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INTRODUCTION

The third edition of this particular standard has been prepared to provide a complete set of safety requirements for MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT, based on IEC 60601-1:2005 (3rd edition) and its collaterals. This particular standard addresses the system level of MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT, which consists of a combination of an X-RAY GENERATOR, associated equipment and ACCESSORIES. Components 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 MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT.

Like the previous edition of this Part 2-45, the present third edition includes requirements on HIGH-VOLTAGE GENERATORS for mammography.

INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

This first amendment to the third edition of this particular standard has been prepared to provide a complete set of safety requirements for MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT, based on IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, IEC 60601-1-2:2014, and IEC60601-1-3:2008 and IEC60601-1-3:2008/AMD1:2013. This particular standard addresses the system level of MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT and introduces equipment for MAMMOGRAPHIC TOMOSYNTHESIS.

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INTRODUCTION to Amendment 2

[IEC 60601-2-45:2011](#)

This second amendment to the third edition of this particular standard has been prepared to provide a complete set of safety requirements for MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT, based on the second amendment (2020) to IEC 60601-1:2005 and associated collateral standards. Moreover, in Annex AA the description of the term for ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE is modified to better reflect the clarification published as interpretation sheet 1 of IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012. This particular standard addresses the system level of MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT including the equipment for MAMMOGRAPHIC TOMOSYNTHESIS.

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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 MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT, including equipment for MAMMOGRAPHIC TOMOSYNTHESIS, and MAMMOGRAPHIC STEREOTACTIC DEVICES, hereafter also referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

NOTE 1 This includes MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT using integrated digital X-RAY IMAGE RECEPTORS or integrated storage phosphor subsystems.

Excluded from the scope of this document are:

- reconstructive tomography ~~modes of operation~~ other than MAMMOGRAPHIC TOMOSYNTHESIS;
- CT SCANNERS covered by IEC 60601-2-44;
- diagnostic consoles;
- picture archiving and communication systems (PACS);
- non-integrated storage phosphor readers;
- hard copy cameras;
- films, screens and cassettes;
- computer aided detection (CAD);
- devices for performing core biopsy and other biopsy instruments;
- modes of operation intended to demonstrate local contrast medium uptake (contrast enhanced digital mammography);

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 2 IEC 60601-2-7:1998 and IEC 60601-2-32 are not part of the 3rd edition scheme for MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT and MAMMOGRAPHIC STEREOTACTIC DEVICES.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT and MAMMOGRAPHIC

¹⁾ The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*.

STEREOTACTIC DEVICES, to ensure safety, to specify methods for demonstrating compliance with those requirements and to provide guidance for RISK MANAGEMENT.

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:~~2007~~2014 and IEC 60601-1-2:2014/AMD1:2020, IEC 60601-1-3:2008, IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD1:2013 and IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD2:2021 apply as modified in Clauses 202 and 203, respectively. IEC 60601-1-8, IEC 60601-1-9, IEC 60601-1-10, IEC 60601-1-11 and IEC 60601-1-12 do not apply²⁾. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1-X 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.

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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.

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²⁾ IEC 60601-1-8, *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 60601-1-9:~~2007~~, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-9: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for environmentally conscious design*. 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 60601-1-11:~~2010~~, *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 60601-1-12:~~2004~~, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-12: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems – used intended for use in the emergency medical services environment*.

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The term "this standard" is used to make reference to the general standard, any applicable collateral standards and this particular standard taken together.

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201.2 Normative references

NOTE Informative references are listed in the bibliography beginning on page 51.

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Replacement:

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IEC 60601-1-2:2014/AMD1:2020

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
IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD2:2021

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 60336:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – X-ray tube assemblies for medical diagnosis – Characteristics of focal spots*

IEC 60613:2010, *Electrical and loading characteristics of X-ray tube assemblies for medical diagnosis*

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

~~IEC 61223-3-2:2007, Evaluation and routine testing in medical imaging departments – Part 3-2: Acceptance tests – Imaging performance of mammographic X-ray equipment~~

IEC 62220-1-2:2007, Medical electrical equipment – Characteristics of digital X-ray imaging devices – Part 1-2: Determination of the detective quantum efficiency – Detectors used in mammography

ISO 9236-3:1999, Photography – Sensitometry of screen/film systems for medical radiography – Part 3: Determination of sensitometric curve shape, speed and average gradient for mammography

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~~, IEC 60601-1-3:~~2008 and IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD1:2013~~, and IEC TR 60788:~~2004~~ apply, except as follows:

NOTE An index of defined terms is found beginning on page 49.

Addition:

201.3.201

APPARENT RESISTANCE OF SUPPLY MAINS

resistance of the SUPPLY MAINS determined under specific load conditions

201.3.202

AVERAGE GLANDULAR DOSE

AGD

<X-ray mammography> average absorbed dose in the glandular tissue (excluding skin) in a uniformly compressed breast of known tissue composition, using a specified calculation method

[IEC 61223-3-2:2007, definition 3.7]

NOTE The terms “AVERAGE GLANDULAR DOSE” and “mean glandular dose” are interchangeable according to literature use.

201.3.203

BREAST COMPRESSION DEVICE

device used to exert pressure upon the breast of a PATIENT during either examination or treatment

201.3.204

DEFECTIVE DETECTOR ELEMENT

element of an X-RAY IMAGE RECEPTOR whose response is out of acceptable tolerance, such as when output is independent of the entrance AIR KERMA, or there is an excessive NOISE level

201.3.205

DIRECT FOCAL DISTANCE

<X-ray mammography> shortest ~~achievable~~ distance from the FOCAL SPOT to the axis of symmetry of the EFFECTIVE IMAGE RECEPTION AREA perpendicular to its chest wall edge for a specified position of the source

201.3.206

*MAMMOGRAPHIC STEREOTACTIC DEVICE

device ~~for three-dimensional localization of a point within the breast, and~~ for mechanically guided placement of a needle or position marker ~~for such purposes as fine needle aspiration,~~

~~core biopsy, and pre-surgical localization~~, based on radiographic images of an immobilized breast acquired at different known angles

NOTE 1 Such a device may be a dedicated system or an ACCESSORY for MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT.

NOTE 2 The purposes of such devices may be fine-needle aspiration, core biopsy, or pre-surgical localization.

201.3.207

MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT

X-RAY EQUIPMENT where the INTENDED USE is breast imaging

201.3.208

ORIGINAL DATA

DN

RAW DATA to which the corrections allowed in this standard have been applied

[IEC 62220-1-2:2007, definition 3.11]

NOTE Here “this standard” is to be understood in the context of IEC 62220-1-2:2007.

201.3.209

RAW DATA

PIXEL values read directly after the analogue-digital-conversion from the digital X-ray imaging device or counts from photon counting systems without any software corrections

[IEC 62220-1-2:2007, definition 3.13]

201.3.210

MAMMOGRAPHIC TOMOSYNTHESIS

technique using MAMMOGRAPHIC X-RAY EQUIPMENT to produce multiple tomographic images reconstructed from multiple PROJECTIONS acquired over a total angular range of less than 180°

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201.3.211

CONTRAST TO NOISE RATIO

CNR

physical quantity describing the ability to distinguish between various contrast objects of a digital image and the inherent noise within the image, defined as the difference of mean pixel values of the contrast objects and image background, and divided by the standard deviation of the image background pixel value

[SOURCE: IEC 61223-3-2:2007, definition 3.8]

201.4 General requirements

Clause 4 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

201.4.3 ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE

Addition:

201.4.3.101 *Additional potential ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements

Additional potential ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements are found in the subclauses listed in Table 201.101.