astm.org/COMMIT/SUBCOMMIT/F04.htm>.

Publicly available information that may be of interest:

Meeting/Educational Sessions information:

F04 meets twice each year, in May and November, with about 160 members attending over two days of technical meetings capped by a symposium or workshop on relevant topics in the medical/surgical materials and device industry.

Committee E31 has no set meeting schedule but meet face-to-face and virtually as deemed necessary by the Subcommittee Chairmen.