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INTRODUCTION

Ultrasound at low megahertz frequencies is widely used in medicine for the purposes of physiotherapy. Such equipment consists of a generator of high-frequency electrical energy and usually a hand-held **treatment head**, often referred to as an applicator. The **treatment head** consists of a transducer, usually a disk of piezoelectric material, for converting the electrical energy to **ultrasound** and is often designed for contact with the human body.

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ULTRASONICS – PHYSIOTHERAPY SYSTEMS – FIELD SPECIFICATIONS AND METHODS OF MEASUREMENT IN THE FREQUENCY RANGE 0,5 MHz TO 5 MHz

1 Scope

This International Standard is applicable to **ultrasonic equipment** designed for physiotherapy consisting of an **ultrasonic transducer** generating continuous or quasi-continuous wave ultrasonic energy in the frequency range 0,5 MHz to 5 MHz.

This standard only relates to **ultrasonic physiotherapy equipment** employing a single plane unfocused circular transducer per **treatment head**, producing static beams perpendicular to the face of the **treatment head**.

This standard specifies:

- methods of measurement and characterization of the output of **ultrasonic physiotherapy equipment** based on reference testing methods;
- characteristics to be specified by manufacturers of **ultrasonic physiotherapy equipment** based on reference testing methods;
- guidelines for safety of the ultrasonic field generated by **ultrasonic physiotherapy equipment**;
- methods of measurement and characterization of the output of **ultrasonic physiotherapy equipment** based on routine testing methods;
- acceptance criteria for aspects of the output of **ultrasonic physiotherapy equipment** based on routine testing methods.

Therapeutic value and methods of use of **ultrasonic physiotherapy equipment** are not covered by the scope of this standard.

2 Normative references

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

acoustic pulse waveform

temporal waveform of the instantaneous acoustic pressure at a specified position in an acoustic field and displayed over a period sufficiently long to include all significant acoustic information in a single pulse or tone-burst, or one or more cycles in a continuous wave

NOTE 1 Temporal waveform is a representation (e.g. oscilloscope presentation or equation) of the **instantaneous acoustic pressure**.

NOTE 2 Definition adopted from IEC 60469-1.

3.2

acoustic repetition period

arp

pulse repetition period for non-automatic scanning systems and the **scan repetition period** for automatic scanning systems, equal to the time interval between corresponding points of consecutive cycles for continuous wave systems

NOTE 1 **Acoustic repetition period** is expressed in seconds (s).

NOTE 2 Definition adopted from IEC 62127-1.

3.3

acoustic frequency

acoustic-working frequency

frequency of an acoustic signal based on the observation of the output of a **hydrophone** placed in an acoustic field at the position corresponding to the **spatial-peak temporal-peak acoustic pressure**

NOTE 1 The signal is analysed using either the **zero-crossing acoustic-working frequency** technique or a spectrum analysis method. Acoustic-working frequencies are defined in 3.3.1 and 3.3.2.

NOTE 2 In a number of cases the present definition is not very helpful or convenient, especially for **broadband transducers**. In that case a full description of the frequency spectrum should be given in order to enable any frequency-dependent correction to the signal.

NOTE 3 Acoustic frequency is expressed in hertz (Hz).

NOTE 4 Definition adopted from IEC 62127-1.

3.3.1

zero-crossing acoustic-working frequency

f_{awf}

this is determined according to the procedure specified in IEC/TR 60854.

NOTE This frequency is intended for continuous wave systems only.

3.3.2**arithmetic-mean acoustic-working frequency** f_{awf}

arithmetic mean of the most widely separated frequencies f_1 and f_2 , within the range of three times f_1 , at which the magnitude of the acoustic pressure spectrum is 3 dB below the peak magnitude

NOTE 1 This frequency is intended for pulse-wave systems only.

NOTE 2 It is assumed that $f_1 < f_2$.

3.4**amplitude modulated wave**

wave in which the ratio $p_p / \sqrt{2} p_{\text{rms}}$ at any point in the **far field** on the **beam alignment axis** is greater than 1,05, where p_p is the **temporal-peak acoustic pressure** and p_{rms} is the **r.m.s. acoustic pressure**

3.5**attachment head**

accessory intended to be attached to the **treatment head** for the purpose of modifying the ultrasonic beam characteristics

NOTE Definition adopted from IEC 60601-2-5.

3.6**beam alignment axis**

straight line joining two points of spatial-peak temporal-peak acoustic pressure on two plane surfaces parallel to the faces of the treatment head. One plane is at a distance of approximately $A_{\text{ERN}} / (\pi\lambda)$ where A_{ERN} is the nominal value of the effective radiating area of the treatment head and λ is the wavelength of the ultrasound corresponding to the nominal value of the acoustic working frequency. The second plane surface is at a distance of either $2A_{\text{ERN}} / (\pi\lambda)$ or $A_{\text{ERN}} / (3\pi\lambda)$, whichever is the more appropriate. For the purposes of alignment, this line may be projected to the face of the treatment head

NOTE 1 If the nominal value of the **effective radiating area** is unknown, then another suitable area may be used to define the **beam alignment axis** such as the area of the active element of the **ultrasonic transducer**.

NOTE 2 As the **beam alignment axis** is used purely for the purposes of alignment, the definitions of specific distances may be relaxed slightly to reflect the constraints of the measurement system employed. For example, some **treatment heads** will have $A_{\text{ERN}} / (\pi\lambda)$ considerably greater than 12 cm, in which case a maximum distance of 12 cm may be used to define the first plane. General guidelines for determining the **beam alignment axis** are given in 8.3.

3.7**beam cross-sectional area** A_{BCS}

minimum area in a specified plane perpendicular to the **beam alignment axis** for which the sum of the **mean square acoustic pressure** is 75 % of the **total mean square acoustic pressure**

NOTE **Beam cross-sectional area** is expressed in centimetre squared (cm^2).

3.8**beam maximum intensity**

product of the beam non-uniformity ratio and effective intensity

NOTE **Beam maximum intensity** is expressed in watt per centimetre squared (W/cm^2).