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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 80601-2-49 has been prepared by a Joint Working Group of IEC subcommittee 62D: Electromedical equipment, of IEC technical committee 62: Electrical equipment in medical practice, and of ISO subcommittee SC3: Lung ventilators and related equipment, of ISO technical committee 121: Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment.

This first edition cancels and replaces the second edition of IEC 60601-2-49, published in 2011. This edition constitutes a technical revision to align with the current edition and Amendment to IEC 60601-1, new versions of collateral standards and amendments thereto. Major changes are in Clause 208 because many of the former requirements are now addressed by IEC 60601-1-8.

It is published as a double logo standard.

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– *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 document, 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.);
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References to clauses within this document 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

This particular standard concerns the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS. It 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.

The aim of this edition is to bring this particular standard up to date with reference to the edition 3.1 of the general standard and new versions of collateral standards and amendments thereto through technical changes.

The requirements of this particular standard take priority over those of the general standard.

A "Particular guidance and rationale" for the requirements of this particular standard is included in Annex AA. 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 AA 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 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 may be found within the IEC document 62D/1792/DC. The results and comments on the DC may be found within 62D/1808/INF. The review report for this amendment is 62D/1835A/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 the 80601 International Standard applies to BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements of MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS as defined in 201.3.201, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. This particular standard applies to MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS intended for use in professional healthcare facilities as well as in the EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ENVIRONMENT or the HOME HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT.

The scope of this document is restricted to ME EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS intended for connection to a single PATIENT that has two or more PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNITS.

NOTE For purposes of this document, a pregnant mother and her fetus(es) are considered a single PATIENT.

This document does not specify requirements for individual PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNITS such as ECG, invasive pressure and pulse oximetry. The particular standards related to these PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNITS specify requirements from the perspective of stand-alone ME EQUIPMENT. This particular standard addresses the additional requirements related to MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS.MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS can be integrated into other ME EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. When this is the case, other relevant standards also apply.

EXAMPLE 1 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into a critical care ventilator where ISO 80601-2-12 also applies.

EXAMPLE 2 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into a homecare ventilator for dependent PATIENT where ISO 80601-2-72 also applies.

EXAMPLE 3 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into anesthetic workstation where ISO 80601-2-13 also applies.

EXAMPLE 4 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into haemodialysis equipment, IEC 60601-2-16 also applies.

This document does not apply to implantable parts of MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS as defined in 201.3.201.

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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*.

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 60601-1-2:2014 and IEC 60601-1-2:2014/AMD1:2020, IEC 60601-1-6:2010, IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD1:2013 and IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD2:2020, as well as IEC 60601-1-8:2006, IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD2:2020 apply as modified in Clauses 202, 206 and 208 respectively. IEC 60601-1-3 and IEC 60601-1-9 do not apply. 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 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS 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 60601-1:2005, 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 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 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, 208.6 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 6 of the IEC 60601-1-8 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.~~147~~154, 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, 208 for IEC 60601-1-8, etc.

The term "this document" 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 38.

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

Replacement:

IEC 60601-1-2:2014, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic disturbances – Requirements and tests*
IEC 60601-1-2:2014/AMD1:2020

IEC 60601-1-6:2010, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-6: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Usability*
IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD1:2013
IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD2:2020

IEC 60601-1-8:2006, *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 60601-1-8:2006/AMD1:2012
IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD2:2020

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*
IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999
IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013

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 60601-1-11:2015, *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 60601-1-11:2015/AMD1:2020

IEC 60601-1-12:2014, *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 intended for use in the emergency medical services environment*
IEC 60601-1-12:2014/AMD1:2020

IEC 60601-2-2:2017, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-2: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of high frequency surgical equipment and high frequency surgical accessories*

IEC 60601-2-27:2011, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-27, Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of electrocardiographic monitoring equipment*

IEC 60601-2-34:2011, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-34, Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of invasive blood pressure monitoring equipment*

201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1, IEC 60601-1-2, IEC 60601-1-6, IEC 60601-1-8, IEC 60601-1-11, IEC 60601-1-12, IEC 60601-2-2, IEC 60601-2-27, IEC 60601-2-34 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

NOTE An index of defined terms is found beginning on page 39.

Addition:

201.3.201
*** MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR**
modular or pre-configured ME EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS whose primary intended function is monitoring of a single PATIENT, has more than one PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNIT, either displays those information or distributes the information for remote display, and either includes an ALARM SYSTEM or is a component of a DISTRIBUTED ALARM SYSTEM

201.3.202
PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNIT

part of the MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR whose purpose is to collect physiological signal(s) from a single sensor type and to process it for monitoring

EXAMPLE 1 The pulse oximetry signal can provide information about oxygen saturation, pulse rate, perfusion, etc.

EXAMPLE 2 The signals from ECG ELECTRODES can provide information about ECG and thoracic respiration rate.

Note 1 to entry: Examples of physiological signals include (a) electrocardiography, (b) non-invasive blood pressure, (c) invasive blood pressure, (d) pulse oximetry, (e) temperature, (f) electroencephalography, (g) transcutaneous gas analysis, and (h) respiratory gas analysis. Each of these is a single physiological signal within the meaning of this definition.

Note 2 to entry: It is recognized that more than one variable or parameter may be derived from a single physiological signal.

201.4 General requirements

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

201.4.3 ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE

Additional subclause:

201.4.3.101 Additional ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements

Additional ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS are found in subclauses listed in Table 201.101.

Table 201.101 – ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements

Requirement	Subclause
Displaying data according PRIMARY OPERATING FUNCTIONS	206.101 c)
Determination of ALARM CONDITIONS and assignment of priority	208.6.1.2
Indication of validity of measured values	208.6.3.2.101
or generating a TECHNICAL ALARM CONDITION	208.6.1.2
~~or failure that is readily identifiable by the OPERATOR[a]~~	
~~[a] Examples of failures readily identifiable by the OPERATOR are a completely non-functional MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR, a completely non-functional PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNIT, etc.~~	

201.4.5 * Alternative RISK CONTROL measures or test methods for ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEMS

Addition before the first paragraph:

When several particular standards simultaneously apply to a MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR, all relevant requirements from those standards shall be applied as applicable to BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE. If requirements from particular standards are in conflict, the RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS shall be used to identify which standard's requirement applies. While performing this PROCESS, MANUFACTURERS are strongly recommended to give the requirements of this particular standard additional weight whenever possible.

201.5 General requirements for testing ME EQUIPMENT

Clause 5 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

201.5.4 Other conditions

Addition:

If necessary for the purpose of conducting the test, the INTERNAL ELECTRICAL POWER SOURCE may be replaced by an external battery or a DC power supply to provide the necessary test voltage, for tests according to 201.11.8.101.

The values used in test circuits, unless otherwise specified, shall have at least an accuracy as given below:

– resistors: ±1 %;
– capacitors: ±10 %;
– inductors: ±10 %;
– test voltages: ±1 %.

201.6 Classification of ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS

Clause 6 of the general standard applies, except as follows: