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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2015. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) alignment with IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, IEC 60601-1-8:2006, IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD1:2012, IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD2:2020, IEC 60601-1-2:2014, IEC 60601-1-2:2014/AMD1:2020, IEC 60601-1-6:2010, IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD1:2013 and IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD2:2020;

b) added requirements for ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE;

c) added requirements for PRIMARY OPERATING FUNCTIONS;

d) added requirements for protection against excessive temperatures;

e) added requirements for the display legibility for OPERATORS wearing personal protective equipment;

f) harmonization with ISO 20417, where appropriate.

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62D/2169/FDIS	62D/2196/RVD

Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

This document was drafted in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, and developed in accordance with ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1 and ISO/IEC Directives, IEC Supplement, available at www.iec.ch/members_experts/refdocs. The main document types developed by IEC are described in greater detail at www.iec.ch/publications.

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– *test specifications: italic type.*

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INTRODUCTION

The minimum safety requirements specified in this document are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT.

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

A "Particular guidance and rationale" text giving some explanatory notes, where appropriate, about the more important requirements is included in Annex AA. It is considered that knowledge of the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of the standard but will, in due course, expedite any revision necessitated by changes in clinical practice or as a result of developments in technology. However, this annex does not form part of the requirements of this document.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This part of IEC 80601 applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT, as defined in 201.3.205, intended to be used by itself, or as a part of an ME SYSTEM hereinafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

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 IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, 7.2.13 and 8.4.1.

NOTE Additional information can be found in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, 4.2.

This document is not applicable to

– equipment for the measurement of oxygen saturation of the haemoglobin in the micro vessels (capillaries, arterioles and venules), i.e. tissue oximeters;
– frequency-domain and time-domain equipment for functional near-infrared spectroscopy;
– equipment for the measurement of changes in the concentration of chromophores other than oxy- and deoxy-haemoglobin;
– equipment for the measurement of changes in the concentration of oxy- and deoxy-haemoglobin in tissues other than the brain.

This document does not specify the requirements for:

– cerebral tissue oximeter equipment, which are given in ISO 80601-2-85 [1][1]; and
– pulse oximeter equipment, which are given in ISO 80601-2-61 [2].

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this document is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT as defined in 201.3.205.

NOTE This document has been prepared to address the relevant essential principles [3] and labelling principles [4] of the International Medical Devices Regulators Forum (IMDRF) as indicated in Annex DD.

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1 Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

This document refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in Clause 2 of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 and Clause 201.2 of this document.

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201.1.4 Particular standards

Addition:

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The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this particular standard corresponds to that of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 with the prefix "201" (e.g. 201.1 in this document addresses the content of Clause 1 of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020) 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 document addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 203.6 in this document addresses the content of Clause 6 of the IEC 60601-1-3 collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are specified by the use of the following words:

"*Replacement*" means that the clause or subclause of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 or applicable collateral standard is replaced completely by the text of this document.

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"*Amendment*" means that the clause or subclause of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 or applicable collateral standard is amended as indicated by the text of this document.

Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are numbered starting from 201.101. However due to the fact that definitions in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are numbered 3.1 through 3.154, 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.

Where there is no corresponding clause or subclause in this document, the clause or subclause of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 or applicable collateral standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 or applicable collateral standard, although possibly relevant, is not to be applied, a statement to that effect is given in this document.

201.2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

Clause 2 of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 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

IEC 60825-1:2014, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 62471:2006, *Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems*

IEC 62570:2014, *Standard practice for marking medical devices and other items for safety in the magnetic resonance environment*

ISO 17664-1:2021, *Processing of health care products – Information to be provided by the medical device manufacturer for the processing of medical devices – Part 1: Critical and semi-critical medical devices*

ISO 17664-2:2021, *Processing of health care products – Information to be provided by the medical device manufacturer for the processing of medical devices – Part 2: Non-critical medical devices*

ISO 20417:2021, *Medical devices – Information to be supplied by the manufacturer*

201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, ISO 17664-2:2021, ISO 20417:2021 and the following apply.

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201.3.201
AVERAGE OPTICAL POWER
temporal average power of continuous light or repeated light pulses from each discrete wavelength, from the EMITTER OPTODE connected to the FUNCTIONAL NIRS MONITOR

201.3.202
DETECTOR OPTODE
part of the FUNCTIONAL NIRS PROBE which detects light from the living tissue that forms part of the APPLIED PART

201.3.203
EMITTER OPTODE
part of the FUNCTIONAL NIRS PROBE which emits light to the living tissue that forms part of the APPLIED PART

Note 1 to entry: An EMITTER OPTODE can contain two or more light sources (e.g. laser diodes or light-emitting diodes) operating at different NOMINAL wavelengths.

201.3.204
FWHM
FULL WIDTH AT HALF MAXIMUM OF SPECTRAL POWER DISTRIBUTION
difference of the wavelength between the two points whose corresponding power values are equal and 3 dB lower than the values at each PEAK WAVELENGTH

Note 1 to entry: FWHM is a measure of the width of the spectral power distribution emitted by the EMITTER OPTODE connected to the FUNCTIONAL NIRS MONITOR. Figure 201.101 provides a visual representation. If there are more than two wavelengths where power value is 3 dB lower than the values at each PEAK WAVELENGTH, FWHM shall be calculated from the difference between minimum and maximum wavelengths.

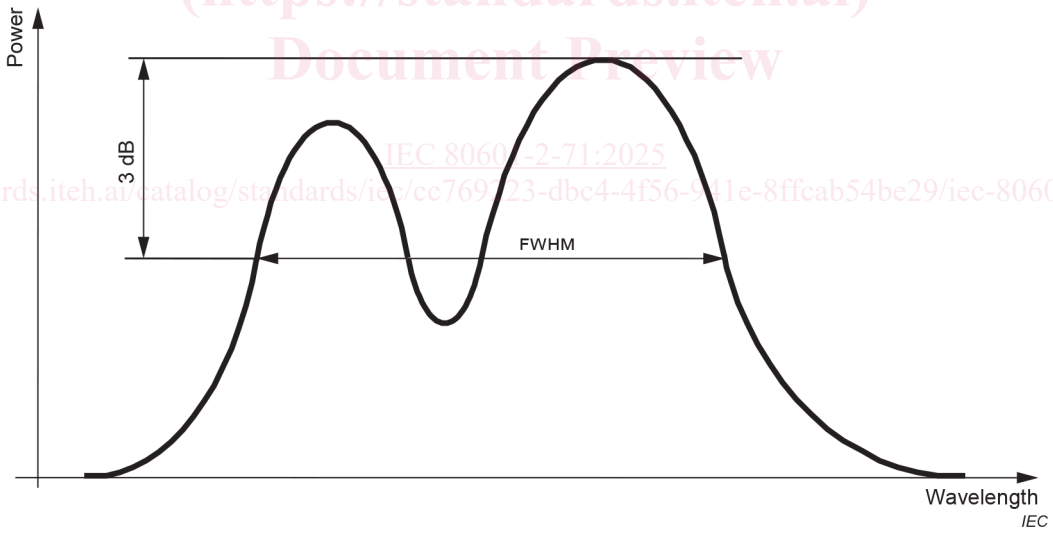

Figure 201.101 – FULL WIDTH AT HALF MAXIMUM OF SPECTRAL POWER DISTRIBUTION

201.3.205
FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT
FUNCTIONAL NEAR-INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY EQUIPMENT
ME EQUIPMENT that estimates PATHLENGTH-DEPENDENT HAEMOGLOBIN CHANGES in living tissue by illuminating tissue with continuous light and detecting changes in the infrared and visible light intensity diffusively reflected from the tissue

201.3.206
FUNCTIONAL NIRS MONITOR
FUNCTIONAL NEAR-INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY MONITOR
MONITOR
part of the FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT that encompasses the electronics, display and operator-equipment interface excluding the EMITTER OPTODES and DETECTOR OPTODES

Note 1 to entry: The FUNCTIONAL NIRS MONITOR typically encompasses the electronics, display and OPERATOR-EQUIPMENT INTERFACE. It can consist of a separate control unit, a computer and a display. Electronics or a control unit integrated in the APPLIED PART are not part of the FUNCTIONAL NIRS MONITOR.

201.3.207
FUNCTIONAL NIRS PROBE
FUNCTIONAL NEAR-INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY PROBE
PROBE
part of the functional NIRS EQUIPMENT that includes the APPLIED PART

Note 1 to entry: This definition of PROBE is consistent with the definition of PROBE for cerebral tissue oximeters as given in ISO 80601-2-85.

Note 2 to entry: The PROBE contains single or multiple EMITTER OPTODES and DETECTOR OPTODES. A reflectance PROBE design is the typical configuration.

201.3.208
FUNCTIONAL NIRS PHANTOM
apparatus that simulates a PATHLENGTH-DEPENDENT HAEMOGLOBIN CHANGE by giving the ME EQUIPMENT a specified known change in attenuation to evaluate the difference between the measured value of the pseudo PATHLENGTH-DEPENDENT HAEMOGLOBIN CHANGE obtained from the measurement on the phantom and the reference value calculated from the attenuation change

Note 1 to entry: The FUNCTIONAL NIRS PHANTOM plays a role in determining the performance of FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT, especially PATHLENGTH-DEPENDENT HAEMOGLOBIN CHANGE measurement. A description of the function and specifications regarding the manufacturing of the FUNCTIONAL NIRS PHANTOM is found in Annex BB.

Note 2 to entry: A FUNCTIONAL NIRS PHANTOM is developed during design and is used at the time of inspection in manufacturing or after being placed into service.

Note 3 to entry: The change in attenuation corresponds to a change in OPTICAL LOSS of the FUNCTIONAL NIRS PHANTOM of the same magnitude.

201.3.209
MEASUREMENT CHANNEL
CHANNEL
combination of an EMITTER OPTODE and a DETECTOR OPTODE that provide an output

201.3.210
OPTICAL LOSS
ratio of the total optical power exiting the FUNCTIONAL NIRS PHANTOM or attenuator through a specified aperture, to the optical power emitted by the EMITTER OPTODE connected to the FUNCTIONAL NIRS MONITOR and placed on the entrance side of the FUNCTIONAL NIRS PHANTOM or attenuator

Note 1 to entry: The OPTICAL LOSS is denoted in dB. X dB OPTICAL LOSS is equivalent to $10^{-X/10}$.

Note 2 to entry: The optical power exiting the EMITTER OPTODE and the FUNCTIONAL NIRS PHANTOM can be measured with an optical power meter.

Note 3 to entry: For details of the measurement of the OPTICAL LOSS, refer to BB.3.3.

201.3.211
PATHLENGTH-DEPENDENT DEOXYHAEMOGLOBIN CHANGE
value calculated from the changes in detected light intensities, equal to the product of the apparent change in the concentration of deoxyhaemoglobin and the mean optical pathlength