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97 Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above  
98 table.

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## 112 INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

113 Since the publication of IEC 60601-2-68:2014, changes have taken place in the standards environment.

114 The following standards relevant to X-IGRT EQUIPMENT were updated or newly published:

- 115 – IEC 60601-2-1:2020, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-1: Particular requirements for the basic*  
116 *safety and essential performance of electron accelerators in the range 1 MeV to 50 MeV*
- 117 – IEC 60601-2-44:2009+A1:2012+A2:2016, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-44: Particular*  
118 *requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of X-ray equipment for computed*  
119 *tomography*
- 120 – IEC 60601-2-64:2014, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-64: Particular requirements for the*  
121 *basic safety and essential performance of light ion beam medical electrical equipment*
- 122 – IEC TR 62926:2019, *Medical electrical system – Guidelines for safe integration and operation of*  
123 *adaptive external-beam radiotherapy systems for real-time adaptive radiotherapy*
- 124 – IEC TR 63183:2019, *Guidance on error and warning messages for software used in radiotherapy*

125 This amendment clarifies the scope of IEC 60601-2-68 to CT SCANNERS, intended to be used in the same  
126 room with an EXTERNAL BEAM EQUIPMENT (EBE).

127 This amendment introduces updated requirements related to MECHANICAL HAZARDS, RADIATION HAZARDS,  
128 PROGRAMMABLE ELECTRICAL MEDICAL SYSTEMS (PEMS), ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION of an ME SYSTEM,  
129 and REMOTE OPERATION.

130 Another purpose of this amendment is to reference IEC 60601-1:2005/A2:2020 and to make some minor  
131 technical clarifications.

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## INTRODUCTION

134 *Replace the introduction with the following:*

135 Modern RADIOTHERAPY practices utilize information from various imaging modalities, acquired prior to  
136 initiating administration of the therapy, to plan the TREATMENT. The imaging provides information about  
137 the location of the TARGET VOLUME and other anatomical features so that a TREATMENT PLAN can be  
138 developed that provides an optimal dose distribution to have the best chance of achieving the intended  
139 effect of TREATMENT while minimizing side effects.

140 However, difficulties arise when trying to administer the RADIATION, since TARGET VOLUMES/critical  
141 structures are constantly moving within the body. For example, in parts of the body moving with  
142 respiration, the TARGET VOLUMES/critical structures may change position or shape during the RADIATION  
143 BEAM delivery throughout any given fraction. Furthermore, a course of therapy may extend over many  
144 days, during which the TARGET VOLUME/PATIENT may shrink or grow and/or move. Hence, the exact  
145 location of the TARGET VOLUME/critical structures may change between the time of TREATMENT planning  
146 imaging and the actual administration of a TREATMENT.

147 IMAGE-GUIDED RADIOTHERAPY (IGRT) combines planar or volumetric imaging during the course of  
148 RADIOTHERAPY in order to adjust the TREATMENT delivery based on the PATIENT anatomy and PATIENT  
149 position. This enables the OPERATOR AND/OR EXTERNAL BEAM EQUIPMENT (EBE) to adjust the RADIATION  
150 BEAM delivery based on the imaging information, such as the position of the TARGET VOLUME, critical  
151 organs and/or other reference features, to compensate for anatomical changes including internal organ  
152 motions and/or TREATMENT setup uncertainties. The increased accuracy and precision achieved allows  
153 higher doses of RADIATION to be delivered to the TARGET VOLUME and a reduction in the margin of healthy  
154 cells affected by the RADIATION. This is often used in conjunction with other monitoring equipment.

155 This particular standard establishes requirements to be complied with by MANUFACTURERS in the design  
156 and construction of X-RAY IGRT EQUIPMENT (X-IGRT).

157 This particular standard covers safety aspects of kilovoltage (kV) and megavoltage (MV) X-ray imaging  
158 devices in a known geometrical relationship with an EXTERNAL BEAM EQUIPMENT such as an ELECTRON  
159 ACCELERATOR, medical LIGHT ION BEAM MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT or RADIONUCLIDE BEAM THERAPY  
160 EQUIPMENT, for the purpose of IGRT. It covers aspects of communication and relationships between the  
161 EXTERNAL BEAM EQUIPMENT and X-ray imaging devices, attached or not directly attached to but in the  
162 same RADIATION shielded area as, and dedicated for use only with, the EXTERNAL BEAM EQUIPMENT.

163 When performing a HAZARD ANALYSIS, the MANUFACTURER should consider relevant diagnostic standards.  
164 For example, IMAGE DISPLAY DEVICE quality is specified in IEC documents in regard to diagnostic use  
165 (e.g., IEC 62563-1:2009, Ed. 1.0). However, since IGRT usage may or may not require such high  
166 requirements, it is left to the MANUFACTURER to specify what is required for use with their X-IGRT  
167 EQUIPMENT.

168 This particular standard deals with the safety aspect of image acquisitions, image analysis, data transfer  
169 and TREATMENT replanning or EBE/PATIENT repositioning.

170 This particular standard deals with equipment for REAL-TIME X-IGRT, ONLINE X-IGRT and OFFLINE X-IGRT.

171 X-IGRT EQUIPMENT is also related to the following current publications:

- 172 – IEC 60601-2-1, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-1: Particular requirements for the basic safety*  
173 *and essential performance of electron accelerators in the range 1 MeV to 50 MeV*
- 174 – IEC 60601-2-44, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-44: Particular requirements for the basic*  
175 *safety and essential performance of X-ray equipment for computed tomography*
- 176 – IEC 60601-2-64, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-64: Particular requirements for the basic*  
177 *safety and essential performance of light ion beam medical electrical equipment*
- 178 – IEC 62083, *Medical electrical equipment – Requirements for the safety of radiotherapy treatment*  
179 *planning systems*

- 180 – IEC 61217, *Radiotherapy equipment – Coordinates, movements, and scales*
- 181 – IEC 62274, *Medical electrical equipment – Safety of radiotherapy record and verify systems*
- 182 – IEC TR 62926, *Medical electrical system – Guidelines for safe integration and operation of adaptive*  
183 *external-beam radiotherapy systems for real-time adaptive radiotherapy*
- 184 – IEC TR 63183, *Guidance on error and warning messages for software used in radiotherapy*
- 185 This particular standard may give rise to amendments to some of the above standards.
- 186 This particular standard will focus on the safety aspects of the primary function of X-IGRT. It will not  
187 focus on emerging technologies within the field so as to not hinder progress, yet it will define a safe way  
188 of achieving X-IGRT.

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189 **201.1 Scope, object and related standards**

190 **201.1.1 Scope**

191 *Replace the existing third paragraph with:*

192 This particular standard deals with equipment for REAL-TIME X-IGRT, ONLINE X-IGRT and OFFLINE X-IGRT. It  
193 covers procedures to reduce the risk of over-reliance on the X-IGRT EBE SYSTEM. For example, the  
194 MANUFACTURER will provide an interactive interface for user interaction with the correction suggested by  
195 the system.

196 *Add after third paragraph:*

197 This particular standard does not apply to standard CT SCANNERS, which are not used for IGRT. However,  
198 if a CT SCANNER is used in the same room and is electrically, mechanically, or functionally, including the  
199 PATIENT SUPPORT, connected to with an EBE for IGRT then this particular standard applies.

200 If the X-IGRT EQUIPMENT is combined with an MEE, any requirement that is the same for the X-IGRT  
201 EQUIPMENT and the MEE, such as a PATIENT POSITIONER, does not to be tested twice, but can be accepted  
202 as tested by the MEE.

203 Requirements that are being tested according to another standard can be identified by the manufacturer  
204 and if identical do not require retesting, instead evidence can refer to corresponding test report.

205 This particular standard applies for X-RAY EQUIPMENT for RADIOGRAPHY, RADIOSCOPY, and COMPUTED  
206 TOMOGRAPHY used for IGRT.

207 *Replace the existing fifth paragraph with:*

208 This particular standard, with the inclusion of TYPE TESTS and SITE TESTS, applies respectively to the  
209 MANUFACTURER and some installation aspects of X-IGRT EBE SYSTEMS intended to be

210 • for NORMAL USE, operated under the authority of the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION by QUALIFIED  
211 PERSONS having the required skills for a particular medical application, for particular specified clinical  
212 purposes, e.g., STATIONARY RADIOTHERAPY or MOVING BEAM RADIOTHERAPY,

213 • maintained in accordance with the recommendations given in the INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE,

214 • subject to regular quality assurance performance and calibration checks by a QUALIFIED PERSON.

215 NOTE In this particular standard, all references to installation refer to installation in the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION'S premises

216 **201.1.4 Particular standards**

217 *Replace the existing first paragraph with:*

218 In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace, or delete requirements contained in  
219 the general standard and collateral standards as appropriate for the particular MEE under consideration,  
220 and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

221 **201.2 Normative references**

222 *Update the following normative references:*

223 *Replacement:*

224 IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and*  
225 *essential performance*

226 IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012

227 IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020

228 IEC 60601-1-3:2008, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-3: General requirements for basic safety*  
229 *and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Radiation protection in diagnostic X-ray equipment*

230 IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD1:2013  
 231 IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD2:2021

232 IEC 60601-1-6:2010, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-6: General requirements for basic safety*  
 233 *and essential performance – Collateral standard: Usability*  
 234 IEC 60601-1-6:2008/AMD1:2013  
 235 IEC 60601-1-6:2008/AMD2:2020

236 *Addition:*

237 IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and*  
 238 *essential performance*  
 239 IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012  
 240 IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020

241 IEC 60601-2-1:2020, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-1: Particular requirements for the basic*  
 242 *safety and essential performance of electron accelerators in the range 1 MeV to 50 MeV*

243 IEC 60601-2-44:2009, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-44: Particular requirements for the basic*  
 244 *safety and essential performance of X-ray equipment for computed tomography*  
 245 IEC 60601-2-44:2009/AMD1:2012  
 246 IEC 60601-2-44:2009/AMD2:2016

247 IEC 60601-2-64:2014, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-44: Particular requirements for the basic*  
 248 *safety and essential performance of light ion beam medical electrical equipment*

249 *Delete the following normative references:*

250 IEC 60976:2007, *Medical electrical equipment – Medical electron accelerators – Functional*  
 251 *performance characteristics*

252 IEC 62366:2007, *Medical devices – Application of usability engineering to medical devices*

### 253 **201.3 Terms and definitions**

254 *Replace first paragraph with the following:*

255 For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-2-1:2020, IEC 60601-  
 256 1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005 /AMD1:2012, and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, and IEC/TR 60788:2004  
 257 apply, except as follows:

258 *After the existing first paragraph add:*

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

- 260 • IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- 261 • ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

262 *Replace the existing term and definition 201.3.201 with:*

263 **201.3.201**  
 264 **COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY DOSE INDEX 100**  
 265  **$CTDI_{100}$**

266 integral of the DOSE PROFILE representative of a single axial scan along a line perpendicular to the  
 267 TOMOGRAPHIC PLANE divided by  $N \times T$  according to the following:

268 for  $N \times T$  less than or equal to 40 mm

$$CTDI_{100} = \int_{-50\text{mm}}^{+50\text{mm}} \frac{D(y)}{N \times T} dy$$

for  $N \times T$  greater than 40 mm (all IGRT IMAGING PROTOCOL except collimation are kept the same for these measurements)

$$\frac{D_{Ref}(y)}{(N \times T)_{Ref}} dy \times \frac{CTDI_{free\ air, N \times T}}{CTDI_{free\ air, Ref}}$$

where:

$D(y)$  is the DOSE PROFILE representative of a single axial scan along a line perpendicular to the TOMOGRAPHIC PLANE, where dose is reported as ABSORBED DOSE in air and is evaluated within a polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA) dosimetry PHANTOM (see 201.102.6.2);

$(N \times T)_{Ref}$  is a specific  $N \times T$  of 20 mm or the largest  $N \times T$  available not greater than 20 mm;

$D_{Ref}(y)$  is the DOSE PROFILE representative of a single axial scan along a line perpendicular to the TOMOGRAPHIC PLANE, where dose is reported as ABSORBED DOSE in air and is evaluated within a polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA) dosimetry PHANTOM (see 201.102.6.2) for  $(N \times T)_{Ref}$ ;

$CTDI_{free\ air, N \times T}$  is the  $CTDI_{free\ air}$  (201.3.202) for a specific value of  $N \times T$ ;

$CTDI_{free\ air, Ref}$  is the  $CTDI_{free\ air}$  (201.3.202) for  $(N \times T)_{Ref}$ ;

$N$  is the number of TOMOGRAPHIC SECTIONS produced in a single axial scan of the X-ray source;

$T$  is the NOMINAL TOMOGRAPHIC SECTION THICKNESS.

Note 1 to entry: The dose is reported as ABSORBED DOSE to air, but for practical purposes the evaluation of ABSORBED DOSE to air within a PMMA dosimetry PHANTOM is well approximated by measurement of the AIR KERMA.

Note 2 to entry: This definition assumes that the DOSE PROFILE is centred on  $y = 0$ .

Note 3 to entry: A single axial scan is typically a 360° rotation of the X-ray source. For CBCT partial rotations are still considered as a single axial scan.

Note 4 to entry: When the TOMOGRAPHIC SECTIONS overlap, e.g., in CT SCANNERS with a “y-flying FOCAL SPOT” or with CBCT modes that merge multiple scans, the denominator of the integral needs to be replaced by the total nominal width along  $y$  of overlapping tomographic sections. For example, if the percentage of overlap is 50%, then the denominator would be replaced by  $0,5 \times N \times T$ .

Note 5 to entry: Typically, the  $y$ -axis is the axis of rotation (the  $y$ -axis corresponds to the  $z$ -axis in the DICOM coordinate system.)

Note 6 to entry: The  $CTDI_{100}$  is designed to include most of the scattered RADIATION.

Note 7 to entry: See IEC 60601-2-44:2009/AMD1:2012, Annex CC for more explanation.

Note 8 to entry: It is assumed for MV CBCT that an appropriate calibrated pencil chamber is used.

Note 9 to entry: The note to entry concerning the origin of the abbreviation  $CTDI$  APPLIES TO THE FRENCH TEXT ONLY.

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-2-44:2009/AMD1:2012, 201.3.203, modified – Notes 3, 4 and 5 to entry have been extended, and Note 8 to entry added.]

Replace the existing term and definition 201.3.202 with:

### 201.3.202

#### COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY DOSE INDEX FREE-IN-AIR

#### $CTDI_{free\ air}$

integral of the DOSE PROFILE representative of a single axial scan along a line through ISOCENTRE and perpendicular to the TOMOGRAPHIC PLANE divided by  $N \times T$  according to the following



$$CTDI_{\text{freeair}} = \int_{-L/2}^{+L/2} \frac{D(y)}{N \times T} dy$$

313 where

314  $D(y)$  is the DOSE PROFILE representative of a single axial scan along a line through ISOCENTRE and  
 315 perpendicular to the TOMOGRAPHIC PLANE, where dose is reported as ABSORBED DOSE in air and  
 316 is evaluated free-in-air in the absence of a PHANTOM and the PATIENT SUPPORT;

317  $N$  is the number of TOMOGRAPHIC SECTIONS produced in a single axial scan of the X-ray source;

318  $T$  is the NOMINAL TOMOGRAPHIC SECTION THICKNESS;

319  $L$  is at least  $(N \times T) + 40$  mm.

320 Note 1 to entry: This definition assumes that the DOSE PROFILE is centred on  $y = 0$ . The  $y$  axis corresponds to the  $z$  axis in the  
 321 DICOM coordinate system

322 Note 2 to entry: When the TOMOGRAPHIC SECTIONS overlap, e.g., in CT SCANNERS with a “y-flying FOCAL SPOT” or with CBCT  
 323 modes that merges multiple scans, the denominator of the integral needs to be replaced by the total nominal width along  $y$  of  
 324 overlapping tomographic sections. For example, if the percentage of overlap is 50 %, then the denominator would be replaced  
 325 by  $0,5 \times N \times T$ .

326 Note 3 to entry: Typically, a RADIATION DETECTOR of length  $L$  or longer is used. Annex DD provides an example for alternate  
 327 measurements.

328 Note 4 to entry: For CBCT the imaging is not slice based and  $N \times T$  is the scan length along a line perpendicular to the  
 329 TOMOGRAPHIC PLANE with the NOMINAL collimation.

330 Note 5 to entry: It is assumed for MV CBCT that an appropriate calibrated pencil chamber or ion chamber, and a build-up cap  
 331 is used.

332 [SOURCE: IEC 60601-2-44:2009/AMD1:2012, 201.3.215, modified – Note 1 and 2 to entry have been  
 333 extended and Notes 4 and 5 to entry added.]

334 *Replace the existing term and definition 201.3.205 with:*

### 335 201.3.205

#### 336 DOSE-LENGTH PRODUCT

#### 337 DLP

338 index characterizing the product of the  $CTDI_{\text{vol}}$  and the total length scanned

339 Note 1 to entry: For axial, helical scanning, and scanning involving back-and-forth patient support movement between two  
 340 positions (shuttle mode) use the definition provided in IEC 60601-2-44.

341 a) For axial scanning

$$342 DLP = CTDI_{\text{vol}} \times \Delta d \times n$$

343 where

344  $\Delta d$  is the PATIENT SUPPORT travel in  $y$ -direction between consecutive scans;

345  $n$  is the number of scans in the series.

346 b) For helical scanning

$$347 DLP = CTDI_{\text{vol}} \times L$$

348 where

349  $L$  is the table travel during the entire LOADING, adjusted for dynamic collimation modes if  
 350 applicable.

351 Note 1 to entry:  $L$  might be longer than the programmed scan length.

352 Note 2 to entry: The time weighted average of  $CTDI_{\text{vol}}$  is to be used if  $CTDI_{\text{vol}}$  is variable.

353 Note 3 to entry: A way for obtaining  $L$  could be to use the FWHM along a line perpendicular to the TOMOGRAPHIC PLANE  
 354 at isocentre of the free-in-air DOSE PROFILE for the entire scan. In the absence of dynamic collimation this is approximately  
 355 equivalent to table travel during the entire LOADING.