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In this Redline version, a vertical line in the margin shows where the technical content is modified by amendment 1. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text. A separate Final version with all changes accepted is available in this publication.

International standard IEC 60601-1-12 has been prepared by a joint working group of IEC subcommittee 62A: Common aspects of electrical equipment used in medical practice, of IEC technical committee 62: Electrical equipment in medical practice, and ISO subcommittee SC3: Lung ventilators and related devices, of ISO technical committee 121: Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment.

This first edition constitutes a collateral standard to IEC 60601-1 (third edition): *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance* hereafter referred to as the general standard.

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

In the 60601 series of publications, collateral standards specify general requirements for safety applicable to:

– a subgroup of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (e.g. radiological equipment); or

– a specific characteristic of all MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, not fully addressed in the general standard (e.g. ALARM SYSTEMS).

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– requirements and definitions: roman type.

– *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.

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Clauses, subclauses and definitions for which a rationale is provided in informative Annex A are marked with an asterisk (*).

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INTRODUCTION

Medical practice is increasingly using MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS for monitoring, treatment or diagnosis of PATIENTS in the EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENVIRONMENT (see 3.1). The safety of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT in this uncontrolled, rough environment is a cause for concern.

This collateral standard was developed with contributions from clinicians, engineers and regulators. The terminology, requirements, general recommendations and guidance of this collateral standard are intended to be useful for MANUFACTURERS of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS and for technical committees responsible for the development of particular standards.

INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

The first edition of IEC 60601-1-12 was published in 2014. Since the publication of IEC 60601-1-12:2014, the IEC Subcommittee (SC) 62A Secretariat has been collecting issues from a variety of sources including comments from National Committees. At the November 2015 meeting of IEC/SC 62A in Kobe, Japan, the subcommittee initiated a process to identify high-priority issues that need to be considered in an amendment and should not wait until the second edition of IEC 60601-1-12, which is presently targeted for publication sometime after 2024.

As directed in item 1 of Kobe Resolution 1, the IEC/SC 62A Chairman Advisory Group (CAG) considered the 27 issues collected by the SC/62A Secretariat for IEC 60601-1-12:2014 and determined that none met the selection criteria stated in Kobe Resolution 1.

However, an amendment is needed to update the references to IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020. In London in 2018, SC 62A approved the development of an administrative amendment to IEC 60601-1-12:2014.

Because this is an amendment to IEC 60601-1-12:2014, the style in force at the time of publication of IEC 60601-1-12 has been applied to this amendment. The style specified in ISO/IEC Directives Part 2:2018 has only been applied when implementing the new style guidance would not result in additional editorial changes.

Users of this document should note that when constructing the dated references to specific elements in a standard, such as definitions, amendments are only referenced if they modified the text being cited. For example, if a reference is made to a definition that has not been modified by an amendment, then the reference to the amendment is not included in the dated reference.

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1 Scope, object and related standards

1.1 * Scope

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS, which are intended, as indicated in the instructions for use by their MANUFACTURER, for use in the EMS ENVIRONMENT (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENVIRONMENT), as defined in 3.1.

NOTE 1 For the purposes of this standard, the intent of the MANUFACTURER is indicated in the instructions for use. The RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION and the OPERATOR need to be aware that any other use outside the MANUFACTURER'S INTENDED USE can result in a HAZARDOUS SITUATION for the PATIENT.

The EMS ENVIRONMENT includes

– responding to and providing life support at the scene of an emergency to a PATIENT reported as experiencing injury or illness in a pre-hospital setting, and transporting the PATIENT, while continuing such life support care, to an appropriate professional healthcare facility for further care.
– providing monitoring, treatment or diagnosis during transport between professional healthcare facilities.

This International Standard does not apply to ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS intended solely for use in the HOME HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT covered by IEC 60601-1-11 or solely for use in professional healthcare facilities covered by IEC 60601-1 without the additions of IEC 60601-1-11 or this collateral standard. ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS are often not solely intended for one environment. Such ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEM can be intended for multiple use environments, and as such, if also intended for use in the EMS ENVIRONMENT, are within the scope of this standard.

EXAMPLE ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEM intended for both the EMS ENVIRONMENT and the professional healthcare facility environment.

NOTE 2 EMS ENVIRONMENT ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS can be used in locations with unreliable electrical sources and outdoor environmental conditions.

1.2 * Object

The object of this collateral standard is to provide general requirements for ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS carried to the scene of an emergency and used there, as well as in transport, in situations where the ambient conditions differ from indoor conditions.

The object of this collateral standard is to specify general requirements that are in addition to those of the general standard and to serve as the basis for particular standards.

1.3 Related standards

1.3.1 IEC 60601-1

For ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS, this collateral standard complements IEC 60601-1~~, hereafter referred to as the general standard~~.

When referring to IEC 60601-1 or to this collateral standard, either individually or in combination, the following conventions are used:

– "the general standard" designates IEC 60601-1 alone, including any amendments;
– "this collateral standard" designates IEC 60601-1-12 alone, including any amendments;
– "this standard" designates the combination of the general standard and this collateral standard.

1.3.2 Particular standards

A requirement in a particular standard takes priority over the corresponding requirement in this collateral standard.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

NOTE 1 The way in which these referenced documents are cited in normative requirements determines the extent (in whole or in part) to which they apply.

NOTE 2 Informative references are listed in the bibliography on page 46.

IEC 60068-2-27:2008, *Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-31:2008, *Environmental testing – Part 2-31: Tests – Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment-type specimens*

IEC 60068-2-64:2008, *Environmental testing – Part 2-64: Tests – Test Fh: Vibration, broadband random and guidance*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*
IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999[1]

IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*
IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012~~[2]~~
IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020

IEC 60601-1-2:2014, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic disturbances – Requirements and tests*
IEC 60601-1-2:2014/AMD1:2020

[1] There exists a consolidated edition 2.1(2001) including IEC 60529:1989 and its Amendment 1:1999.

~~[2] There exists a consolidated edition 3.1(2012) including IEC 60601-1:2005 and its Amendment 1:2012.~~

IEC 60601-1-6:2010, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-6: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Usability*
IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD1:2013
IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD2:2020

IEC 60601-1-8:2006, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-8: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: General requirements, tests and guidance for alarm systems in medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems*
IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD1:2012[3]
IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD1:2020

IEC 60601-1-11:—[4] 2015, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-11: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Requirements for medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems used in the home healthcare environment*
IEC 60601-1-11:2015/AMD1:2020

CISPR 11:2009, *Industrial, scientific and medical equipment – Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement*

ISO 7000:2014, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment – Registered symbols*

ISO 7010:2011, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Registered safety signs*
Amendment 1:2012
Amendment 2:2012
Amendment 3:2012
Amendment 4:2013
Amendment 5:2014

ISO 7010:2019, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Registered safety signs*

ISO 15223-1:2012, *Medical devices – Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied – Part 1: General requirements*

EUROCAE[5] ED-14G, *Environmental conditions and test procedures for airborne equipment*

RTCA[6] DO-160G, *Environmental Conditions and Test Procedures for Airborne Equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, IEC 60601-1-6:2006 and IEC 60601-1-6:2006/AMD1:2013, IEC 60601-1-8:2006 and IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD1:2012, IEC 60601-1-11:— and the following definitions apply.

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[3] There exists a consolidated edition 2.1(2012) including IEC 60601-1-8:2006 and Amendment 1:2012.

[4] Second edition, to be published.

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