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* INTRODUCTION

This particular standard is written at a moment in which the technical evolution of MR EQUIPMENT is in rapid progress and the scientific foundation of its safe use is still expanding.

This International Standard addresses technical aspects of the medical diagnostic MR SYSTEM and the MR EQUIPMENT therein related to the safety of PATIENTS examined with this system, the safety of the MR WORKER involved with its operation and the safety of the MR WORKER involved with the development, manufacturing, installation, and servicing of the MR SYSTEM. Where limits of electromagnetic fields (EMF) exposure of PATIENTS and MR WORKERS are stated, these limits do not imply that such levels of exposure can be assumed to be acceptable for workers in other professional settings and for the population at large. The limits provide a sensible balance between RISKS for the PATIENTS and MR WORKERS and benefits for the PATIENTS.

Organizational aspects of safety are the task of the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION. This task includes adequate training of staff, rules of access to the MR SYSTEM, qualification of staff for decisions that are related to safety, definition of medical responsibility and specific requirements for personnel following from that responsibility when the PATIENT is in or near the MR SYSTEM.

Examples of such organizational aspects are:

- operation in FIRST LEVEL CONTROLLED OPERATING MODE;
- emergency procedures for resuscitation of the PATIENT who is in the MR SYSTEM;
- emergency procedures after a QUENCH of the superconductive magnet when present;
- set-up and maintenance of a protocol for screening the PATIENT for contraindications or for conditions that may affect acceptable exposure;
- rules for ROUTINE MONITORING and for MEDICAL SUPERVISION of the PATIENT during the exam.
- rules to minimize and to limit the exposure of MR WORKERS to EMF.

Extensive rationale is provided in Annex AA for some of the definitions and requirements in order to provide the user of this standard with a reasonably complete access to the source material that was used in support of the considerations during drafting.

The relationship of this particular standard with IEC 60601-1 and the collateral standards is explained in subclauses 201.1.3 and 201.1.4.

The introduced EMF exposure limits required in this standard for an MR WORKER will never exceed those allowed for PATIENTS. All exposure limits allowed for a PATIENT and for an MR WORKER are expected to protect them against negative health effects and unacceptable RISKS.

For the exposure to static magnetic fields, subjective short-term physiological and sensory effects are expected. These influence the well being of the MR WORKER marginally and only during or shortly after exposure.

For the exposure to GRADIENT OUTPUT and RF transmit fields, normally no short-term physiological and sensory effects are expected for MR WORKERS.

In addition no experimental or theoretical basis for cumulative biological effects in humans, resulting from exposure at the allowed levels has been generally accepted.

The requirements for acoustic noise exposure are different for PATIENTS and MR WORKERS.

INTRODUCTION TO AMENDMENT 1

This amendment has been published to adapt IEC 60601-2-33:2010 to the technical corrections introduced by Amendment 1 (2012) to IEC 60601-1:2005.

INTRODUCTION TO AMENDMENT 2

This Amendment 2 has been developed to increase the FIRST LEVEL CONTROLLED OPERATING MODE limit for the static field from 4 T to 8 T taking into account FDA, ICNIRP and other peer reviewed scientific literature. In addition, a non-compulsory option, FIXED PARAMETER OPTION: BASIC (FPO:B), is introduced to limit RF and gradient field outputs (peak and RMS) for scanning PATIENTS with MR conditional implants. Consequently, text is proposed for the Instructions for use to guide users in scanning PATIENTS with MR conditional implants.

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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 MR EQUIPMENT and MR SYSTEMS, hereafter referred to also as ME EQUIPMENT.

This standard does not cover the application of MR EQUIPMENT beyond the INTENDED USE.

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.

The standard does not formulate ~~ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements related to specific requirements for MR EQUIPMENT or MR SYSTEMS used in INTERVENTIONAL MR EXAMINATIONS.~~

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for MR EQUIPMENT to provide protection for the PATIENT and the MR WORKER.

NOTE This standard presumes that the MR WORKERS are properly medically screened, and properly trained and instructed in their duties.

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 applies as modified in Clause 202. IEC 60601-1-3, 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.

201.1.4 Particular standards

Replacement:

¹⁾ The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005+A1:2012, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*

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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 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

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