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Introduction

Respiratory high-flow therapy equipment has been used successfully for years with neonatal *patients*. In recent years there is more information about treating adults with *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* when it is used as an intermediate therapy to improve oxygenation in adult critical care *patients*, respiratory care units and for palliative care. *High-flow therapy equipment* is also used in the treatment of chronic respiratory disease to reduce exacerbation, improve physiological outcomes and quality of life^{[30][43][44][47]}¹. The use of *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* continues to increase as it is easily set up and is well tolerated by *patients*.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in January of 2020, its spread has been rapid and fierce. In hospitals across the world, all kinds of *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* have been widely used. In general, there is a trend to use more non-invasive respiratory therapy. More and more new *manufacturers* of *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* have rapidly emerged. Neither international nor national standards are available for *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment*. With the spread of the epidemic globally, the demand for this document is clear and very urgent.

The first *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* was constructed by the connection of a *humidifier*, air/oxygen mixer/blender, flowmeter, breathing tube and cannula. Based on the improvement in technical integration in recent years, there are several technical routes for *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* on the market. *Respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* is not fully covered by the existing standards for *humidifiers*, gas mixers for medical use, flowmeters or *ventilators*.

This document addresses the *basic safety* and *essential performance* requirements of *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment*, including *risks* related to oxygen (e.g., fires, incorrect oxygen concentration, incorrect flow delivery, etc.).

Specifically, the following *risks* and related requirements were considered in the development of this document.

- Contaminated air entering the *gas intake port* of the *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment*.
- Instability of gas supply from a *high-pressure inlet*.
- Insufficient pressure from a *high-pressure inlet*, and subsequent effects on oxygen delivered to the *patient*.
- Insufficient oxygen being delivered to the *patient*, and related *alarm condition*.
- *Usability* by *operators* wearing personal protective equipment (such as gloves and blurred visors), when setting up equipment, or viewing or changing settings.
- Instability of output delivered to *patients*, necessitating frequent *operator* adjustment.
- *Processing* of equipment, including the surface of the *enclosure* and internal *gas pathways*, particularly after use on infectious *patients*.
- Infectious exhaled gas.
- Overheating of *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment*.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020 applies, except as follows:

NOTE The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020.

201.1.1 * Scope

Replacement:

This document applies to the *basic safety and essential performance of respiratory high-flow therapy equipment*, as defined in 201.3.220, hereafter also referred to as *ME equipment* or *ME system*, in combination with its *accessories*:

- intended for use with *patients* who can breathe spontaneously; and
- intended for *patients* who would benefit from improved alveolar gas exchange; and who would benefit from receiving high-flow humidified respiratory gases, which can include a *patient* whose upper airway is bypassed.

EXAMPLE 1 *Patients* with Type 1 Respiratory Failure who exhibit a reduction in arterial blood oxygenation.

EXAMPLE 2 *Patients* who would benefit from reduced work of breathing, as needed in Type 2 Respiratory Failure, where arterial carbon dioxide is high.

EXAMPLE 3 *Patients* requiring humidification to improve mucociliary clearance.

Respiratory high-flow therapy equipment can be intended for use in the *home healthcare environment* or intended for use in professional healthcare facilities.

NOTE 1 In the *home healthcare environment*, the *supply mains* is often not reliable.

Respiratory high-flow therapy equipment can be:

- fully integrated *ME equipment*; or
- a combination of separate items forming a *ME system*.

This standard also applies to other types of respiratory equipment when that equipment includes a respiratory high-flow therapy mode.

NOTE 2 This standard and ISO 80601-2-12^[14] are applicable to a critical care *ventilator* with a high-flow therapy mode.

Respiratory high-flow therapy equipment can be *transit-operable*.