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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 81060-2:2013 [\[1\]](#)), which has been technically revised.

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

- same arm simultaneous method has been reinstated;
- numerous clarifications have been added and kPa equivalent values for the mmHg values have been included.

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Introduction

Determining blood pressure is an important procedure that is clinically used to assess the status of a patient.

Blood pressure serves as aid to control the drug titration and fluid management and to provide warning about the changes in patient's state of health.

Frequently determining blood pressure is routine during anaesthesia. Blood pressure serves to aid to control drug titration and fluid management and to provide warning about the changes in the patient's state of health.

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 Annex H of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. For the purposes of this document, the auxiliary verb:

- “shall” indicates a requirement;
- “should” indicates a recommendation;
- “may” indicates a permission;
- “can” is used to describe a possibility or capability; and
- “must” is used to express an external constraint.

[Annex A](#) contains rationale and guidance.

[Annex B](#) maps the clauses and subclauses of this document with the relevant International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF) essential principles.

[Annex C](#) contains an alphabetized index of defined terms.

Non-invasive sphygmomanometers —

Part 2:

Clinical performance verification of intermittent automated measurement type

1 Scope (see [Clause A.2](#))

This document specifies the requirement and methods for the clinical performance verification of ME equipment used for the intermittent non-invasive automated estimation of the arterial blood pressure by utilizing a cuff.

This document is applicable to all sphygmomanometers that sense or display pulsations, flow or sounds for the estimation, display or recording of blood pressure. These sphygmomanometers need not have automatic cuff inflation.

This document covers sphygmomanometers intended for use in all patient populations (e.g. all age and weight ranges), and all conditions of use e.g. ambulatory blood pressure monitoring, stress testing blood pressure monitoring and blood pressure monitors for the home healthcare environment for self-measurement as well as use in a professional healthcare environment and emergency medical services environment).

EXAMPLE Automated sphygmomanometer as given in IEC 80601-2-30 [\[2\]](#) undergoing clinical performance verification according to this document.

This document specifies additional disclosure requirements for the accompanying information of sphygmomanometers that conform with this document.

This document is not applicable to the clinical performance verification of a non-automated sphygmomanometer as given in ISO 81060-1:2007 or invasive blood pressure monitoring equipment as given in IEC 60601-2-34.

This document is not applicable to clinical performance verification of a set of cuffs that are not of same materials and construction. Each type of cuff set is required to be evaluated separately according to this document.

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.

ISO 14155:2026, *Clinical investigation of medical devices for human subjects — Good clinical practice*

ISO 81060-1:2007, *Non-invasive sphygmomanometers — Part 1: Requirements and test methods for non-automated measurement type*

IEC 60601-2-34, *Medical electrical equipment - Part 2-34: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of invasive blood pressure monitoring equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

NOTE For convenience, an alphabetized index of defined terms is found in [Table C.1](#).

3.1

accompanying information

DEPRECATED: accompanying documents

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information supplied by the *manufacturer* ([3.15](#)) with or marked on a medical device or accessory for the user or the *responsible organisation* ([3.23](#)), particularly regarding safe use

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2026 [\[3\]](#), 3.2, modified – deleted notes.]

3.2

automated sphygmomanometer

ME equipment ([3.17](#)) used for the non-invasive estimation of the *blood pressure* ([3.4](#)) by utilizing an inflatable *cuff* ([3.7](#)), a pressure transducer, a valve for deflation and displays used in conjunction with automatic methods for determining *blood pressure* ([3.4](#))

Note 1 to entry: Components of an *automated sphygmomanometer* ([3.2](#)) include manometer, *cuff* ([3.7](#)), valve for deflation (often in combination with the valve for rapidly exhausting the pneumatic system), pump for inflation of the *bladder* ([3.3](#)) and connection tubing.

[SOURCE: IEC 80601-2-30 [\[2\]](#):—, 201.3.201]

3.3

bladder

that part of the *cuff* ([3.7](#)) that is inflatable

[SOURCE: ISO 81060-1:2007, 3.2]

3.4

blood pressure

pressure in the systemic arterial system of the body

[SOURCE: ISO 81060-1:2007, 3.3]

3.5

clinical investigation

systematic investigation in one or more human subjects, undertaken to assess the clinical performance, effectiveness or safety of a medical device

[SOURCE: ISO 14155:2026, 3.9]

3.6

clinical investigation report

document describing the design, conduct, statistical analysis and results of a *clinical investigation* ([3.5](#))

[SOURCE: ISO 14155:2026, 3.11]

3.7

cuff

part of the *sphygmomanometer* ([3.24](#)) that is wrapped around the limb of the *patient* ([3.20](#))

Note 1 to entry: A *cuff* ([3.7](#)) usually comprises a *bladder* ([3.3](#)) and an inelastic part that encloses the *bladder* ([3.3](#)), or has an integral *bladder* ([3.3](#)) (i.e. the *cuff* ([3.7](#)), including the *bladder* ([3.3](#)), is one piece).

[SOURCE: IEC 80601-2-30 [\[2\]](#):—, 201.3.202]

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3.8**determination****determination value**

result of the process of estimating *blood pressure* (3.4) by a *sphygmomanometer* (3.24)

[SOURCE: IEC 80601-2-30 [2];—, 201.3.203]

3.9**diastolic blood pressure****diastolic blood pressure value**

minimum value of the *blood pressure* (3.4) resulting from a relaxation of the systemic ventricle

Note 1 to entry: Because of hydrostatic effects, this value should be determined with the *cuff* (3.7) at the same elevation as the heart (phlebostatic axis).

[SOURCE: IEC 80601-2-30 [2];—, 201.3.204]

3.10**essential principles****essential principles of safety and performance**

fundamental high-level requirements that, when conformed with, ensure a medical device or accessory is safe and performs as intended

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2026 [3], 3.10]

3.11**intended use****intended purpose**

use for which a product or process is intended according to the specifications, *instructions for use* (3.13) and other information supplied by the *manufacturer* (3.15)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 63:2019 [4], 3.4, modified — deleted “or service” and replaced “instructions” with “instructions for use”, “provided” with “supplied”, added “other” and deleted note.]

3.12**intermittent**

⟨non-invasive sphygmomanometer⟩ utilizing a process of estimating *blood pressure* (3.4) that provides a single set of pressure values from a number of heart beats

3.13**IFU****instructions for use****package insert**

portion of the *accompanying information* (3.1) that is:

- directed to the primary user; and
- essential for the safe and effective use of a medical device or accessory

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2026 [3], 3.16, modified —deleted notes.]

3.14**invasive blood pressure monitoring equipment**

ME equipment (3.17) including associated pressure transducers, that is used for internal measurement or monitoring of circulatory system pressures

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-2-34, 201.3.63]

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3.15

manufacturer

organization with responsibility for design or manufacture of a medical device or accessory with the intention of making the medical device or accessory available for use, under its name; whether such a medical device or accessory is designed or manufactured by that organization itself or on its behalf by another organization

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-880 [5]:—, 880-12-14, modified — deleted notes.]

3.16

mean arterial pressure**MAP**

value of the integral of one heartbeat cycle of the *blood pressure* (3.4) curve divided by the time of that cycle

Note 1 to entry: Because of hydrostatic effects, this value should be determined with the *cuff* (3.7) at the same elevation as the heart (phlebostatic axis).

[SOURCE: IEC 80601-2-30 [2]:—, 201.3.206]

3.17

ME equipment**medical electrical equipment**

electrical medical device having an applied part or transferring energy or substances to or from the *patient* (3.20) or detecting such energy or substance transfer to or from the *patient* (3.20)

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-880 [5]:—, 880-08-26, modified — deleted notes.]

3.18

non-automated sphygmomanometer

ME equipment (3.17) used for the non-invasive estimation of *blood pressure* (3.4) by utilizing an inflatable *cuff* (3.7) with a pressure-sensing element, a valve for deflation, and a display used in conjunction with a stethoscope or other manual methods for estimating *blood pressure* (3.4)

Note 1 to entry: Components of these instruments include a manometer, *cuff* (3.7), valve for deflation (often in combination with the valve for rapidly exhausting the pneumatic system), hand pump or electro-mechanical pump for inflation of the *bladder* (3.3), and connection tubing. A *non-automated sphygmomanometer* (3.18) can also contain electro-mechanical components for *cuff* (3.7) pressure control.

[SOURCE: IEC 80601-2-30 [2]:—, 201.3.208]

3.19

objective evidence

data supporting the existence or verity of something

Note 1 to entry: *Objective evidence* (3.19) can be obtained through observation, measurement, test or by other means.

[SOURCE: ISO 14971:2019 [6], 3.11]

3.20

patient

living being receiving healthcare services

Note 1 to entry: Living being means person or animal.

Note 2 to entry: Healthcare services include diagnostic, therapeutic, monitoring, surgical or dental procedures and can be delivered in the home healthcare environment, professional healthcare environment, EMS environment or a special environment.

Note 3 to entry: A *patient* (3.20) can be a user.

Note 4 to entry: Safety limit values can be different for different *patients* (3.20), especially for animal *patients* (3.20).

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-880 [5]:—, 880-12-16]

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3.21

procedure

specified way to carry out an activity or a process

Note 1 to entry: *Procedures* (3.21) can be documented or not.

[SOURCE: ISO 9000:2015 [\[7\]](#), 3.4.5]

3.22

reference

measurement that has a known accuracy

3.23

responsible organisation

organization accountable for the installation, use, processing, maintenance, decommissioning or disposal of a medical device or accessory and their detachable parts

Note 1 to entry: The responsible organization includes those individuals performing the activities for the responsible organization including the preparation of the infrastructure needed to support the installation.

Note 2 to entry: The responsible organization can be, for example, a hospital, an individual healthcare professional provider or a lay person. In home use applications, the *patient* (3.20), user and responsible organization can be one and the same person.

Note 3 to entry: Education and training are included in “use”.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-880 [\[5\]](#):—, 880-12-18]

3.24

sphygmomanometer

medical device for non-invasive estimation of systemic arterial *blood pressure* (3.4)

3.25

sphygmomanometer-under-test

automated sphygmomanometer (3.2) undergoing clinical performance *verification* (3.30)

3.26

systolic blood pressure**systolic blood pressure value**

maximum value of the *blood pressure* (3.4) resulting from a contraction of the systemic ventricle

Note 1 to entry: Because of hydrostatic effects, this value should be determined with the *cuff* (3.7) at the same elevation as the heart (phlebostatic axis).

[SOURCE: IEC 80601-2-30 [\[2\]](#):—, 201.3.216]

3.27

technical description

portion of the *accompanying information* (3.1) that is:

- directed to the *responsible organisation* (3.23) and service personnel; and
- essential for installation, preparation for the first use and safe use, maintenance or repair as well as processing, transport or storage for the expected lifetime including decommissioning or disposal of a medical device or accessory

[SOURCE: ISO 20417:2026 [\[3\]](#), 3.43, modified —deleted note 2.]

3.28

total limb circumference range

range, from the smallest limb circumference to the largest limb circumference, intended by the *manufacturer* (3.15) for use with the *sphygmomanometer* (3.24)

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3.29

type test

test on one or more representative samples of a product, as designed and manufactured, with the objective of determining conformity

Note 1 to entry: A representative sample means taken from production or being a production equivalent.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-880 [\[5\]](#):—, 880-09-16]

3.30

verification**verified**

confirmation, through the provision of *objective evidence* ([3.19](#)), that specified requirements have been fulfilled

Note 1 to entry: The *objective evidence* ([3.19](#)) needed for a *verification* ([3.30](#)) can be the result of an inspection or of other forms of determination such as performing alternative calculations or reviewing documents.

Note 2 to entry: The activities carried out for *verification* ([3.30](#)) are sometimes called a qualification process. In short, *verification* ([3.30](#)) gives the confidence that the system was built correctly to meet identified requirements and specifications.

Note 3 to entry: In the case of software specifically, *verification* ([3.30](#)) is conducted at various stages of development, examining the software and its constituents to determine conformity.

Note 4 to entry: The word “*verified* ([3.30](#))” is used to designate the corresponding status.

Note 5 to entry: In design and development, *verification* ([3.30](#)) concerns the inspection of the result of an activity to determine conformity with the stated requirements.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-880 [\[5\]](#):—, 880-14-24]

4 General requirements for clinical investigations

4.1 Clinical investigation methods

- a) An automated sphygmomanometer shall undergo a clinical performance verification according to this document in each mode of operation by either using:

EXAMPLE 1 Adult and neonatal modes.

EXAMPLE 2 Slow and fast cuff deflation rate modes.

- 1) a reference non-invasive auscultatory sphygmomanometer at the upper arm; or
- 2) a reference invasive blood pressure monitoring equipment.

- b) The clinical investigation shall be considered a type test.

- c) An automated sphygmomanometer intending to display central or aortic blood pressure shall utilize a reference central or aortic invasive site for the clinical performance verification (see [6.2.2](#)).

NOTE Such an automated sphygmomanometer is investigated according to [Clause 6](#).

- d) Consider conformity with the requirements of this subclause to exist when the criteria of the relevant inspections and tests in this document are met.

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4.2 Good clinical practice

- a) All clinical performance verifications shall be clinical investigations in accordance with the requirements of ISO 14155:2026.
 - 1) The requirements of this document, which are more specific than the corresponding requirements of ISO 14155:2026, shall prevail.
 - b) Clinical performance verification with reference invasive blood pressure monitoring equipment should not be used for patients or subjects solely for the purpose of investigating sphygmomanometer performance.
- NOTE Some authorities having jurisdiction have additional requirements.
- c) All subjects shall be unique.
 - d) A subject shall only be used once in a clinical performance verification.
 - e) Check conformity by application of the requirements of ISO 14155:2026 and by inspection of the clinical investigation report.

4.3 Status of previous clinical performance verifications

The clinical performance verification results for sphygmomanometers that have been successfully investigated according to previous versions of ISO 81060-2:2018 [8] remain valid and a clinical performance verification need not be repeated to conform with this document.

4.4 Disclosure of summary of clinical performance verification

The technical description of a sphygmomanometer shall contain contact information permitting the responsible organization to acquire a copy of the summary of the clinical performance verification.

5 Clinical performance verification with a reference auscultatory sphygmomanometer

5.1 Subject requirements

5.1.1 Number (see [Clause A.3](#))

- a) A reference auscultatory sphygmomanometer clinical performance verification shall consist of a minimum of 85 subjects.
- b) If not otherwise specified, at least three valid paired blood pressures shall be taken for each subject.
- c) There shall be a minimum of 255 valid paired blood pressures.

Check conformity by inspection of the clinical investigation report.

5.1.2 Sex distribution (see [Clause A.4](#))

- a) At least 30 % of the subjects shall be male.
- b) At least 30 % of the subjects shall be female.

Check conformity by inspection of the clinical investigation report.