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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 80601-2-90:2021), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

— updated normative references;

— clarified *system recovery* requirements;

— added *cybersecurity* requirements; and

— added requirements for SpO_2 *monitoring equipment*.

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Introduction

Respiratory high-flow therapy equipment has been used successfully for years with neonatal *patients*. In recent years there is more information about treating adults with *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* when it is used as an intermediate therapy to improve oxygenation in adult critical care *patients*, respiratory care units and for palliative care. *High-flow therapy equipment* is also used in the treatment of chronic respiratory disease to reduce exacerbation, improve physiological outcomes and quality of life[29][42][43][46].[1] The use of *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* continues to increase as it is easily set up and is well tolerated by *patients*.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in January of 2020, its spread has been rapid and fierce. In hospitals across the world, all kinds of *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* have been widely used. In general, there is a trend to use more non-invasive respiratory therapy. More and more new *manufacturers* of *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* have rapidly emerged. Neither international nor national standards are available for *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment*. With the spread of the epidemic globally, the demand for this document is clear and very urgent.

The first *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* was constructed by the connection of a *humidifier*, air/oxygen mixer/blender, flowmeter, breathing tube and cannula. Based on the improvement in technical integration in recent years, there are several technical routes for *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* on the market. *Respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* is not fully covered by the existing standards for *humidifiers*, gas mixers for medical use, flowmeters or *ventilators*.

This document addresses the *basic safety* and *essential performance* requirements of *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment*, including *risks* related to oxygen (e.g., fires, incorrect oxygen concentration, incorrect flow delivery, etc.).

Specifically, the following *risks* and related requirements were considered in the development of this document.

— Contaminated air entering the *gas intake port* of the *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment*.

— Instability of gas supply from a *high-pressure inlet*.

— Insufficient pressure from a *high-pressure inlet*, and subsequent effects on oxygen delivered to the *patient*.

— Insufficient oxygen being delivered to the *patient*, and related *alarm condition*.

— *Usability* by *operators* wearing personal protective equipment (such as gloves and blurred visors), when setting up equipment, or viewing or changing settings.

— Instability of output delivered to *patients*, necessitating frequent *operator* adjustment.

— *Processing* of equipment, including the surface of the *enclosure* and internal *gas pathways*, particularly after use on infectious *patients*.

— Infectious exhaled gas.

— Overheating of *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment*.

— Insufficient flow capability from a *medical gas pipeline system*, and subsequent effects on oxygen supply to other *patients* in a care area.

In this document, the following print types are used:

— requirements and definitions: roman type;

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

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[1] Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

— 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 five numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 201 includes subclauses 201.7, 201.8, etc.);

— “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 recommendation;

— “may” indicates a permission;

— "can" is used to describe a possibility or capability; and

— "must" is used 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.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

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

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

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

NOTE 1 There is guidance or rationale for this subclause contained in AA.2.1.

This document applies to the *basic safety* and *essential performance* of *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment,* as defined in 201.3.262, hereafter also referred to as *ME equipment* or *ME system,* in combination with its *accessories*:

— intended for use with *patients* who can breathe spontaneously; and

— intended for *patients* who would benefit from improved alveolar gas exchange; and who would benefit from receiving high-flow humidified respiratory gases, which can include a *patient* whose upper airway is bypassed.

EXAMPLE 1 *Patients* with Type 1 Respiratory Failure who exhibit a reduction in arterial blood oxygenation.

EXAMPLE 2 *Patients* who would benefit from reduced work of breathing, as needed in Type 2 Respiratory Failure, where arterial carbon dioxide is high.

EXAMPLE 3 *Patients* requiring humidification to improve mucociliary clearance.

Respiratory high-flow therapy equipment is utilized in both professional healthcare facilities and the *home healthcare environment*. This standard specifically addresses *respiratory high-flow therapy equipment* for acute or infant care, predominantly found in hospitals. A separate document for long term high-flow therapy in the *home healthcare environment* is expected to be forthcoming.

Respiratory high-flow therapy equipment can be:

— fully integrated *ME equipment*; or

— a combination of separate items forming a *ME system*.

This document also applies to other types of respiratory equipment when that equipment includes a respiratory high-flow therapy mode.

NOTE 2 This document and ISO 80601-2-12 are applicable to a critical care *ventilator* with a high-flow therapy mode.