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**MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –****Part 2-22: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of surgical, cosmetic, therapeutic and diagnostic laser equipment**

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This third edition takes account of the recently published new editions of the General Standard IEC 60601-1 and Group safety publication IEC 60825-1. Additionally, it addresses technical and safety issues which have arisen in the time following the previous second edition.

The text of this particular standard is based on the following documents:

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## INTRODUCTION

This particular standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1 (third edition, 2005: *Medical Electrical Equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*).

This standard also refers to IEC 60825-1 (2007).

The requirements of this standard are the minimum that need to be complied with, in order to achieve a reasonable level of safety and reliability during operation and application of medical laser equipment.

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## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 2-22: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of surgical, cosmetic, therapeutic and diagnostic laser equipment

#### 201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the General Standard applies, except as follows:

##### 201.1.1 Scope

*Replacement:*

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of laser equipment for either surgical, therapeutic, medical diagnostic, cosmetic, or veterinary applications, intended for its use on humans or animals, classified as a CLASS 3B or CLASS 4 LASER PRODUCT as defined by 3.22 and 3.23 in IEC 60825-1, hereafter referred to as LASER EQUIPMENT.

Throughout this International Standard, light emitting diodes (LED) are included whenever the word “laser” is used.

NOTE 1 Refer to Definition 3.49 in IEC 60825-1.

NOTE 2 Laser products for these applications classified as a CLASS 1, 1M, 2, 2M or CLASS 3R LASER PRODUCT, are covered by IEC 60825-1 and IEC 60601-1.

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 standard are not covered by specific requirements in this standard except in 7.2.13 and 8.4.1 of the General Standard.

NOTE See also 4.2 of the General Standard.

This standard can also be applied to surgical, cosmetic, therapeutic and diagnostic laser equipment used for compensation or alleviation of disease, injury or disability.

##### 201.1.2 Object

*Replacement:*

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for the safety of surgical, cosmetic, therapeutic and diagnostic laser equipment.

NOTE Laser classification (IEC 60825-1) must not be confused with electrical classification (IEC 60601-1).



### **201.1.3 Collateral standards**

*Addition:*

This particular standard refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in Clause 2 of the General Standard and Clause 2 of this particular standard.

IEC 60601-1-3 does not apply.

### **201.1.4 Particular standards**

*Replacement:*

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in this standard as appropriate for the particular ME EQUIPMENT under consideration, and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the General Standard.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1 is referred to in this particular standard as the General Standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

The numbering of sections, clauses and subclauses of this particular standard corresponds to that of the General Standard or applicable collateral standard. The changes to the text of the General Standard are specified by the use of the following words:

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Subclauses or figures which are additional to those of the General Standard are numbered starting from 201.101, additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc., and additional items aa), bb), etc.

Subclauses or figures 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, 203 for IEC 60601-1-3, etc.

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Concerning LASER RADIATION safety of laser equipment, IEC 60825-1 applies, except that the relevant requirements are specified, changed or amended in this particular standard.

Clauses and subclauses of the General Standard and IEC 60825-1, which are not applicable to laser equipment for medical applications, are not necessarily indicated as "not applicable".

## 201.2 Normative references

Clause 2 of the General Standard applies, except as follows:

*Addition:*

IEC 60825-1:2007, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 60947-3, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 3: Switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units*

IEC 61010-1, *Safety requirements for electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – Part 1: General requirements*

## 201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:2005, apply, except as follows:

*Addition:*

### 201.3.101

#### ACCESSIBLE EMISSION LIMIT (AEL)

ACCESSIBLE EMISSION LIMIT for CLASS 1M, 2, 2M, 3R, or 3B lasers (see 3.3 and Tables 4 through 9 of IEC 60825-1)

### 201.3.102

#### AIMING BEAM

beam of optical radiation, producing a visible AIMING BEAM SPOT, intended for indication of the anticipated point of impact of the WORKING BEAM

### 201.3.103

#### AIMING BEAM SPOT

area of impact of the AIMING BEAM within the WORKING AREA

### 201.3.104

#### AIMING LASER

LASER emitting an AIMING BEAM

### 201.3.105

#### APERTURE

distal opening of the BEAM DELIVERY SYSTEM (see 3.8 of IEC 60825-1)