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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.

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References to clauses within this standard are preceded by the term “Clause” followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this particular standard are by number only.

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INTRODUCTION

The minimum safety requirements specified in this particular standard are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of LOW ENERGY IONIZED GAS HAEMOSTASIS EQUIPMENT.

This particular standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*, hereinafter referred to as the general standard (see 201.1.4).

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

A "Particular guidance and rationale" section giving some explanatory notes, where appropriate, about the more important requirements is included in Annex AA.

Clauses or subclauses for which there are explanatory notes in Annex AA are marked with an asterisk (*).

It is considered that knowledge of the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of the standard but will, in due course, expedite any revision necessitated by changes in clinical practice or as a result of developments in technology. However, this annex does not form part of the requirements of this document.

INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

At the October 2019 meeting of IEC SC 62D in Shanghai, China, the subcommittee discussed the need for administrative/technical changes to most 62D standards after completion of the 29 amendment projects within the IEC 60601-1 series. Those projects were all completed and the amendments published in 2020.

The full list of IEC SC 62D documents that will be amended or revised can be found within the IEC document 62D/1792/DC. The results and comments on the DC can be found within 62D/1808/INF. The review report for this amendment is 62D/1811A/RR.

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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 part of IEC 60601 applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of LOW ENERGY IONIZED GAS HAEMOSTASIS EQUIPMENT hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEMS within the scope of this document are not covered by specific requirements in this document except in 7.2.13 and 8.4.1 of the general standard.

NOTE See also 4.2 of the general standard.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular requirements for BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of LOW ENERGY IONIZED GAS HAEMOSTASIS EQUIPMENT as defined in 201.3.207.

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.

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.

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[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*.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are referred to in this particular standard as the general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document numbers.

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 document 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 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 because definitions in the general standard are numbered 3.1 through 3.147 additional definitions in this document 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 6060-1-3, etc.

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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.

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

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

201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

Replacement of NOTE 1 by the following:

NOTE 1 Where the terms "voltage" and "current" are used in this document, they mean the RMS values of a voltage or current unless stated otherwise. When a direct voltage and current is measured, the voltage or current is averaged over 1 s with a sampling rate of at least 10^4 sample/s. When an alternating~~, direct~~ or composite voltage or current ~~averaged over 1 s unless stated otherwise~~ is measured, a minimum of one second is measured.

Addition:

201.3.201
FINGERSWITCH
device generally included with an IONIZED GAS ACCESSORY which, when activated by the OPERATOR, enables IONIZED GAS output to be produced and, when released, disables the IONIZED GAS output

201.3.202
*** HAEMOSTASIS**
control or prevention of bleeding from capillaries and similar small blood vessels in biological tissues using IONIZED GAS

201.3.203
IONIZED GAS
gas composed in part of charged particles and excited atoms or molecules

Note 1 to entry: The frequency used to create the IONIZED GAS is called the ionization frequency.

201.3.204
IONIZED GAS ACCESSORY
ACCESSORY intended to direct IONIZED GAS to the PATIENT

201.3.205
IONIZED GAS ACCESSORY CABLE
portion of the IONIZED GAS ACCESSORY between the IONIZED GAS CONNECTOR and the part held by the OPERATOR

201.3.206
IONIZED GAS CONNECTOR
part of a IONIZED GAS ACCESSORY intended for connection to the output TERMINAL DEVICE of LOW ENERGY IONIZED GAS HAEMOSTASIS EQUIPMENT

201.3.207
*** LOW ENERGY IONIZED GAS HAEMOSTASIS EQUIPMENT**
ME EQUIPMENT including an IONIZED GAS ACCESSORY and any other associated ACCESSORIES which uses IONIZED GAS for the purpose of HAEMOSTASIS in biological tissue and limits the ionization frequency LEAKAGE CURRENT to 20 mA or less

201.3.208
MAXIMUM IONIZATION VOLTAGE
maximum peak voltage used to create the IONIZED GAS under NORMAL CONDITION

201.3.209
PLASMA FLARE
visible IONIZED GAS emitted from the IONIZED GAS ACCESSORY

201.4 * General requirements

Clause 4 of the general standard applies.

NOTE See Annex AA for additional information.

201.5 General requirements for testing ME EQUIPMENT

Clause 5 of the general standard applies.

201.6 Classification of ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS

Clause 6 of the general standard applies.

201.7 ME EQUIPMENT identification, marking and documents

Clause 7 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

201.7.9.2.1 * General

Replace the third dashed item by the following dashed items:

– advice for the OPERATOR to avoid LOW ENERGY IONIZED GAS HAEMOSTASIS EQUIPMENT output settings that may exceed the rating(s) of the IONIZED GAS ACCESSORY;

– any known contraindication(s) to the use of the ME EQUIPMENT. For LOW ENERGY IONIZED GAS HAEMOSTASIS EQUIPMENT this shall include, at minimum, a statement that the equipment is not intended for use where blood flow is at arterial pressure; and

Additional subclause:

201.7.9.2.2.101 Additional warnings

The instructions for use shall include the following warnings:

1) the IONIZED GAS ACCESSORY CABLE should be positioned in such a way that contact with the PATIENT or other leads is avoided;
2) for PATIENTS with cardiac pacemakers or other active implants, a possible HAZARD exists because interference with the action of the pacemaker may occur, or the pacemaker may be damaged. In case of doubt, approved qualified advice should be obtained.

201.7.9.2.14 ACCESSORIES, supplementary equipment, used material

Addition:

The instructions for use shall include:

Advice for the OPERATOR to avoid using the IONIZED GAS ACCESSORY with LOW ENERGY IONIZED GAS HAEMOSTASIS EQUIPMENT output settings that may exceed the rating(s) of the ACCESSORY.

201.7.9.3 Technical description

201.7.9.3.1 General

Addition:

– Voltage output data. The MAXIMUM IONIZATION VOLTAGE.

201.8 Protection against electrical HAZARDS from ME EQUIPMENT

Clause 8 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

201.8.3 * Classification of APPLIED PARTS

Addition:

aa) IONIZED GAS ACCESSORIES shall be considered APPLIED PARTS, and shall be TYPE BF or TYPE CF because the PLASMA FLARE provides a conductive path between the IONIZED GAS ACCESSORY and the PATIENT.

Additional subclause:

201.8.4.101 Excitation current monitoring circuits

Circuits monitoring the flow of current used to generate the IONIZED GAS shall be isolated from earth by at least two MEANS OF PATIENT PROTECTION.

201.8.5.1.2 * MEANS OF PATIENT PROTECTION (MOPP)

Amendment:

For IONIZED GAS ACCESSORIES including IONIZED GAS ACCESSORY CABLES and IONIZED GAS CONNECTORS, separation between the circuits used to generate the IONIZED GAS and the ENCLOSURE including SIGNAL INPUT PARTS and SIGNAL OUTPUT PARTS need not be subjected to the dielectric strength test of 201.8.8.3.

The CREEPAGE DISTANCES and AIR CLEARANCES of the equipment other than IONIZED GAS ACCESSORIES tested according to 201.8.8.3.101 and that are intended to prevent contact with circuits used to generate the IONIZED GAS shall be as follows:

a) For an ionization frequency less than 1 kHz, the general standard applies.

b) For an ionization frequency between 1 kHz and 200 kHz, the greater value of the following calculation is chosen:

CREEPAGE DISTANCE: $16 - \frac{13f}{200}$ mm/kV, or $21 - \frac{17{,}3f}{200}$ mm

AIR CLEARANCE: $9{,}14 - \frac{6{,}14f}{200}$ mm/kV, or $12{,}2 - \frac{8{,}2f}{200}$ mm

where

f is the frequency in kHz.

c) For an ionization frequency higher than 200 kHz, the CREEPAGE DISTANCE and AIR CLEARANCE is at least 3 mm/kV or 4 mm, whichever is the greater.

The reference voltage shall be the maximum peak voltage.