



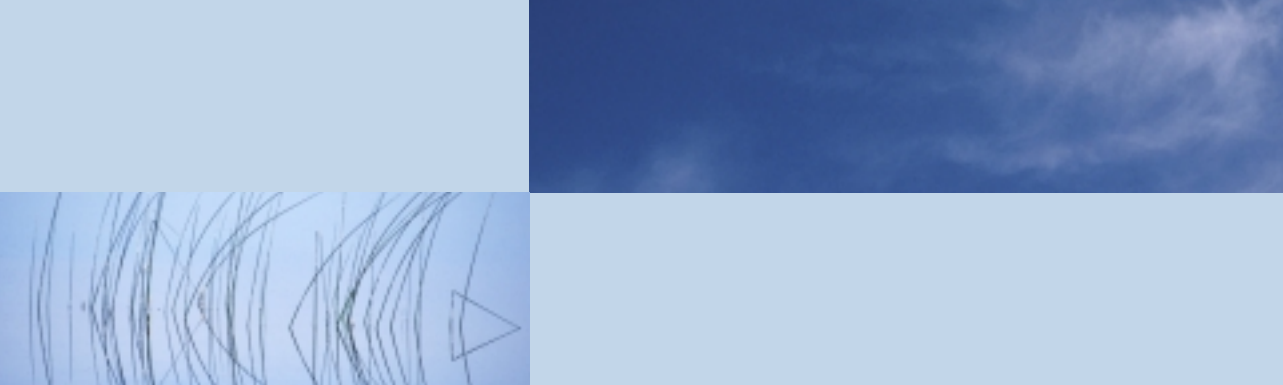
Our steps on the way to a better tomorrow

OUR APPROACH TO QUALITY, SAFETY, HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT



A company in the
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Astra Tech develops, manufactures and markets medical implants and advanced healthcare products for single use. Our product range focuses on well-defined areas of urology, odontology, surgery and radiology. The aim of our products is to improve patient care, make the work of medical personnel easier and reduce the overall cost of healthcare.

We engage in an open dialogue with our customers and other interested parties, thereby creating respect for, confidence in and knowledge of our activities and the products we make.

In addition to complying with existing laws, official requirements, standards and agreements, it goes without saying that we follow guide-

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Concern, ethics and high standards
are words which are easy to utter.
We are determined to take them seriously.

lines for quality, safety, health and the environment. Our ambition is to be among the leading companies in all of these areas. We aim to conduct our business from an overall perspective, where attention is paid to the guidelines in all parts of the organisation and in the choice of partners.

In our endeavour to assume our responsibility towards society and with a view to strengthening our competitiveness, constant improvements are a must. Our watchwords are concern, ethics and high standards. On the following pages you can read about how we apply them in practice.

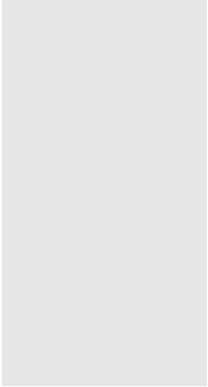


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At Astra Tech the participation, involvement and awareness of all employees are important conditions enabling us to ensure the quality of our goods and services.

In all our research, development and production we comply with international regulations. Through constant improvements we endeavour to further enhance our quality. For us, quality means that we should at all times satisfy our customers' needs and expectations. This means not only fulfilling the demands relating to the functioning, safety, durability and design of our products, but also ensuring that the products live up to patients' hopes of achieving a better quality of life.

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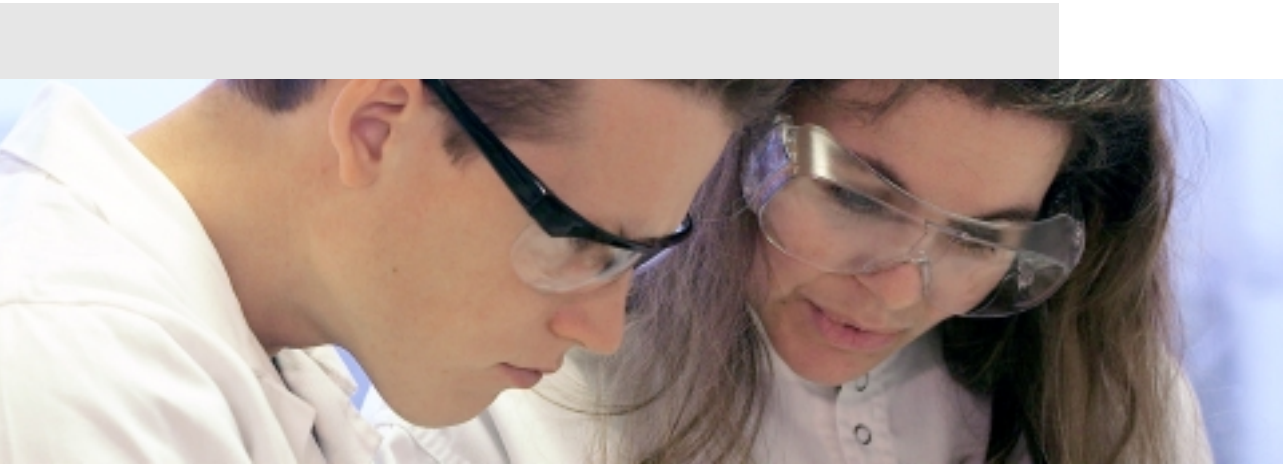
Quality entails not only satisfying
our customers' needs and expectations,
but also realising our own.

Cooperation with customers, patients and partners takes place with the
greatest confidence.

We focus our efforts on continually improving and developing our
activities in order to meet the increased demands of the future for medical,
practical and financial value added. We also invest in the continual skills
development of our employees.

Constant improvements are essential if we are to increase the confi-
dence of our customers and strengthen our competitiveness. We increase
the demands on ourselves as we make progress.

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At Astra Tech prevention is an important task. Reinforced by advanced technology and competent employees, we guarantee high and uniform quality of our products. We increase our efficiency and make our activities safer for both people and the environment through continual improvements.

Changes are preceded by detailed risk analyses to eliminate potential causes of accidents and incidents, both in the manufacture and the use of our products.

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Ensuring safety for patients, customers and employees is not just our moral duty. It is also a way of successfully conducting our business.

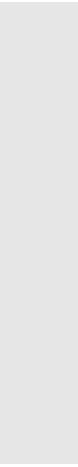
For us, it is a matter of course to manage safety from an overall perspective in which account is taken of all the implications for plants, processes, deliveries, quality, health and the environment. We are also convinced that this is necessary if we are to run a successful company.

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At Astra Tech activities should be carried out in a manner which ensures good health and a good working environment for all employees. Throughout our production and in the development of new products, we endeavour to make continual changes in relation to health and working conditions. An equally important part of our responsibility is to make

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Our products are associated with
health and quality of life.
This should naturally also be true of
our activities.

every effort from a psychosocial perspective to see that everyone is happy
and feels well at their workplace.


Astra Tech aims not only to be an attractive company to do business
with. We also aim to be a business which people are keen to work for.



At Astra Tech products and processes should always be viewed from a comprehensive perspective, where the issue of the environment is an integral part of our entire organisation.

In order to contribute to the sustainable development of society in the long term, we seek to economise on natural resources and promote recycling as far as possible.

Within the scope of our operations and on the basis of existing conditions, we seek to minimise the impact of our business on people and the



By economising on natural resources
and reducing our environmental impact,
we benefit both the environment
and ourselves.

environment. Besides efficient control and monitoring of emissions to air and water, each year we allocate substantial resources for preventive measures in every area of the environment. At present, issues concerning solvents, sterilisation methods and the choice of material take the greatest priority.

Pursuing effective environmental activities is a prerequisite for the sound and financially viable development of our activities.

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The aim of our products is to simplify and improve patient care, while at the same time working towards a reduction in overall healthcare costs. By integrating medical research and up-to-date materials technology, we create the conditions for a system of healthcare. A system which has greater prospects of meeting the increasing demands of the future. Our products supply the health service with medical, practical and financial value added – while at the same time offering the patient an improved quality of life.

Our watchwords are concern, ethics and high standards. In this publication we describe our approach to quality, safety, health and the environment and how we operate in order to comply with our guidelines.



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