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Part 2-19: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance  
of infant incubators**

**Appareils électromédicaux –  
Partie 2-19: Exigences particulières pour la sécurité de base et les performances  
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**Part 2-19: Particular requirements for the basic safety  
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The text of this particular standard is based on the following documents:

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## INTRODUCTION

The minimum safety requirements specified in this particular standard are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of INFANT INCUBATOR equipment.

This particular standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*, hereinafter referred to as the general standard.

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

A general guidance and rationale for the requirements of this particular standard are given in Annex AA.

It is considered that knowledge of the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of this particular standard but will, in due course, expedite any revision necessitated by changes in clinical practice or as a result of developments in technology. However, this annex does not form part of the requirements of this standard.

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## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 2-19: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of infant incubators

#### 201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard<sup>1)</sup> applies, except as follows:

##### 201.1.1 Scope

*Replacement:*

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of INFANT INCUBATORS, as defined in 201.3.209 of this standard, also referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

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 particular standard specifies safety requirements for INFANT INCUBATORS but alternate methods of compliance with a specific clause by demonstrating equivalent safety will not be judged as non-compliant if the MANUFACTURER has demonstrated in his RISK MANAGEMENT FILE that the RISK presented by the HAZARD has been found to be of an acceptable level when weighed against the benefit of treatment from the device.

This particular standard does not apply to:

- devices supplying heat via BLANKETS, PADS or MATTRESSES in medical use; for information see IEC 80601-2-35 [3]<sup>2)</sup>;
- INFANT RADIANT WARMERS; for information, see IEC 60601-2-21 [2];
- INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATORS, for information, see IEC 60601-2-20 [1];
- INFANT PHOTOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT, for information see IEC 60601-2-50 [4].

##### 201.1.2 Object

*Replacement:*

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for INFANT INCUBATORS as defined in 201.3.208, which minimize HAZARDS to PATIENT and OPERATOR, and to specify tests by which compliance with the requirements can be verified.

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

<sup>2)</sup> Figures in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.



### 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 60601-1-2 and IEC 60601-1-10 apply as modified in Clauses 202 and 210 respectively. IEC 60601-1-3 does 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 may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in the general standard and collateral standards 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 clauses and subclauses of this particular standard corresponds to that of the general standard with the prefix "201" (e.g. 201.1 in this standard 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 particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 203.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the 60601-1-3 collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of the general standard are specified by the use of the following words:

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

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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 particular standard.

## 201.2 Normative references

Clause 2 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

*Amendment:*

IEC 60601-1-2:2007, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Electromagnetic compatibility – Requirements and tests*

*Addition:*

IEC 60601-1-10:2007, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-10: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for the development of physiologic closed-loop controllers*

NOTE Informative references are listed in the bibliography beginning on page 34.

## 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:

NOTE An index of defined terms is found beginning on page 35.

*Addition:*

### 201.3.201

#### AIR CONTROLLED INCUBATOR

INFANT INCUBATOR in which the air temperature is automatically controlled by an air temperature sensor according to the CONTROL TEMPERATURE set by the OPERATOR

### 201.3.202

#### AVERAGE INCUBATOR TEMPERATURE

average of the INCUBATOR TEMPERATURE readings taken at regular intervals achieved during STEADY TEMPERATURE CONDITION (see Figure 201.102)

### 201.3.203

#### AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

average of temperature readings taken at regular intervals at any specified point in the COMPARTMENT achieved during STEADY TEMPERATURE CONDITION

### 201.3.204

#### BABY CONTROLLED INCUBATOR

an AIR CONTROLLED INCUBATOR which has the additional capability of automatically controlling the INCUBATOR air temperature in order to maintain the temperature as measured by a SKIN TEMPERATURE SENSOR according to the CONTROL TEMPERATURE set by the OPERATOR

NOTE An INFANT INCUBATOR operating as a BABY CONTROLLED INCUBATOR is a PHYSIOLOGIC CLOSED-LOOP CONTROLLER as defined in IEC 60601-1-10.