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In this Redline version, a vertical line in the margin shows where the technical content is modified by amendment 1. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text. A separate Final version with all changes accepted is available in this publication.

International standard IEC 60601-2-50 has been prepared by subcommittee 62D: Electromedical equipment, of IEC technical committee 62: Electrical equipment in medical practice.

This third edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical change with respect to the previous edition: re-dating of normative references.

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In this document, the following print types are used:

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– *test specifications: italic type;*
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References to clauses within this document are preceded by the term “Clause” followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this particular standard are by number only.

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INTRODUCTION

The minimum safety requirements specified in this particular standard are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of INFANT PHOTOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT.

INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

At the October 2019 meeting of IEC SC 62D in Shanghai, China, the subcommittee discussed the need for administrative/technical changes to most 62D standards after completion of the amendment projects within the IEC 60601-1 series. Those projects were all completed and the amendments published in 2020.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard[1] applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 * Scope

Replacement:

This part of IEC 60601 applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of INFANT PHOTOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT, as defined in 201.3.203, also referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to ME EQUIPMENT only, or to ME SYSTEMS only, the title and content of that clause or subclause will say so. If that is not the case, the clause or subclause applies both to ME EQUIPMENT and to ME SYSTEMS, as relevant.

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEMS within the scope of this document are not covered by specific requirements in this document, except in 7.2.13 and 8.4.1 of the general standard.

NOTE See also 4.2 of the general standard.

This particular standard specifies safety requirements for INFANT PHOTOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT, but alternate methods of compliance with a specific clause by demonstrating equivalent safety will not be judged as non-compliant if the MANUFACTURER has demonstrated in his RISK MANAGEMENT FILE that the RISK presented by the HAZARD has been found to be of an acceptable level when weighed against the benefit of treatment from the device.

This document does not apply to:

– devices supplying heat via BLANKETS, PADS or MATTRESSES in medical use; for information, see IEC 60601-2-35 [1][2];
– INFANT INCUBATORS; for information, see IEC 60601-2-19 [2];
– INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATORS; for information, see IEC 60601-2-20 [3];
– INFANT RADIANT WARMERS; for information, see IEC 60601-2-21 [4].

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for INFANT PHOTOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT (as defined in 201.3.203), which reduce the safety HAZARDS to PATIENTS and OPERATORS as much as possible and to specify tests for demonstrating compliance with these requirements.

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1 The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*.

2 The figures between brackets refer to the Bibliography.

201.1.3 * Collateral standards

Addition:

This particular standard refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in Clause 2 of the general standard and Clause 201.2 of this particular standard.

IEC 60601-1-2:2014 and IEC 60601-1-2:2014/AMD1:2020 ~~applies~~ apply as modified in Clause 202. IEC 60601-1-3 and IEC 60601-1-10 do not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

201.1.4 Particular standards

Replacement:

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in the general standard and collateral standards as appropriate for the particular ME EQUIPMENT under consideration, and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the general standard.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are referred to in this particular standard as the general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this particular standards corresponds to that of the general standard with the prefix “201” (e.g. 201.1 in this document addresses the content of Clause 1 of the general standard) or applicable collateral standard with the prefix “20x” where x is the final digit(s) of the collateral standard document number (e.g. 202.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 203.4 in this document addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-3 collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of the general standard and applicable collateral standards are specified by the use of the following words:

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Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of the general standard are numbered starting from 201.101. However, due to the fact that definitions in the general standard are numbered 3.1 through 3.147, additional definitions in this document are numbered beginning from 201.3.201. Additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc., and additional items aa), bb), etc.

Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of a collateral standard are numbered starting from 20x, where “x” is the number of the collateral standard, e.g. 202 for IEC 60601-1-2, 203 for IEC 60601-1-3, etc.

The term "this document" is used to make reference to the general standard, any applicable collateral standards and this particular standard taken together.

Where there is no corresponding clause or subclause in this particular standard, the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly relevant, is not to be applied, a statement to that effect is given in this particular standard.

201.2 Normative references

NOTE Informative references are listed in the Bibliography.

Clause 2 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

Addition:

IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*
IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012
IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020

Replacement:

IEC 60601-1-2:2014, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Electromagnetic disturbances – Requirements and tests*
IEC 60601-1-2:2014/AMD1:2020

201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions specified in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, and the following apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
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NOTE An index of defined terms is found on page 30. A list of symbols, abbreviations and acronyms used in this particular standard is given in Table 201.101.

~~*Replacement:*~~

~~**201.3.76**~~
~~**PATIENT**~~
~~INFANT, as specified under 201.3.202, who is being treated by means of visible radiation from INFANT PHOTOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT, as specified under 201.3.203~~

Addition:

201.3.201
EFFECTIVE IRRADIATED AREA
surface on which the PATIENT rests according to the intended position and which is irradiated by the INFANT PHOTOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT

Note 1 to entry: The EFFECTIVE IRRADIATED AREA is the intended treatment surface which is illuminated by the phototherapy light. The area of 60 cm × 30 cm is used as a standard-sized surface unless specified differently in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS.

201.3.202
INFANT
PATIENT up to the age of three months and a weight less than 10 kg

Note 1 to entry: INFANT includes premature/pre-born baby and neonate baby/newborn baby.

201.3.203
*** INFANT PHOTOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT**
ME EQUIPMENT which emits in the main radiation spectrum in the range between 400 nm and 550 nm for reducing the concentration of bilirubin in the body of INFANTS

201.3.204
TOTAL IRRADIANCE FOR BILIRUBIN
***E*bi**
irradiance equal to the total of all irradiance in the range between 400 nm and 550 nm

Table 201.101 – List of symbols, abbreviations and acronyms

Abbreviation	Term
AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics
°C	degrees Celsius (unit of temperature)
dB(A)	decibel A-weighted to human frequency response (a logarithmic measure of sound intensity)
Δ_λ	bandwidth (in nanometres)
E	irradiance (radiant power incidence per unit area on a surface)
E_{bi}	irradiance for bilirubin (total irradiance for 400 nm to 550 nm)
E_{eff}	effective irradiance
E_λ	spectral irradiance
EL	exposure limit
G_2	uniformity of irradiance (unitless)
GHz	gigahertz (unit of frequency)
h	hour (unit of time)
IR	infrared radiation (with wavelengths between 700 nm and 1 mm)
IR-A	A region of infrared radiation (with wavelengths between 700 nm and 1 400 nm)
IR-B	B region of infrared radiation (with wavelengths between 1,4 μm and 3 μm)
IR-C	C region of infrared radiation (with wavelengths between 3 μm and ~~8 μm~~ 1 mm)
kg	kilograms (unit of mass)
λ	lambda (unit of wavelength)
m	meter (unit of length)
MHz	megahertz (unit of frequency)
min	minute (unit of time)
μW/cm^2	microwatts per square centimetre (unit of irradiance)
nm	nanometre (unit of length)
N	newton (unit of force)
s	second (unit of time)
S_λ	relative spectral effectiveness (unitless)
UV	ultraviolet radiation (with wavelength shorter than visible light)
UV-A	near-ultraviolet region (with wavelengths between 315 nm and 400 nm)
V/m	volts per meter (unit of electric field intensity)
W/cm^2	watts per square centimetre (unit of irradiance)
W/m^2	watts per square meter (unit of irradiance)