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- *Test specifications: italic type.*
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INTRODUCTION

This particular standard has been prepared to provide, based on IEC 60601-1:2005 (third edition) and its collaterals, a complete set of safety requirements for ME EQUIPMENT for RADIOGRAPHY and RADIOSCOPY. While the previously existing standards for such equipment were dedicated to components and subsystems, this particular standard addresses the system level of X-RAY EQUIPMENT, which consists of a combination of an X-RAY GENERATOR, ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT and ACCESSORIES. Component functions are addressed as far as necessary.

The minimum safety requirements specified in this particular standard are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of ME EQUIPMENT for RADIOGRAPHY and RADIOSCOPY. Requirements for additional provisions for ME EQUIPMENT for interventional applications are covered by IEC 60601-2-43.

INTRODUCTION TO AMENDMENT 1

The purpose of this first amendment to IEC 60601-2-54:2009 is to introduce changes to reference the first amendment (2012) to IEC 60601-1:2005. As neither IEC 60601-2-54:2009 nor this amendment refers to specific elements of IEC 60601-1-2, the introduction of a dated reference to the latter document has been removed. In addition, a number of technical errors have been corrected.

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MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –**Part 2-54: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of X-ray equipment for radiography and radioscopy****201.1 Scope, object and related standards**

Clause 1 of the general standard¹⁾ applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS intended to be used for projection RADIOGRAPHY and RADIOSCOPY. IEC 60601-2-43 applies to ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS intended to be used for interventional applications and refers to applicable requirements in this particular standard.

ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS intended to be used for bone or tissue absorption densitometry, computed tomography, mammography or dental applications are excluded from the scope of this International Standard. The scope of this International Standard also excludes radiotherapy simulators.

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.

NOTE Taking into account economic and social factors, the scope of this particular standard includes ME EQUIPMENT intended to be used for DIRECT RADIOSCOPY. In some countries examinations performed with DIRECT RADIOSCOPY are prohibited.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS for RADIOGRAPHY and RADIOSCOPY.

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 and IEC 60601-1-3 apply as modified in Clauses 202 and 203 respectively. IEC 60601-1-8, IEC 60601-1-10, IEC 60601-1-11 and IEC 60601-1-12 do not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

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*

NOTE OPERATORS of X-RAY EQUIPMENT are used to audible signals as required in this particular standard rather than to the concepts of IEC 60601-1-8. Therefore IEC 60601-1-8 does not apply.

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 is 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 standard corresponds to that of the general standard with the prefix "201" (e.g. 201.1 in this standard 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 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 203.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the 60601-1-3 collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of the general standard are specified by the use of the following words:

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201.2 Normative references

NOTE Informative references are listed in the bibliography on page 66.

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

Addition:

IEC 60336, *Medical electrical equipment – X-ray tube assemblies for medical diagnosis – Characteristics of focal spots*

IEC 60580:2000, *Medical electrical equipment – Dose area product meters*

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

IEC/TR 60788:2004, *Medical electrical equipment – Glossary of defined terms*

IEC 60806, *Determination of the maximum symmetrical radiation field from a rotating anode X-ray tube for medical diagnosis*

IEC 62220-1:2003, *Medical electrical equipment – Characteristics of digital X-ray imaging devices – Part 1: Determination of the detective quantum efficiency*

Amendment:

~~IEC 60601-1-2:2007 *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Electromagnetic compatibility – Requirements and tests*~~

~~IEC 60601-1-3:2008 *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-3: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Radiation protection in diagnostic X-ray equipment*
IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD1:2013~~

201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:2005 ~~and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012~~, applicable collateral standards and IEC 60788:2004 apply, except as follows:

NOTE An index of defined terms is found beginning on page 66.

Addition:

201.3.201

DIRECT RADIOGRAPHY

RADIOGRAPHY in which the permanent recording is effected at an IMAGE RECEPTION AREA

Example: film-screen or film radiography.

201.3.202

DIRECT RADIOSCOPY

RADIOSCOPY in which the visible images are presented at the IMAGE RECEPTION AREA, or close to it, in the RADIATION BEAM

201.3.203

DOSE AREA PRODUCT

product of the area of the cross-section of an X-RAY BEAM and the averaged AIR KERMA over that cross-section. The unit is the gray square metre (Gy·m²)