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149 technical cooperation between ISO and CEN (Vienna Agreement).

150 This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 80601-2-61:2018), which has been
151 technically revised.

152 The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

153 — alignment with IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012
154 +AMD2:2020, IEC 60601-1-2:2014+AMD1:2020 and IEC 60601-1-6:2010+AMD1:2013
155 +AMD2:2020.

156 — increased disclosure requirements;

157 — increased the required number of participants in the clinical study and their diversity;

158 — reduced the maximum permissible A_{rms} ;

159 — required *disparate bias* determination;

160 — clarified that *accessories* need to be included in the clinical performance *verification* and conformity
161 to the requirements of the document

162 — updated the reporting requirements for the clinical performance *verification*; and

163 — harmonization with ISO 20417, where appropriate.

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167 **Introduction**

168 The approximation of arterial haemoglobin saturation and pulse rate using pulse oximetry is common
169 practice in many areas of medicine. This document covers *basic safety* and *essential performance*
170 requirements achievable within the limits of existing technology.

171 The committees recognized the need to revise the first edition of this document because of the publication
172 of the first edition of IEC 60601-1-12, as well as the fourth edition of IEC 60601-1-2, the second edition
173 of IEC 60601-1-11 and the first Amendments to both the third edition of IEC 60601-1, the third edition
174 of IEC 60601-1-6 and the second edition of IEC 60601-1-8.

175 Annex AA contains a rationale for some of the requirements. It is included to provide additional insight
176 into the reasoning of the committees that led to a requirement and identifying the *hazards* that the
177 requirement addresses.

178 Annex BB is a literature survey relevant to the determination of the maximum safe temperature of the
179 interface between a *pulse oximeter probe* and a *patient's* tissue.

180 Annex CC discusses both the formulae used to evaluate the *SpO₂ accuracy of pulse oximeter equipment*
181 measurements, and the names that are assigned to those formulae.

182 Annex DD presents guidance on when in vitro blood calibration of *pulse oximeter equipment* is needed.

183 Annex EE presents a guideline for a *controlled desaturation study* for the calibration of *pulse oximeter*
184 *equipment*.

185 Annex FF is a tutorial introduction to several kinds of testers used in pulse oximetry.

186 Annex GG describes concepts of *pulse oximeter equipment* response time.

187 Annex HH describes data interface requirements.

188 In this document, the following print types are used:

189 – requirements and definitions: roman type;

190 – *terms defined in Clause 3 of the IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020 in this document or as*
191 *noted*: italic type; and

192 – informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: in smaller type;
193 normative text of tables is also in a smaller type.

194 In referring to the structure of this document, the term

195 – “clause” means one of the six numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all
196 subdivisions (e.g., Clause 201 includes subclauses 201.7.1, 201.7.2) and

197 – “subclause” means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g., 201.7.1, 7.2 and 201.7.2.1 are all
198 subclauses of Clause 201.7).

199 References to clauses within this document are preceded by the term “Clause” followed by the clause
200 number. References to subclauses within this document are by number only.

201 In this document, the conjunctive “or” is used as an “inclusive or” so a statement is true if any combination
202 of the conditions is true.

203 The verbal forms used in this document conform to usage described in Annex H of the ISO/IEC Directives,
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206 – “should” indicates a recommendation;

207 – “may” indicates a permission;

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214 **Medical electrical equipment —**
 215
 216 **Part 2-61:**
 217 **Particular requirements for basic safety and essential**
 218 **performance of pulse oximeter equipment**

219 **201.1 Scope, object, and related standards**

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

221 **201.1.1 Scope**222 *Replacement:*

223 NOTE 1 There is guidance or rationale for this subclause contained in Clause AA.2.

224 This document applies to the *basic safety* and *essential performance* of *pulse oximeter equipment*
 225 intended for use on humans, hereafter referred to as *ME equipment*. This includes any part necessary
 226 for *normal use*, including the *pulse oximeter monitor*, *pulse oximeter probe*, and *probe cable extender*.

227 These requirements apply to *pulse oximeter equipment*, including *pulse oximeter monitors*, *pulse*
 228 *oximeter probes* and *probe cable extenders* regardless of their origin (i.e., including *remanufactured*
 229 products).

230 The intended use of *pulse oximeter equipment* includes, but is not limited to, the estimation of arterial
 231 oxygen haemoglobin saturation and pulse rate of *patients* in professional healthcare institutions as
 232 well as *patients* in the *home healthcare environment* and the *emergency medical services environment*.

233 This document is not applicable to *pulse oximeter equipment* intended for use in laboratory research
 234 applications nor to oximeters that require a blood sample from the *patient*.

235 If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to *ME equipment* only, or to *ME*
 236 *systems* only, the title and content of that clause or subclause will say so. If that is not the case, the
 237 clause or subclause applies both to *ME equipment* and to *ME systems*, as relevant.

238 *Hazards* inherent in the intended physiological function of *ME equipment* or *ME systems* within the
 239 scope of this document are not covered by specific requirements in this document except in 201.11
 240 and in 7.2.13 and IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 8.4.1.

241 NOTE 2 See also IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 4.2.

242 This document can also be applied to *ME equipment* and their *accessories* used for compensation or
 243 alleviation of disease, injury, or disability.

244 This document is not applicable to *pulse oximeter equipment* intended solely for foetal use.

245 This document is not applicable to remote or slave (secondary) equipment that displays SpO_2 values
 246 that are located outside of the *patient environment*.

247 NOTE 3 *ME equipment* that provides selection between diagnostic and monitoring functions is expected to
 248 meet the requirements of the appropriate document when configured for that function.

249 This document is applicable to *pulse oximeter equipment* intended for use under extreme or
 250 uncontrolled environmental conditions outside the hospital environment or physician's office, such
 251 as in ambulances and air transport. Additional standards can apply *pulse oximeter equipment* for
 252 those environments of use.

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253 This document is a particular standard in the IEC 60601-1 and ISO and IEC 80601 series of standards.

254 **201.1.2 Object**

255 *Replacement:*

256 The object of this document is to establish particular *basic safety* and *essential performance*
257 requirements for *pulse oximeter equipment* [as defined in 201.3.254] and its *accessories*.

258 NOTE 1 *Accessories* are included because the combination of the *pulse oximeter monitor* and the *accessories*
259 needs to be adequately safe. *Accessories* can have a significant impact on the *basic safety* or *essential*
260 *performance of pulse oximeter equipment*.

261 NOTE 2 This document has been prepared to address the relevant *essential principles*^[25] and labelling^[26]
262 guidances of the International Medical Devices Regulators Forum (IMDRF) as indicated in Annex LL.

263 NOTE 3 This document has been prepared to address the relevant general safety and performance
264 requirements of European regulation (EU) 2017/745^[27].

265 **201.1.3 Collateral standards**

266 *Amendment (add after existing text):*

267 This document refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in
268 IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, Clause 2 and Clause 201.2 of this document.

269 IEC 60601-1-2:2014+AMD1:2020, IEC 60601-1-6:2010+AMD1:2013+AMD2:2020,
270 IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, IEC 60601-1-11+AMD1:2020 and
271 IEC 60601-1-12+AMD1:2020 apply as modified in Clauses 202, 206, 208, 211 and 212, respectively.
272 IEC 60601-1-3 does not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series
273 apply as published.

274 **201.1.4 Particular standards**

275 *Replacement:*

276 In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace, or delete requirements contained
277 in the general standard, including the collateral standards, as appropriate for the particular
278 *ME equipment* under consideration, and may add other *basic safety* or *essential performance*
279 requirements.

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

281 A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the general standard or the collateral
282 standards.

283 For brevity, IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020 is referred to in this document as the
284 general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

285 The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this document corresponds to those of the general
286 standard with the prefix "201" (e.g. 201.1 in this document addresses the content of Clause 1 of the
287 general standard) or applicable collateral standard with the prefix "2xx" where xx is the final digits
288 of the collateral standard document number (e.g. 202.4 in this document addresses the content of
289 Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 208.4 in this document addresses the content of
290 Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-8 collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of the general
291 standard are specified by the use of the following abbreviated words:

292 "Replacement" means that the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral
293 standard is replaced completely by the text of this document.

294 "Addition" means that the text of this document is additional to the requirements of the general
295 standard or applicable collateral standard.