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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 80601-2-69:2020), which has been technically revised.

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

— updated references, where appropriate;

— harmonization with ISO 20417, where appropriate;

— updated uncertainty of measurement requirements;

— added *marking* requirements for *gas intake port*, external gas sources and MR compatibility;

— requirements for *processing* of the *enclosure*;

— added *cybersecurity* recommendations; and

— updated *connector* requirements.

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Introduction

Oxygen supplementation can be part of management of *patients* with chronic, acute-on-chronic or acute respiratory disorders. The amount of supplemental oxygen depends on the individual *patient's* needs under various conditions. The managing healthcare team typically prescribes the endpoint of treatment, for example a target value for oxygen saturation. The amount of supplemental oxygen can be controlled by the flowrate.

The goal of long-term oxygen therapy is to keep the oxygen saturation above a target value in *patients* that require supplemental oxygen. The flowrate should be adjusted for rest, exertion and sleep to meet the individual *patient's* needs under these various conditions. Ideally, the resting flowrate is adjusted to maintain SpO_2 greater than the target value as indicated by pulse oximetry.

Supplemental oxygen is supplied by various sources: *medical gas pipeline systems*, *oxygen concentrators*, compressed gas cylinders and liquid oxygen reservoirs. *Oxygen concentrators* produce oxygen-enriched air from room air for delivery to a *patient* requiring oxygen therapy. The most common *oxygen concentrator* uses molecular sieve beds to filter and concentrate oxygen molecules from the ambient air, generating oxygen concentrations of typically 90 % to 96 %. The main component of this type of *oxygen concentrator* is the molecular sieve, which adsorbs nitrogen from air to produce a product gas, which is a mixture of typically up to 95 % oxygen and 5 % of other gases. The periodic adsorbing and purging of nitrogen is referred to as the pressure swing adsorption *process*.

Long-term oxygen therapy has been demonstrated in randomized, controlled clinical trials to prolong survival in *patients* with chronic respiratory disease and documented hypoxemia. Typical sources of therapeutic long-term oxygen therapy include gaseous oxygen from cylinders or from liquid oxygen and oxygen from an *oxygen concentrator*.

In this document, the following print types are used:

— requirements and definitions: roman type;

— *test specifications and terms defined in Clause 3 of the general standard, in this particular document or as noted: italic type*; and

— informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: in smaller type. Normative text of tables is also in a smaller type.

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

— "clause" means one of the three numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 201 includes subclauses 201.7, 201.8, etc.); and

— "subclause" means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g. 201.7, 201.8 and 201.9 are all subclauses of Clause 201).

References to clauses within this document are preceded by the term "Clause" followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this particular document are by number only.

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

For the purposes of this document, the auxiliary verb:

— "shall" indicates a requirement;

— "should” indicates a requirement;

— "may” indicates a permission;

— "can" indicates a possibility or capability; and

— "must" is used to express an external constraint.

Annex C contains a guide to the *marking* and labelling requirements in this document.

Annex D contains a summary of the *symbols* referenced in this document.

Requirements in this document have been decomposed so that each requirement is uniquely delineated. This is done to support automated requirements tracking .

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

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

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

201.1.1 Scope

IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 1.1 is replaced by:

This document specifies requirements for the *basic safety* and *essential performance* of an *oxygen concentrator* in combination with its *accessories*, hereafter referred to as *ME equipment,* intended to increase the oxygen concentration of gas intended to be delivered to a single *patient*. Such *oxygen concentrators* are typically intended for use in the *home healthcare environment* by a single *patient* in various environments including any private and public transportation as well as in commercial aircraft.

NOTE 1 Such *oxygen concentrators* can also be used in professional healthcare facilities.

This document is applicable to a *transit-operable* and non-*transit-operable oxygen concentrator.* This document is applicable to an *oxygen concentrator* integrated into or used with other medical devices, *ME equipment* or *ME systems.*

EXAMPLE 1 An *oxygen concentrator* with integrated oxygen *conserving equipment* function or *humidifier* function.

EXAMPLE 2 An *oxygen concentrator* used with a flowmeter stand.

EXAMPLE 3 An *oxygen concentrator* as part of an anaesthetic system for use in areas with limited logistical supplies of electricity and anaesthetic gases[2].

EXAMPLE 4 An *oxygen concentrator* with an integrated liquid reservoir function or gas cylinder filling system function.

This document is also applicable to those *accessories* intended by their *manufacturer* to be connected to an *oxygen concentrator*, where the characteristics of those *accessories* can affect the *basic safety* or *essential performance* of the *oxygen concentrator*.

NOTE 2 Such *accessories* can include, but are not limited to, *masks*, cannulae, extension tubing, *humidifiers*, carts, carrying cases, external power sources and oxygen *conserving equipment.*

This document does not specify requirements for *oxygen concentrators* for use with a *medical gas pipeline system*.

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

Hazards inherent in the intended physiological function of *ME equipment* or *ME systems* within the scope of this document are not covered by specific requirements in this document except in 7.2.13 and 8.4.1 of the general standard.

NOTE 3 See also 4.2 of the general standard.

201.1.2 Object

IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 1.2 is replaced by:

The object of this document is to establish particular *basic safety* and *essential performance* requirements for an *oxygen concentrator* (as defined in 201.3.237) and its *accessories*.

NOTE 1 *Accessories* are included because the combination of the *oxygen concentrator* and the *accessories* needs to be adequately safe. *Accessories* can have a significant impact on the *basic safety* or *essential performance* of an *oxygen concentrator*.

NOTE 2 This document has been prepared to address the relevant *essential principles*[11] and labelling principles[12] guidances of the International Medical Devices Regulators Forum (IMDRF) as indicated in Annex BB.

NOTE 3 This document has been prepared to address the relevant *essential principles of safety and performance* of ISO 16142-1:2016 as indicated in Annex CC.

NOTE 4 This document has been prepared to address the relevant general safety and performance requirements of European regulation (EU) 2017/745[10] as indicated in Annex DD.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 1.3 applies with the following addition:

IEC 60601-1-2:2014+AMD1:2020, IEC 60601-1-6:2010+AMD1:2013+AMD2:2020 and IEC 60601-1-11:2015+AMD1:2020 apply as modified in Clauses 202, 206 and 211 respectively. IEC 60601-1-3 and IEC 60601-1-9 do not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

201.1.4 Particular standards

Replacement:

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

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the general standard.

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

The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this document corresponds to that of the general standard with the prefix “201” (e.g. 201.1 in this document addresses the content of Clause 1 of the general standard) or applicable collateral standard with the prefix “20x”, where x is the final digit(s) of the collateral standard

document number (e.g. 202.4 in this document addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 211.4 in this document addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-11collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of the general standard are specified by the use of the following words.

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

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

— "Amendment" means that the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard is amended as indicated by the text of this document.

Clauses, subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of the general standard are numbered starting from 201.101. However, due to the fact that definitions in the general standard are numbered 3.1 through 3.147, 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.

Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of a collateral standard are numbered starting from 20x, where “x” is the number of the collateral standard, e.g. 202 for IEC 60601-1-2, 211 for IEC 60601-1-11, etc.

The term "this document" is used to make reference to the general standard, any applicable collateral standards and this particular document taken together.

Where there is no corresponding clause or subclause in this document, the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of the general standard 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.

IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2: 2020, Clause 2 applies, except as follows:

Replacement:

ISO 15223-1:2021, *Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied — Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61672-1:2013, *Electroacoustics — Sound level meters — Part 1: Specifications*

Addition:

ISO 3744:2010, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 4871:1996, *Acoustics — Declaration and verification of noise emission values of machinery and equipment*

ISO 7396-1:2016+AMD1:2017, *Medical gas pipeline systems — Part 1: Pipeline systems for compressed medical gases and vacuum*

ISO 14937:2009, *Sterilization of health care products — General requirements for characterization of a sterilizing agent and the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 17256:2024, *Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment — Respiratory therapy tubing and connectors*

ISO 17664-1:2021, *Processing of health care products — Information to be provided by the medical device manufacturer for the processing of medical devices — Part 1: Critical and semi-critical medical devices*

ISO 17664-2:2021, *Processing of health care products — Information to be provided by the medical device manufacturer for the processing of medical devices — Part 2: Non-critical medical devices*

ISO 18562-1:2024, *Biocompatibility evaluation of breathing gas pathways in healthcare applications — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 20417:2026, *Medical devices — Information to be supplied by the manufacturer*

ISO 80601-2-67:2025, *Medical Electrical Equipment — Part 2-67: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of oxygen conserving equipment*

IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2: 2020, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*

IEC 60601-1-2:2014+AMD1:2020, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic disturbances — Requirements and tests*

IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-8: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral Standard: General requirements, tests and guidance for alarm systems in medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems*

IEC 60601-1-11:2015+AMD1:2020, *Medical electrical equipment — Part 1-11: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance — Collateral standard: Requirements for medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems used in the home healthcare environment*

IEC 62366-1:2015+AMD1:2020, *Medical devices – Application of usability engineering to medical devices*

IEC 62570:2014, *Standard practice for marking medical devices and other items for safety in the magnetic resonance environment*

IEC Guide 115:2023, *Application of uncertainty of measurement to conformity assessment activities in the electrotechnical sector*

201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, and the following apply.

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

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

NOTE An index of defined terms is found in Annex EE.

Addition:

201.3.201
accompanying information
information accompanying or *marked* on a medical device or *accessory* for the user or those accountable for the installation, use, *processing*, maintenance, decommissioning and disposal of the medical device or *accessory*, particularly regarding safe use

Note 1 to entry: The *accompanying information* shall be regarded as part of the medical device or *accessory*.

Note 2 to entry: The *accompanying information* can consist of the label, *marking*, *instructions for use*, *technical description*, installation manual, quick reference guide, etc.

Note 3 to entry: *Accompanying information* is not necessarily a written or printed document but can involve auditory, visual, or tactile materials and multiple media types (e.g. CD/DVD-ROM, USB stick, website).

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2026, 3.2, modified — deleted note 4.]

201.3.202
alarm condition delay
time from the occurrence of a triggering event either in the patient, for *physiological alarm conditions*, or in the equipment, for *technical alarm conditions*, to when the *alarm system* determines that an *alarm condition* exists

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 3.2]

201.3.203
alarm limit
threshold used by an *alarm system* to determine an *alarm condition*

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 3.3]

201.3.204
alarm setting
alarm system configuration, including but not limited to:
– *alarm limits*;
– the characteristics of any *alarm signal* inactivation states; and
– the values of variables or parameters that determine the function of the *alarm system*

Note 1 to entry: Some algorithmically-determined *alarm settings* can require time to be determined or re-determined.

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 3.8]

201.3.205
attack
attempt to destroy, expose, alter, disable, steal or gain unauthorized access to or make unauthorized use of an asset

[SOURCE: IEC 81001-5-1:2021, 3.5]

201.3.206
biocompatibility
ability to be in contact with a living system without producing an unacceptable adverse effect

Note 1 to entry: Medical devices may produce some level of adverse effect, but that level may be determined to be acceptable when considering the benefits provided by the medical device.

[SOURCE: ISO 18562-1:2024, 3.6]

201.3.207
cleaning
removal of contaminants to the extent necessary for further *processing* or for *intended use*

Note 1 to entry: *Cleaning* consists of the removal of adherent soil (e.g. blood, protein substances, and other debris) from the surfaces, crevices, serrations, joints, and lumens of a medical device by a manual or automated *process* that prepares the items for safe handling or further *processing*.

[SOURCE: ISO 17664-2:2021, 3.1, modified — replaced 'and/or' with 'or'.]

201.3.208
connector
fitting to join two or more components

EXAMPLE *Connectors* for *low-pressure hose assembly* are any of a range of mating components intended to maintain gas specificity by the allocation of a set of different diameters to the mating *connectors* for each particular gas.

[SOURCE: ISO 4135:2022, 3.1.4.5]

201.3.209
conserving equipment
ME equipment intended to conserve supplemental oxygen by delivering gas intermittently and synchronized with the *patient's* inspiratory cycle

Note 1 to entry: *Conserving equipment* can be electrically or pneumatically powered.

[SOURCE: ISO 80601-2-67:2025, 201.3.207]

201.3.210
continuous flow
gas flowing continuously through the *breathing system*, with a proportion intermittently passing to the *patient's lung* whenever the *airway pressure* is raised by the *ventilator* or an *operator* action, or flow is demanded by a *patient's* inspiratory effort

Note 1 to entry: For the purposes of this document, *ventilator* is taken to include *oxygen concentrator*.

[SOURCE: ISO 19223:2019, 3.7.8, modified — deleted notes and added note 1.]

201.3.211
cybersecurity
state where information and systems are protected from unauthorized activities, such as access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification, or destruction to a degree that the related *risks* to violation of confidentiality, integrity, and availability are maintained at an acceptable level throughout the life cycle

[SOURCE: IEC 81001-5-1:2021, 3.30]

201.3.212
disinfection
process to reduce the number of viable microorganisms to a level previously specified as being appropriate for a defined purpose

[SOURCE: ISO 17664-1:2021, 3.3]

201.3.213
distributed alarm system
alarm system that involves more than one item of equipment of a *ME system* intended for delivery of *alarm conditions* with technical confirmation

Note 1 to entry: The parts of a *distributed alarm system* can be widely separated in distance.

Note 2 to entry: A *distributed alarm system* is intended to notify *operators* of the existence of an *alarm condition*.

Note 3 to entry: Technical confirmation means that each element of a *distributed alarm system* confirms or guarantees the successful delivery of the *alarm condition* to the next element or appropriate *technical alarm conditions* are created.

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 3.17]

201.3.214
emergency medical services environment
EMS environment
actual conditions and settings, in which *operators* interact with the *ME equipment* or *ME system*, in and around the scene of an emergency outside of a professional healthcare facility where a *patient* can be given medical care, basic or advanced life support as well as during professional transport to a professional healthcare facility or between professional healthcare facilities

EXAMPLE 1 Responding to and providing life support at the scene of an emergency to a *patient* reported as experiencing injury or illness in a pre-hospital setting, and transporting the *patient*, while continuing such life support care, to an appropriate professional healthcare facility for further care.

EXAMPLE 2 Providing monitoring, treatment or diagnosis during transport between professional healthcare facilities.

Note 1 to entry: The *EMS environment* is not considered to be part of the *professional healthcare environment*.

Note 2 to entry: Use of equipment intended for the *EMS environment* and temporarily used in the *home healthcare environment* by emergency medical personnel is considered use in the *EMS environment*.

Note 3 to entry: The *operators* of equipment intended for the *EMS environment* are presumed to be *healthcare professional operators*.