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INTRODUCTION

The minimum safety requirements specified in this document are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT EQUIPMENT.

This document amends and supplements 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*.

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

This document is to define the safety of, and provides the test methods to evaluate the HAZARDS of NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT ME. This would include the following potential HAZARDS: plasma gas temperature, O₃ level, nitrogen oxide level, electrical_leakage, and electrical insulation. This document will be limited to NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT EQUIPMENT.

Conventional MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT treats wounds individually using electrical stimulation, heat, radiation, and light. Unlike conventional medical devices, plasma medical devices treat wounds using a combination of REACTIVE SPECIES, electrons, ions, electromagnetic fields, visible light and (v)UV radiation. There is no guidance on safety and the measurement methods for NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT EQUIPMENT in comparison with other conventional medical equipment. Therefore, a standard for NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT EQUIPMENT can provide safety and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

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

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This part of IEC 60601 applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT EQUIPMENT and NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT ACCESSORIES.

NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT EQUIPMENT and NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT ACCESSORIES are not intended to supply heat to the PATIENT. They are used to treat chronic and acute wounds and biological tissue as well as diverse skin and itching diseases.

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT EQUIPMENT and NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT ACCESSORIES within the scope of this document are covered by specific requirements in 7.2.13 of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020.

This document does not apply to ME EQUIPMENT intended for the haemostasis of biological tissue (see IEC 60601-2-2[1]¹ and IEC 60601-2-76[2]).

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this document is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT EQUIPMENT and NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT ACCESSORIES, as defined in 201.3.204 and 201.3.203.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

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

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201.1.4 Particular standards

Addition:

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¹ Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

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Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are numbered starting from 201.101. However, due to the fact that definitions in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are numbered 3.1 through 3.154, 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.

Where there is no corresponding clause or subclause in this document, the clause or subclause of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 or applicable collateral standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 or applicable collateral standard, although possibly relevant, is not to be applied, a statement to that effect is given in this document.

201.2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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

201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, 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 given after the Bibliography.

Addition:

201.3.201

ACTIVE TREATED ZONE

area of the treated tissue during INTENDED USE

201.3.202

*NON-THERMAL PLASMA

partially ionized gas consisting of REACTIVE SPECIES with electrons, ions, ambient molecules and electromagnetic radiation, that is not intended to supply heat to the PATIENT according to the INTENDED USE

201.3.203

*NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT ACCESSORY

ACCESSORY, which can be the APPLIED PART of NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT EQUIPMENT, intended for application of NON-THERMAL PLASMA to provide WOUND TREATMENT at the intended site of the PATIENT

Note 1 to entry: An APPLIED PART of the NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT is the part which necessarily comes into contact with the PATIENT. Parts, that can accidentally come into contact with the PATIENT during application of NON-THERMAL PLASMA are treated as APPLIED PART (see 4.6 of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020).

Note 2 to entry: NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT ACCESSORIES can include cords and connectors for attachment to NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT EQUIPMENT, as well as MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT other than NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT EQUIPMENT that can be electrically connected to the PATIENT circuit.

Note 3 to entry: Not all ACCESSORIES used with NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT EQUIPMENT are NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT ACCESSORIES.

201.3.204

NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT EQUIPMENT

ME EQUIPMENT that treat wounds together with related NON-THERMAL PLASMA WOUND TREATMENT ACCESSORY using NON-THERMAL PLASMA for the purpose of promoting wound recovery

201.3.205

REACTIVE SPECIES

reactive atoms or molecules generated in the NON-THERMAL PLASMA with sufficient lifetime to reach the respiratory tract of PATIENT and OPERATOR

201.3.206

*WOUND TREATMENT

action of treatment by NON-THERMAL PLASMA to biological tissue in wound or diverse skin and itching diseases