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INTRODUCTION

104 Devices that are capable DUAL-ENERGY IMAGING have been commercially available for over four
105 decades and are well-known to provide clinical benefits. SINGLE-EXPOSURE DEVICES were the first
106 to be successfully commercialized in a clinical environment, followed at the beginning of the
107 century by MULTI-EXPOSURE DEVICES, enabled by the digitalization of X-RAY IMAGE RECEPTORS. More
108 recently, advances in the field of DUAL-ENERGY IMAGING and a reduction in component costs have
109 allowed more equipment MANUFACTURERS to enter this market, supporting a wider clinical adoption
110 and more diverse commercial offerings.

111 Despite this, there is presently no standard metric or associated measurement method to evaluate
112 the quality of the TISSUE-SUBTRACTED IMAGES – therefore their physical imaging performance – that
113 different DUAL-ENERGY IMAGING devices produce. This has resulted in a number of recent
114 challenges for all stakeholders involved, exacerbated by the increasing diversity in commercial
115 offerings.

116 This document has therefore been developed in order to establish a common, fair, objective, and
117 reproducible metric and measurement procedures for the evaluation of performance characteristics
118 of DUAL-ENERGY IMAGING devices.

119 This document will be beneficial to a number of different parties. It will enable MANUFACTURERS to
120 better optimize and compare systems, expediting internal processes and improving final clinical
121 outcomes. It will support regulatory agencies by providing additional tools to evaluate new DUAL-
122 ENERGY IMAGING devices. Healthcare institutions will gain the ability to interpret results of external
123 clinical studies and receive a new tool to aid in the development of their own internal protocols.
124 Lastly, by replacing the current lengthy and costly qualitative nature of TISSUE-SUBTRACTED IMAGE
125 assessment, it will remove a barrier of entry for new companies, thereby increasing market
126 diversity.

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127 The metrics and methods described in this document evaluate a DUAL-ENERGY IMAGING device
128 independent of its MANUFACTURER'S TISSUE-SUBTRACTION PROCESSING. This enables a true analysis
129 of the device's physical imaging characteristics, without the effects of proprietary processing
130 algorithms.

131 Note that, while this document presents metrics that describe the physical imaging performance
132 of DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGE DEVICES, the connection between these parameters and the decision
133 performance of a human observer of the TISSUE-SUBTRACTED IMAGES is not yet completely
134 understood. Furthermore, exhaustive experimental confirmation of the presented metrics has not
135 yet been carried out, and thus care must be taken while interpreting results.

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138 1 Scope

139 This document describes the performance metrics associated with DUAL-ENERGY IMAGING capable
140 DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES meant for medical applications and specifies the methods for their
141 determination. These metrics can be used to analyze TISSUE-SUBTRACTED IMAGES and to evaluate
142 dose performance, noise characteristics, and tissue-subtraction efficacy of DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING
143 DEVICES. The described methods indicate the procedures to obtain MULTI-SPECTRAL PRIMARY DATA
144 and to compute their derived TISSUE-SUBTRACTED IMAGES.

145 The intended users of this part of IEC 62220 are MANUFACTURERS and well-equipped test
146 laboratories. This document is restricted to DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES that are used for single
147 or multiple exposure dual-energy radiographic imaging based on, for example, CR systems, direct
148 and indirect flat panel-detector based systems.

149 This document excludes and is not applicable to:

- 150 – DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES intended to be used in mammography or in dental RADIOGRAPHY;
- 151 – slot scanning DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES;
- 152 – COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY or CONE-BEAM COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY;
- 153 – photon-energy discriminating devices such as photon counting X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES;
- 154 – devices for dynamic imaging (where series of images are acquired, as in fluoroscopy or cardiac
155 imaging).
- 156 – DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICES intended to be used with RADIOTHERAPY beams

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158 2 Normative references

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161 For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments)
162 applies.

163 IEC 60336, *Medical electrical equipment – X-ray tube assemblies for medical diagnosis –*
164 *Characteristics of focal spots*

165 IEC TR 60788:2004, *Medical electrical equipment – Glossary of defined terms*

166 IEC 62220-1-1:2015, *Medical electrical equipment – Characteristics of digital X-ray imaging*
167 *devices – Determination of the detective quantum efficiency – Detectors used in radiographic*
168 *imaging*

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170 3 Terms and definitions

171 For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC TR 60788:2004 and the
172 following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

177 **3.1**
178 **DUAL-ENERGY IMAGING**
179 X-ray imaging technique that includes the acquisition of MULTI-SPECTRAL PRIMARY DATA, and the
180 generation and presentation of one or more corresponding TISSUE-SUBTRACTED IMAGES

181 **3.2**
182 **MULTI-SPECTRAL PRIMARY DATA**
183 X-ray data directly derived from RAW DATA of the same object obtained at differing absorbed X-ray
184 spectra

185 **3.3**
186 **TISSUE-SUBTRACTED IMAGE**
187 image obtained through TISSUE-SUBTRACTION PROCESSING with the purpose of removing contrast in
188 tissues or structures not relevant to the intended imaging task

189 **3.4**
190 **TISSUE-SUBTRACTION PROCESSING**
191 processing of MULTI-SPECTRAL PRIMARY DATA –typically dual-energy logarithmic subtraction– with
192 the goal of removing contrast between structures of similar spectral X-ray ABSORPTION
193 characteristics

194 **3.5**
195 **SINGLE-EXPOSURE DEVICE**
196 DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICE that achieves the acquisition of MULTI-SPECTRAL PRIMARY DATA with a
197 single IRRADIATION

198 **3.6**
199 **MULTI-EXPOSURE DEVICE**
200 DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICE that achieves the acquisition of MULTI-SPECTRAL PRIMARY data through
201 multiple IRRADIATIONS obtained at different times and using various X-RAY TUBE VOLTAGE and/or
202 ADDITIONAL FILTRATION

203 **3.7**
204 **MULTI-EXPOSURE MOTION ARTIFACTS**
205 image ARTIFACTS present in TISSUE-SUBTRACTED IMAGE that result from object misalignment
206 between the images in the MULTI-SPECTRAL PRIMARY DATA, seen in MULTI-EXPOSURE DEVICES caused
207 by patient motion between IRRADIATIONS

208 **4 Requirements**

209 **4.1 Operating conditions**

210 The DIGITAL X-RAY IMAGING DEVICE shall be operated according to MANUFACTURER'S
211 recommendations. The warm-up time shall be chosen according to the recommendations of the
212 MANUFACTURER. The operating conditions shall be the same as those intended for clinical use and
213 shall be maintained during all IRRADIATIONS required for these tests. When multiple clinical use
214 recommendations exist, those that are recommended by the MANUFACTURER for DUAL-ENERGY
215 IMAGING of the chest shall be selected.

216 **4.2 X-RAY EQUIPMENT**

217 For all tests described in the following subclauses, a CONSTANT POTENTIAL HIGH-VOLTAGE
218 GENERATOR is recommended (IEC 60601-2-54). The PERCENTAGE RIPPLE shall be no larger than 4.

219 The NOMINAL FOCAL SPOT VALUE (IEC 60336) shall be no larger than 1,2.

220 For the measuring of AIR KERMA, calibrated RADIATION METERS shall be used. The uncertainty
221 (coverage factor 2) of the measurements shall be less than 5 %.