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**safety and essential performance of**  
**ventilatory support equipment for**  
**ventilatory impairment**

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## Foreword

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The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. [www.iso.org/directives](http://www.iso.org/directives)

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This first edition of ISO 80601-2-79, in combination with ISO 80601-2-80<sup>[1]</sup>, cancels and replaces ISO 10651-6:2004<sup>[2]</sup>. This edition of ISO 80601-2-79 constitutes a major technical revision of ISO 10651-6:2004 and includes an alignment with the third edition of IEC 60601-1, the fourth edition of IEC 60601-1-2, the third edition of IEC 60601-1-6, the second edition of IEC 60601-1-8 and the second edition of IEC 60601-1-11.

The most significant changes are the following modifications:

- splitting the scope of ISO 10651-6:2004<sup>[2]</sup> into two parts:
  - one for VENTILATORY IMPAIRMENT, also known as RESPIRATORY IMPAIRMENT, (this document) and
  - one for VENTILATORY INSUFFICIENCY, also known as RESPIRATORY INSUFFICIENCY (ISO 80601-2-80);
- extending the scope to include the VENTILATORY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT and its ACCESSORIES, where the characteristics of those ACCESSORIES can affect the BASIC SAFETY or ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of the VENTILATORY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, and thus not the VENTILATORY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT itself;
- identification of ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE for VENTILATORY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT and its ACCESSORIES;

and the following additions:

- tests for ventilation performance;

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<sup>1</sup> Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

- tests for mechanical strength (via IEC 60601-1-11);
- new symbols;
- requirements for VENTILATORY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT as a component of an ME SYSTEM;
- tests for ENCLOSURE integrity (water ingress via IEC 60601-1-11);
- tests for CLEANING and DISINFECTION PROCEDURES (via IEC 60601-1-11);
- consideration of contamination of the breathing gas delivered to the PATIENT from the GAS PATHWAYS.

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## Introduction

This document specifies requirements for VENTILATORY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT that is intended for use in the HOME HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT for PATIENTS who are not dependent on ventilation for their life support. VENTILATORY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT is frequently used in locations where SUPPLY MAINS is not reliable. VENTILATORY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT is often supervised by non-healthcare personnel (LAY OPERATORS) with varying levels of training. VENTILATORY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT complying with this document can be used elsewhere (i.e. in healthcare facilities).

Ventilatory support is often needed for PATIENTS who have stable ventilatory needs. This document addresses PATIENTS who have significant respiratory dysfunction resulting in an abnormality of a sufficient degree to be noticeable by the PATIENT. This is best characterized by lung functions not worse than<sup>[3]</sup>:

- $FEV_1/FVC^2 < 70 \%$ ; or
- $50 \% \leq FEV_1 < 80 \%$  predicted

where

$FEV_1$  is the forced expiratory volume in 1 s, and

$FVC$  is the forced vital capacity.

Examples of diseases that require ventilation support are

- mild to moderate Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD);
- neuromuscular/ amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS);
- obese PATIENTS Obese Hypoventilation Syndrome (OHS);
- Cheyne–Stokes respiration (CSR/CSA).

CSR/CSA is an abnormal pattern of breathing characterized by progressively deeper and sometimes faster breathing, followed by a gradual decrease that results in a temporary stop in breathing called an apnoea. The pattern repeats, with each cycle usually taking 30 s to 2 min.

Cardiac PATIENTS with CSR/CSA might be breathless without having significant reduction in  $FEV_1$ . Reducing the work of breathing can help normalize their breathing.

This VENTILATORY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT is intended for PATIENTS who are spontaneously breathing and do not require ventilation for life support or intermittent periods of ventilation to maintain vital signs. VENTILATORY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT intended for this group of PATIENTS typically does not require PHYSIOLOGICAL ALARM CONDITIONS as no ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE exists. These PATIENTS can gain adequate relief from fatigue related to the work of breathing by using VENTILATORY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT during the night and while taking breaks during the day. This can enable a PATIENT with VENTILATORY IMPAIRMENT to continue to move about and participate in the activities of daily living. Non-TRANSIT-OPERABLE VENTILATORY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT that provides ventilatory support at the bedside and beside a chair or other resting place should be adequate in this application.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

In this document, the following print types are used:

- Requirements and definitions: roman type;

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<sup>2</sup> This is also known as the Tiffeneau-Pinelli index.

- *Test specifications: italic type;*
- 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;
- TERMS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 3 OF THE GENERAL STANDARD<sup>3</sup>, IN THIS DOCUMENT OR AS NOTED: SMALL CAPITALS.

In referring to the structure of this document, the term

- “clause” means one of the five numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 201 includes subclauses 201.7, 201.8);
- “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.

The verbal forms used in this document conform to usage described in ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. For the purposes of this document, the auxiliary verb:

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- “should” means that compliance with a requirement or a test is recommended but is not mandatory for compliance with this document;
- “may” is used to describe permission (e.g. a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test);
- “can” is used to describe a possibility or capability; and
- “must” is used express an external constraint.

An asterisk (\*) as the first character of a title or at the beginning of a paragraph or table title indicates that there is guidance or rationale related to that item in Annex AA.

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<sup>3</sup> The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*.