

Medical gas pipeline systems —

Part 1: Terminal units for compressed medical gases and vacuum

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National foreword

This British Standard is the English language version of EN 737-1:1998 and covers terminal units for compressed medical gases and vacuum. Together with BS EN 739:1998, which covers hose assemblies and non-interchangeable screw-threaded (NIST) connectors, it partially supersedes BS 5682:1984 (as amended by AMD 5419:1987) which covered hose assemblies, terminal units and their connectors. The remainder of the content of BS 5682:1984, i.e. “quick connect” probes, is the subject of EN 737-6, currently in preparation.

When published, EN 737-6 is expected to have a lengthy transitional period, the date of withdrawal of conflicting national standards (DOW) being set several years in the future. BS 5682:1984 will be withdrawn on 13 June 1998 and replaced by a new edition (BS 5682:1998) which will retain only the requirements for quick connect probes given in the amended 1984 edition. This new edition is expected to co-exist with the forthcoming BS EN 737-6 until the expiry of the DOW of EN 737-6, at which time BS 5682:1998 will be withdrawn.

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