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

- a) update of references to IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, of references to IEC 60601-1-2:2014 and IEC 60601-1-2:2014/AMD1:2020, of references to IEC 60601-1-8:2006, IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD2:2020, of references to IEC 60601-1-9:2007, IEC 60601-1-9:2007/AMD1:2013 and IEC 60601-1-9:2007/AMD2:2020, of references to IEC 60601-1-10:2007, IEC 60601-1-10:2007/AMD1:2013 and IEC 60601-1-10:2007/AMD2:2020 and of references to IEC 60601-1-11:2015 and IEC 60601-1-11:2015/AMD1:2020;
- b) consideration of ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE in SINGLE FAULT CONDITION regarding IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012/ISH1:2021;
- c) including the information given in the document 62D/1771A/INF regarding 201.11.8;
- d) including withdrawn IEC PAS 63023[17] as Annex CC;
- e) including SECURITY (CYBERSECURITY) requirements;
- f) consideration of HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT using pre-manufactured DIALYSIS FLUID bags;
- g) improvements for labelling;
- h) other minor technical improvements;
- i) editorial improvements.

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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 HAEMODIALYSIS, HAEMODIAFILTRATION and HAEMOFILTRATION EQUIPMENT.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of ~~the general standard~~¹ 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 60601 applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of HAEMODIALYSIS, HAEMODIAFILTRATION and HAEMOFILTRATION EQUIPMENT, hereafter referred to as HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT. It applies to HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT intended for use either by medical staff or under the supervision of medical experts, including HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT operated by the PATIENT, regardless of whether the HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT is used in a hospital or domestic environment.

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.

This document does not take into consideration specific safety details of the DIALYSIS FLUID control system of HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT using regeneration of DIALYSIS FLUID or CENTRAL DELIVERY SYSTEMS for DIALYSIS FLUID. It does, however, take into consideration the specific safety requirements of such HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT concerning electrical safety and PATIENT safety.

This document specifies the minimum safety requirements for HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT. These HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT are intended for use either by medical staff or for use by the PATIENT or other trained personnel under medical supervision.

This document includes all ME EQUIPMENT that is intended to deliver a HAEMODIALYSIS, HAEMODIAFILTRATION and HAEMOFILTRATION treatment to a PATIENT, independent of the treatment duration and location.

If applicable, this document applies to the relevant parts of ME EQUIPMENT intended for other extracorporeal blood purification treatments.

The particular requirements in this document do not apply to:

- EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUITS (see ISO 8637-2 [1]²),
- DIALYSERS (see ISO 8637-1 [2]),
- DIALYSIS FLUID CONCENTRATES (see ISO 23500-4 [3]),

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

² Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

- pre-manufactured DIALYSIS FLUID bags,
- DIALYSIS WATER supply systems (see ISO 23500-2 [4]),
- CENTRAL DELIVERY SYSTEMS for DIALYSIS FLUID CONCENTRATES (see ISO 23500-4 [3]), described as systems for bulk mixing concentrate at a dialysis facility,
- equipment used to perform PERITONEAL DIALYSIS (see IEC 60601-2-39 [5]).

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this document is to establish BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT.

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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IEC 60601-1-3 ~~and IEC 60601-1-12~~ does not apply. IEC 60601-1-9:2007, IEC 60601-1-9:2007/AMD1:2013 and IEC 60601-1-9:2007/AMD2:2020 does not apply as noted in Clause 209.

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201.1.4 Particular standards

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In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 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 IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020.

~~For brevity, IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 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 document 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, 203.4 in this document addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-3 collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of

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:

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The term "this document" is used to make reference to IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, any applicable collateral standards and this particular standard taken together.

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

NOTE Informative references are listed in the Bibliography.

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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 60601-1-6:2010, Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-6: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral standard: Usability — IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD1:2013~~

~~IEC 60601-1-8:2006, Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-8: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral Standard: General requirements, tests and guidance for alarm systems in medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD1:2012~~

Addition:

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

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IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020

IEC 60601-1-10:2007, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-10: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for the development of physiologic closed-loop controllers*

IEC 60601-1-10:2007/AMD1:2013

IEC 60601-1-10:2007/AMD2:2020

IEC 60601-1-11:2015, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-11: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems used in the home healthcare environment*

IEC 60601-1-11:2015/AMD1:2020

IEC 61672-1:2013, *Electroacoustics – Sound level meters – Part 1: Specifications*

ISO 3744:2010, *Acoustics – Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure – Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 23500-3:2024, *Preparation and quality management of fluids for haemodialysis and related therapies – Part 3: Water for haemodialysis and related therapies*

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 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, IEC 60601-1-2:2014 and IEC 60601-1-2:2014/AMD1:2020, IEC 60601-1-8:2006, IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD2:2020, IEC 60601-1-10:2007, IEC 60601-1-10:2007/AMD1:2013 and IEC 60601-1-10:2007/AMD2:2020, IEC 60601-1-11:2015 and IEC 60601-1-11:2015/AMD1:2020, and the following apply.

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NOTE Refer to section "Index of defined terms used in this particular standard" for the index of defined terms.

201.3.8

* APPLIED PART

Replacement:

EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUIT and all parts permanently and conductively connected to it (e.g. DIALYSIS FLUID circuit)

Note 1 to entry: See Figure AA.8 in Informative Annex AA Subclause 201.16 and see 201.16.6.3.

Note 2 to entry: One example of an APPLIED PART is the EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUIT including any pre-manufactured DIALYSIS FLUID bags, extension lines, and drain bags in a stand-alone system connected during treatment.

Note 3 to entry: Another example of an APPLIED PART is the EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUIT including connected DIALYSIS FLUID bags, that are online prepared before treatment without the patient connected and drain bags. During treatment the online preparation part of the HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT is conductively disconnected.

Note 4 to entry: Another example of an APPLIED PART is the EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUIT including all connected fluid paths of the HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT and the connection to a drain during the treatment.

201.3.78 **PATIENT CONNECTION**

Addition:

Note 1 to entry: The PATIENT blood lines connectors are the individual points on the APPLIED PART through which a current can flow between the PATIENT and the HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT in NORMAL CONDITION or SINGLE FAULT CONDITION.

Additional terms and definitions:

201.3.201 **ARTERIAL PRESSURE**

pressure measured in the blood withdrawal line of the EXTRACORPOREAL CIRCUIT between the PATIENT CONNECTION and DIALYSER connection

Note 1 to entry: A difference can be made between the pre-pump pressure, which is upstream of the blood pump, and post-pump pressure, which is downstream of the blood pump.

201.3.202 *** BLOOD LEAK**

leakage of blood from the blood compartment to the DIALYSIS FLUID compartment of the DIALYSER

Note 1 to entry: When performing an HF PROCESS, this involves the filtration fluid section.

201.3.203 **CENTRAL DELIVERY SYSTEM**

part of a ME SYSTEM which proportions DIALYSIS FLUID CONCENTRATE and DIALYSIS WATER for distribution as DIALYSIS FLUID to the HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT or distributes DIALYSIS FLUID CONCENTRATE

201.3.204 **DIALYSER**

device containing a semi-permeable membrane that is used to perform HD, HDF or HF

201.3.205 **DIALYSIS FLUID**

DIALYSATE
DIALYSIS SOLUTION
DIALYSING FLUID

aqueous fluid containing electrolytes and, usually, buffer and glucose, which is intended to exchange solutes with blood during HAEMODIALYSIS

Note 1 to entry: The DIALYSIS FLUID could be pre-manufactured in bags as pharmaceuticals according to the relevant pharmacopoeia monograph or be prepared by the HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT or be influenced in composition by the HAEMODIALYSIS EQUIPMENT.

[SOURCE: ~~ISO 23500-1:— [15], 3.15, modified — The word "dialysing fluid" has been added as synonym, and the notes have been deleted~~ ISO 23500-1:2024 [6], 3.15, modified – The notes have been deleted and a new Note 1 to entry was added.]

201.3.206 **DIALYSIS FLUID CONCENTRATE**

substances which, when appropriately diluted or dissolved with DIALYSIS WATER, produce the DIALYSIS FLUID