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**Part 1: Evaluation methods**

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## INTRODUCTION

This International Standard provides evaluation methods for testing IMAGE DISPLAY SYSTEMS used in MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and medical electrical systems for diagnostic imaging.

On site or after installation, two types of testing can be carried out. An acceptance test is carried out after a new IMAGE DISPLAY SYSTEM has been installed, or major modifications have been made to the existing IMAGE DISPLAY SYSTEM. Since an IMAGE DISPLAY SYSTEM may degrade over time, the constancy test is carried out by the user in a periodic cycle to verify that the performance is maintained for the intended use.

The standard describes various evaluation methods without dictating what particular tests shall be used for acceptance and/or constancy tests.

Rather, it is the intention of this standard to be a reference for other standards and guidelines specific to each modality or to be defined by national authorities who will refer to the evaluation methods of this standard and mention limiting values and frequencies for acceptance and constancy tests. Annex A shows sample reports of such a reference.

To maintain the homogeneity in the IEC standards for MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, IEC 61223-2-5, *Evaluation and routine testing in medical imaging departments – Part 2-5: Constancy tests – Image display devices* should be reviewed.

## INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

This amendment is published to introduce colour measurement.

Since publication of IEC 62563-1:2009, IEC 61223-2-5, *Evaluation and routine testing in medical imaging departments Part 2-5: Constancy tests – Image display devices* has been reviewed and withdrawn.

## INTRODUCTION to Amendment 2

This amendment is intended to introduce evaluation methods for handheld display devices.

# MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT – MEDICAL IMAGE DISPLAY SYSTEMS –

## Part 1: Evaluation methods

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62563 describes the evaluation methods for testing medical IMAGE DISPLAY SYSTEMS.

The scope of this International Standard is directed to practical tests that can be visually evaluated or measured using basic test equipment. More advanced or more quantitative measurements can be performed on these devices, but these are beyond the scope of this document.

This standard applies to medical IMAGE DISPLAY SYSTEMS, which can display ~~monochrome~~ image information ~~in the form of greyscale values on colour and~~ on greyscale and colour IMAGE DISPLAY SYSTEMS ~~(e.g. CATHODE RAY TUBE (CRT) monitors, FLAT PANEL DISPLAYS, PROJECTION SYSTEM)~~. This standard applies to medical IMAGE DISPLAY SYSTEMS used for diagnostic (interpretation of medical images toward rendering clinical diagnosis) or viewing (viewing medical images for medical purposes other than for providing a medical interpretation) purposes and therefore having specific requirements in terms of image quality. Head mounted IMAGE DISPLAY SYSTEMS and IMAGE DISPLAY SYSTEMS used for confirming positioning and for operation of the system are not covered by this standard. Handheld IMAGE DISPLAY SYSTEMS might require additional or modified versions of the procedures described in this standard.

It is not in the scope of this standard to define the requirements of acceptance and constancy tests ~~nor~~ the frequencies of constancy tests.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60788:2004, *Medical electrical equipment – Glossary of defined terms*

ISO 11664-1:2007, *Colorimetry – Part 1: CIE standard colorimetric observers*

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#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60788:2004 and the following apply.

##### 3.1.1

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closeness of agreement between a test result and the accepted reference value