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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 60601-2-4 has been prepared by IEC subcommittee 62D: Electromedical equipment, of IEC technical committee 62: Electrical equipment in medical practice.

This third edition constitutes a technical revision, revised to structurally align it with IEC 60601-1:2005 and to implement the decision of IEC SC 62A that the clause numbering structure of particular standards written to IEC 60601-1:2005 would adhere to the form specified in ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2:2004. The aim of this third edition is to bring this particular standard up to date with reference to the third edition of the general standard through reformatting and technical changes.

The principle technical changes are as follows:

- 201.8.8.3, test 4: added additional test options;
- Figure 201.105: provided example of stainless steel plates. Added note for 10 Hz generator or shockable rhythm generator;
- Figure 201.101: Changed orientation of the lower diode at the oscilloscope connection;
- 202.6.1, .2, .4: "Additions" and "Replacements" corrected to be as originally intended;
- 201.101.1: Clarified preconditioning of a non-rechargeable battery;
- 201.3.207: Clarified definition of DUMMY COMPONENT;
- 201.15.4.101: In paragraph b), added reduced flex requirements for sterilizable internal paddles with specified limit on sterilization cycles;
- 201.15.4.3.103: Added an option for devices having non-changeable pre-programmed energy-setting sequences;
- 201.102.3.1, 2: Changed from specified defibrillation cycles to use of pre-programmed defibrillation sequence;
- 202.6.2.2.1: Changed ESD discharge sequence to match IEC 60601-1-2, third edition.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

In this standard, the following print types are used:

– Requirements and definitions: roman type.
– *Test specifications: italic type.*
– Informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: in smaller type. Normative text of tables is also in a smaller type.
– TERMS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 3 OF THE GENERAL STANDARD, IN THIS PARTICULAR STANDARD OR AS NOTED: SMALL CAPITALS.

In referring to the structure of this standard, the term

– “clause” means one of the seventeen numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 7 includes subclauses 7.1, 7.2, etc.);
– “subclause” means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g. 7.1, 7.2 and 7.2.1 are all subclauses of Clause 7).

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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 International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of CARDIAC DEFIBRILLATORS, hereafter 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 standard are not covered by specific requirements in this standard 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 does not apply to implantable DEFIBRILLATORS, remote control DEFIBRILLATORS, external transcutaneous pacemakers, or separate stand-alone cardiac monitors (which are standardized by IEC 60601-2-27:2011 [2][2]). Cardiac monitors which use separate ECG monitoring electrodes are not within the scope of this standard unless they are used as the sole basis for AED rhythm recognition detection or beat detection for synchronized cardioversion. DEFIBRILLATOR electrodes as described in 201.108 can also be used for ECG monitoring; however, due to the larger electrode area, the requirements of IEC 60601-2-27 are not applicable for DEFIBRILLATOR ELECTRODES.

Defibrillation waveform technology is evolving rapidly. Published studies indicate that the effectiveness of waveforms varies. The choice of a particular waveform including waveshape, delivered energy, efficacy, and safety has been specifically excluded from the scope of this standard.

However, due to the critical importance of the therapeutic waveform, comments have been added to the rationale which addresses considerations in waveform selection.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for cardiac defibrillators as defined in 201.3.202.

[1] The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*.

[2] Numbers in square 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 applies as modified in Clause 202. 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 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 IEC 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 203.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-3 collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of the general standard are specified by the use of the following words:

"Replacement" means that the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard is replaced completely by the text of this particular standard.

"Addition" means that the text of this particular standard is additional to the requirements of the general standard or applicable collateral standard.

"Amendment" means that the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard is amended as indicated by the text of this particular standard.

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 3.139, additional definitions in this standard 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 standard" 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 beginning on page 73.

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

Amendment:

IEC 60601-1-2:~~2007~~ 2014, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Electromagnetic ~~compatibility~~ disturbances – Requirements and tests*

Addition:

IEC 61000-4-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

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

ISO 15223-1:~~2007~~ 2016, *Medical devices – Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied – Part 1: General requirements*

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 apply, except as follows:

Addition:

NOTE An index of defined terms is found beginning on page 74.

201.3.201
AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR
AED
DEFIBRILLATOR that, once activated by the OPERATOR, analyses the ECG obtained from electrodes placed on the patient's skin identifies shockable cardiac rhythms, and automatically operates the DEFIBRILLATOR when a shockable rhythm is detected, hereinafter referred to as an AED

NOTE AEDs may provide varying levels of automation and be referred to by various terms. A semi-automatic DEFIBRILLATOR requires manual shock activation. A fully automatic DEFIBRILLATOR will provide shock without OPERATOR intervention.

201.3.202
CARDIAC DEFIBRILLATOR
MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT intended to normalize the rhythm of the heart by an electrical pulse via electrodes applied either to the PATIENT's skin with external electrodes or to the exposed heart with internal electrodes

NOTE 1 A CARDIAC DEFIBRILLATOR can be referred to in this standard as a DEFIBRILLATOR or as ME EQUIPMENT.

NOTE 2 Such ME EQUIPMENT may also include other monitoring or therapeutic functions (e.g. transcutaneous pacing).

201.3.203
CHARGING CIRCUIT
circuit within the DEFIBRILLATOR intended for charging the ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE. This circuit includes all parts conductively connected to the ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE during the charging period

NOTE The CHARGING CIRCUITS for defibrillation and pacing functions may be separate or combined.

201.3.204
DEFIBRILLATOR ELECTRODE
electrode intended to deliver an electrical pulse ~~to the PATIENT~~ for the purpose of cardiac defibrillation and which may also be used to provide transcutaneous pacing and other monitoring functions

NOTE DEFIBRILLATOR ELECTRODES ~~may also provide other monitoring (e.g. ECG acquisition) or therapeutic (e.g. transcutaneous pacing) functions and~~ may be internal or external and disposable or reusable.

201.3.205
DELIVERED ENERGY
energy which is delivered through the DEFIBRILLATOR ELECTRODES and dissipated in the PATIENT or in a resistance of specified value

201.3.206
DISCHARGE CIRCUIT
circuit within the DEFIBRILLATOR which connects the ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE to the DEFIBRILLATOR ELECTRODES. This circuit includes all switching connections between that device and the DEFIBRILLATOR ELECTRODES

NOTE The DISCHARGE CIRCUITS for defibrillation and pacing functions may be separate or combined.

201.3.207
DUMMY COMPONENT
test replacement for moulded components like transformers, resistors, semiconductors etc.

NOTE The DUMMY COMPONENT has a geometry equal to that of the component it will replace during the test, but provides dielectric isolation. The volume may lack parts of the original components (for example: semiconductor die, transformer cores and windings). The DUMMY COMPONENT makes it possible to test creepage, clearance and dielectric strength with the correct geometry without exceeding the internal maximum voltage of the part being replaced. The DUMMY COMPONENT shall be identical to the component replaced with respect to conductive external details such as metal legs, pins etc.

201.3.208
DEFIBRILLATOR TESTER
instrument capable of measuring the energy output from a CARDIAC DEFIBRILLATOR while generating a simulated ECG output to the CARDIAC DEFIBRILLATOR

201.3.209
ENERGY STORAGE DEVICE
component that is charged with the energy necessary to deliver an electrical defibrillation pulse to the PATIENT

NOTE ~~A capacitor is a typical example of the component.~~ The energy storage devices for defibrillation and pacing functions may be separate or combined.

201.3.210
FREQUENT USE
term used to describe a DEFIBRILLATOR designed to endure more than 2 500 discharges (see 201.103)