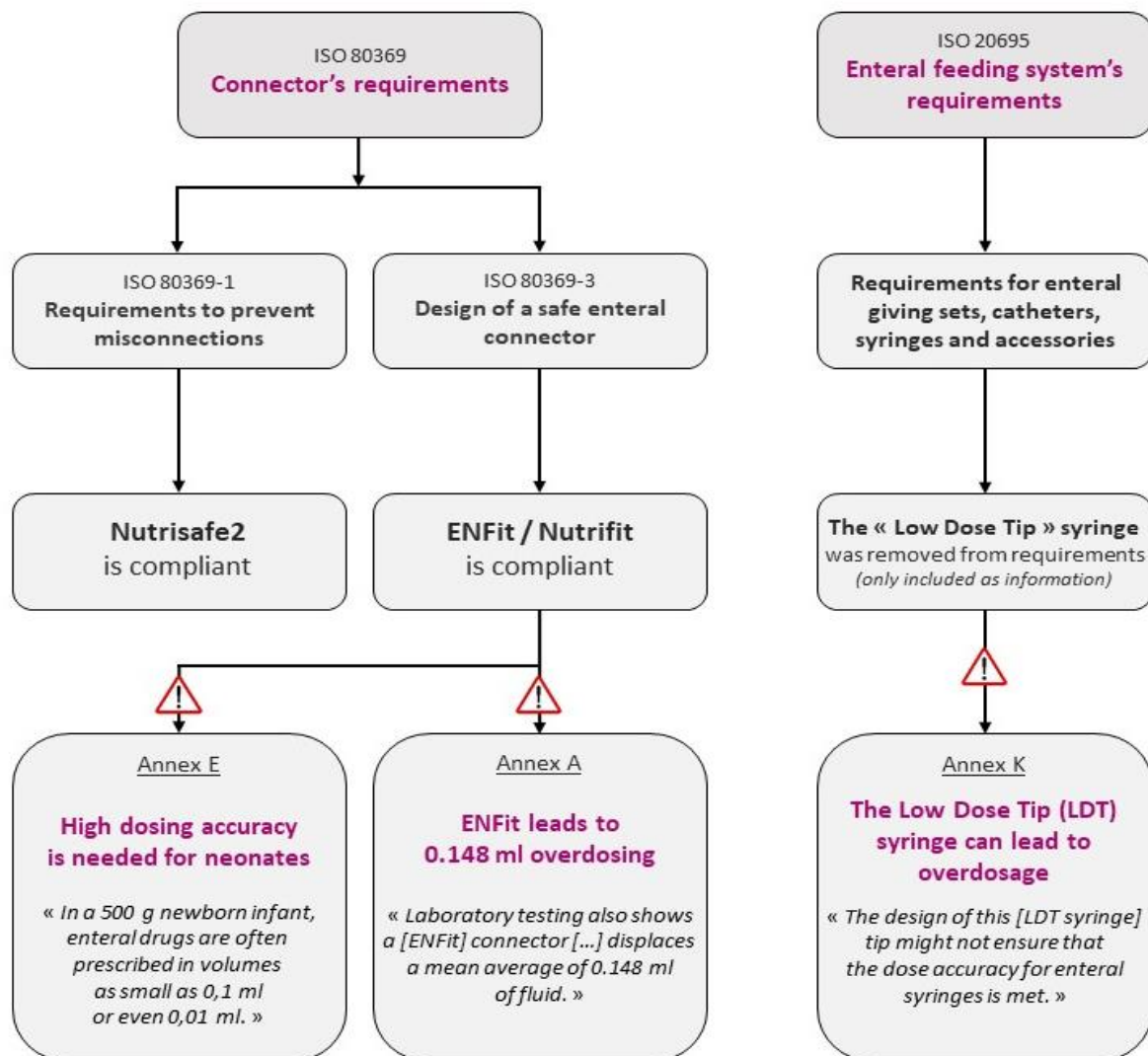


Update on the ISO standards for enteral feeding

Before 2010, hospitals used multiple tubes, catheters and syringes for multiple functions, but all these devices incorporated one universal connector, called Luer. Therefore, inadvertent connections between two different administration systems (e.g. enteral and vascular) happened and patients were accidentally harmed.

To ensure patient safety, ISO standards were defined to prevent these misconnection risks. The enteral feeding system was the first clinical application to be secured thanks to two ISO standards:



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Want to know more ?

What is the ISO 20695?

The ISO 20695 specifies requirements for enteral feeding systems comprising enteral giving sets, enteral extension sets, enteral syringes, enteral feeding catheters, and enteral accessories.

What is the ISO 80369?

The ISO 80369 specifies the requirement for small-bore connectors used in the different clinical applications such as respiratory, intravascular access or enteral.

- The part 1 (ISO 80369-1) specifies that any connector from one clinical application should not be able to be connected to any other clinical applications (e.g. impossibility to connect an enteral connector to a respiratory one) and defines the methodology to demonstrate this “non-interconnectability” feature.
- The part 3 (ISO 80369-3) defines the dimensional and functional specifications of the ENFit™ connector, which is the connector designed for enteral application within the ISO 80369 standard.

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