

U.S. TAG for ISO/TC 106 Dentistry

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The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is an international yet non-governmental organization that has as its objective the development of worldwide standards. It is comprised of the single most representative standardization body from each country. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) is the United States (U.S.) member to ISO. The United States participates in ISO through U.S. Technical Advisory Groups (TAGs). ANSI has designated the American Dental Association as sponsor and Secretariat of the U.S. Technical Advisory Committee for ISO/Technical Committee 106 Dentistry. The U.S. TAG for ISO/TC 106 casts the United States vote on all international dental standards. In addition, experts have been named to various working groups within subcommittees of ISO/TC 106. This ensures that U.S. interests are considered in the development of international standards for dentistry.

The U.S. TAG is comprised of eight Sub-TAGs which are responsible for a particular category of standards. They are Sub-TAG 1: Orthodontic & Restorative Materials; Sub-TAG 2: Prosthodontic Materials; Sub-TAG 3: Dental Terminology; Sub-TAG 4: Dental Instruments; Sub-TAG 6: Dental Equipment; Sub-TAG 7: Oral Hygiene Products; Sub-TAG 8: Dental Implants; and Sub-TAG 9: Dental CAD/CAM Systems. Memberships on the Sub-TAGs are open to all U.S. national persons who indicate that they are directly and materially affected by the activity of the U.S. TAG.

The effective representation of U.S. needs and viewpoints in dentistry starts with you!



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Harmonization of standards and regulatory requirements is the best approach to facilitate global market access, competition and growth.

The world is getting smaller and markets are getting bigger. Globalization has driven the need for international standards. But as this need has grown, so too has the amount of governmental regulation motivated by societal concerns for health and safety, environment and security. Fair international competition needs to be based on identifiable, clearly defined references from one country to the next. Conforming to international standards helps 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 can establish better quality control, help eliminate duplicative requirements, and promote the worldwide acceptance of products. This ultimately facilitates free trade and can help eliminate or reduce non-tariff, technical trade barriers. There is also an increasing reliance on international standards versus regional, national or internal corporate standards.

Membership Categories

Voting membership: Voting members shall receive all related ISO documents. Members are expected to participate actively by fulfilling voting, correspondence, and other obligations. The voting member participates in developing the consensus U.S. position on Sub-TAG votes and issues and can represent the U.S. as the appointed expert on a working group or at an ISO/TC 106 meeting. An organization may only have one voting member; however, an alternate can be designated if desired.

Observer membership: Individuals and representatives of organizations having an interest in the Sub-TAG's work without the obligations of voting may request observer membership. Observers shall receive all related ISO documents except ballots, have the opportunity to comment during ballot or comment periods, and may attend TAG and ISO/TC 106 meetings in an observer status. The observer member may not vote.

Representation of Interests

All directly and materially affected U.S. national persons (organizations, companies, government agencies, individuals, etc.) shall have the opportunity for fair and equitable participation without dominance by any single interest.

Dominance means a position or exercise of dominant authority, leadership, influence by reason of superior leverage, strength, or representation. The requirement implicit in the phrase "without dominance by any single interest" normally will be satisfied if a reasonable balance among interests, i.e., producer, consumer, general interest, can be achieved. Unless it is claimed by a directly and materially affected person that a single interest dominated the standards activity, to the exclusion of fair and equitable consideration of other viewpoints, no test for dominance is necessary.

Producer: A member who represents an organization that produces or sells materials, products, systems, or services covered in the scope of the document(s) developed within the subcommittee shall be classified as a producer.

Consumer: A member, or a member who represents an organization, that in the context of his/her profession purchases or uses materials, products, systems, or services covered in the scope of the documents(s) developed within the subcommittee shall be classified as a consumer provided that the member could not also be classified as a producer.

General interest: A member who does not fit into any of the preceding categories, for example: Government agency representatives, representative of consumer groups, or research experts.

Membership organizations or consultants: A membership organization (e.g. trade association, professional society) shall be categorized according to the interest category of its members. A consultant shall be categorized in accordance with the classification of his or her clients.

Leadership	To demonstrate the U.S. commitment to leadership in standards for dentistry worldwide
Alignment	To demonstrate to world markets that U.S. and ISO standardization activities are closely aligned
Visibility	To showcase U.S. technology and innovation to colleagues around the globe



Ready to Join?

Choose your membership level from the options on this page and fill out and submit a U.S. TAG membership Application and ADA Copyright Assignment.

An annual technical reimbursement fee is assessed for all voting and observer memberships in the producer category. The monies collected from the membership fees are placed in a U.S. Sub-TAG Advisory Fund. The membership fees for the U.S. Sub-TAGs are used to enhance the development of the U.S. position on proposed international standards. Examples of expenditures are meeting expenses, educational seminars, educational brochures and standards testing associated with development of those positions.

Membership Information – Producer/Industry

Premium Membership: \$4500 annually

- Grants voting access to all 8 Sub-TAGs (A \$1700 annual savings):

Sub-TAG 1 – Orthodontic and Restorative Materials	Sub-TAG 6 – Dental Equipment
Sub-TAG 2 – Prosthodontic Materials	Sub-TAG 7 – Oral Hygiene Products
Sub-TAG 3 – Dental Terminology	Sub-TAG 8 – Dental Implants
Sub-TAG 4 – Dental Instruments	Sub-TAG 9 – Dental CAD/CAM Systems
- Access to all meetings, document drafts and ballots for each of 8 Sub-TAGs
- Discounts on all published ISO and ADA Specifications
- Voting privileges on all ISO documents (**may designate up to 2 alternates**)
- Serve as U.S. Expert on subject matters
- Eligibility to hold office
- Notifications of results, access to ADA Connect Sub-TAG web pages
- Attend U.S. TAG meetings at no charge
- Serve as a U.S. delegate to ISO/TC 106 meetings

Voting Membership: \$775 annually (per Sub-TAG)

- Access to all meetings, document drafts and ballots for each Sub-TAG joined
- Discounts on all published ISO and ADA Specifications
- Voting privileges on all ISO documents (**may designate up to 2 alternates**)
- Serve as U.S. Expert on subject matters
- Eligibility to hold office
- Notifications of results, access to ADA Connect Sub-TAG web pages
- Attend U.S. TAG meetings at no charge
- Serve as a U.S. delegate to ISO/TC 106 meetings

Observer Membership: \$425 annually (per Sub-TAG)

- Receive draft ISO documents for review and comment
- Notifications of results, access to ADA Connect Sub-TAG web pages
- Attend U.S. TAG meetings at no charge
- Serve as a U.S. delegate to the ISO/TC 106 Meetings