Finding an International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Standard

In the journal article [Correlation of visual in vitro cytotoxicity ratings of biomaterials with quantitative in vitro cell viability measurements](#) by Bhatia and Yetter, ISO 10993-5:1999 is referenced.

Another reference from this article pertains to the use of ISO 10933-1, where Use of international standard ISO-10993, biological evaluation of medical devices – Part 1: Evaluation and testing was written in 1995.

Determining the Active Standard

To find the active ISO 10993-1 and ISO 10993-5 standards, use the [ISO's Standards Catalogue](#). The active and withdrawn standards display in the results when searching by an ISO number. [ISO 10993-1:2018](#) and [ISO 10993-5:2009](#) are the active standards.

Publication History of ISO Standards

It is easiest to use the advanced search to get the publication history of a standard. For our example, the author doesn't give the date of ISO 10993-1 referenced in Use of International Standard ISO-10993. This document was published in 1995 and ISO 10993-1:1992 was the active standard at that time.

Finding the Standard

Our library has some ISO standards, but it does not have all of them. If we have a particular standard, it is usually an individual standard or book in our library.

Let's check the [UA Libraries Catalog](#) for the active standards ISO 10993-1:2018 and ISO 10993-5:2009. When searching for standards, try several keyword searches because the title might be slightly different than the one on the ISO website. Also, the document number might be slightly different or completely missing from the record in the UA Libraries Catalog.

- [Example Search 1 – ISO and 10993*](#)
- [Example Search 2 – biolog* and evaluat* and s:Standards](#)

The library doesn't have a copy of ISO 10993-1:2018; however, it does have a copy of [ISO 10993-5: 2009](#) and [ISO 10993-5:1999](#). Keep in mind that this example was chosen because the library has much of ISO 10993 albeit not the active standard for all parts. **We will not always have copies of ISO standards.**

Since we do not have ISO 10993-1:2018 and ISO 10993-5:2009, check the [OhioLINK catalog](#). Since our library and OhioLINK do not have a copy of these standards, try [interlibrary loan](#) (select New Request, then Article from the main menu).