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Draft Standards Are Not Acceptable References

To the Editor:—The Committee on Mechanical Equipment of the American Society of Anesthesiologists and American National Standards Committee Z-79 suggest that Draft Standards not be acceptable as references in scientific articles.

Draft Standards are often privileged documents that are used to facilitate interchange between committee members both nationally and within the committees of the International Standards Organization and the International Electrotechnical Commission.

Reference to a published American National Standard, by contrast, is to a published document which is

always obtainable from the American National Standards Institute. Likewise, international standards are always obtainable either through the American National Standards Institute or directly from the International Standards Organization-International Electrotechnical Commission's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

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Current *Anesthesiology* policy does not permit use of Draft Standards as acceptable references. Please refer to Guide for Authors for further information.

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