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1 MeV to 50 MeV**

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d'électrons dans la gamme de 1 MeV à 50 MeV*

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FOREWORD

This amendment has been prepared by subcommittee 62C: Equipment for radiotherapy, nuclear medicine and radiation dosimetry, of IEC technical committee 62: Electrical equipment in medical practice.

The text of this amendment is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
62C/329/FDIS	62C/334/RVD

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

The committee has decided that the contents of the base publication and its amendment will remain unchanged until 2005. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

Subclause 29.3.1.1 of IEC 60601-2-1:1998 sets limits to X-ray leakage radiation through beam limiting devices (BLDs) in the patient plane in order to reduce the detrimental effects on the patient due to leakage radiation. This clause restricts leakage through the main X and Y BLDs to a maximum of 2 % and an average of 0,5 %. Multi-element BLDs were assumed to replace a beam shielding block which attenuated the beam to about 5 %, and this was the upper limit applied to multi-element BLDs.

With the growth of techniques such as conformal therapy and IMRT, multi-element BLDs (which allow higher leakage levels) are being used to shield more of the radiation field area than was the case with conventional techniques using beam blocks. It is now proposed in the replacement subclause 29.3.1.1 to set a leakage tolerance on the total beam limiting system (the X and Y BLDs themselves may be single element, multi-element, or a combination of both) and to limit the leakage to an average of 0,75 %.

29.3.1.1 X-radiation

Replace the existing text of this subclause by the following:

Measurements of LEAKAGE RADIATION through all combinations of BLDs shall be made with any residual aperture shielded by at least two TENTH-VALUE LAYERS OF X-RADIATION absorbing material⁷⁾. For non-overlapping BLDs, measurements shall be made at minimum RADIATION FIELD size.

Adjustable or interchangeable BLDs shall be provided. Where any set or combinations of BLDs (including any multi-element BLDs) can overlap, these requirements shall apply to each independent set or combination measured together at the same time:

- a) each BLD (excluding those multi-element BLDs for which c) applies) shall attenuate X-RADIATION such that anywhere in the area M , excepting the residual rectangular RADIATION FIELD, the ABSORBED DOSE due to leakage RADIATION does not exceed 2 % of the maximum ABSORBED DOSE measured on the REFERENCE AXIS at NTD in a 10 cm × 10 cm RADIATION FIELD;
- b) for RADIATION FIELDS of any size, the average ABSORBED DOSE D_{Lx} , due to LEAKAGE RADIATION through the BLDs, including multi-element BLDs, in the area M , shall not exceed 0,75 % of the maximum ABSORBED DOSE on the REFERENCE AXIS at NTD in a 10 cm × 10 cm RADIATION FIELD. If this limit is exceeded when areas of greater than 300 cm² at NTD are protected by multi-element BLDs, the conditions under which the limit is exceeded and the extent to which the limit is exceeded shall be stated in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS;
- c) when a multi-element BLD is provided that by itself does not comply with the requirements of a) and b) above, and consequently requires adjustable or interchangeable BLDs in order to comply, these shall be adjusted automatically to provide the minimum size rectangular RADIATION FIELD surrounding the RADIATION FIELD defined by the multi-element BLD;
- d) the ABSORBED DOSE due to LEAKAGE RADIATION through the parts of a multi-element BLD that project into the rectangular RADIATION FIELD formed by the automatically adjustable BLDs referred to in c) above shall not exceed 5 % of the maximum ABSORBED DOSE measured on the REFERENCE AXIS at NTD in a 10 cm × 10 cm RADIATION FIELD.

Compliance is checked as follows:

- a) **TYPE TEST grade B – Procedure:**
 - 1) locate the area of maximum LEAKAGE RADIATION from the evaluation of DIRECT or INDIRECT RADIOGRAMS produced at maximum X-RADIATION ENERGY and at NTD, for BLD settings of maximum RADIATION FIELD size FX_{max} by minimum RADIATION FIELD size FY_{min} . Repeat for settings of FX_{min} by FY_{max} ;
 - 2) perform a RADIATION DETECTOR measurement at the point of maximum LEAKAGE RADIATION. The cross-sectional area of the RADIATION DETECTOR shall not exceed 1 cm²; the measurement shall be made in a PHANTOM at the depth of the ABSORBED DOSE maximum. Repeat for all X-RADIATION ENERGIES.
- a) **SITE TEST grade B – Procedure:** perform a RADIATION DETECTOR measurement as described in the TYPE TEST data for a) 2) above, at the X-RADIATION ENERGY corresponding to the maximum LEAKAGE RADIATION.

7) See ICRP 33 (234 et seq.).