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This first edition of IEC 62366-1, together with the first edition of IEC 62366-2, cancels and replaces the first edition of IEC 62366 published in 2007 and its Amendment 1 (2014).

Part 1 has been updated to include contemporary concepts of USABILITY ENGINEERING, while also streamlining the process. It strengthens links to ISO 14971:2007 and the related methods of RISK MANAGEMENT as applied to SAFETY related aspects of medical device user interfaces. Part 2 contains tutorial information to assist manufactures in complying with Part 1, as well as offering more detailed descriptions of USABILITY ENGINEERING methods that can be applied

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## INTRODUCTION

Medical practice is increasingly using MEDICAL DEVICES for observation and treatment of PATIENTS. USE ERRORS caused by inadequate MEDICAL DEVICE USABILITY have become an increasing cause for concern. Many of the MEDICAL DEVICES developed without applying a USABILITY ENGINEERING (HUMAN FACTORS ENGINEERING) PROCESS are non-intuitive, difficult to learn and difficult to use. As healthcare evolves, less skilled USERS including PATIENTS themselves are now using MEDICAL DEVICES and MEDICAL DEVICES are becoming more complicated. The design of the USER INTERFACE to achieve adequate USABILITY requires a different PROCESS and skill set than that of the technical implementation of the USER INTERFACE.

The USABILITY ENGINEERING PROCESS is intended to identify and minimise USE ERRORS and thereby reduce use-associated RISKS. Some, but not all, forms of incorrect use are suited to control by the MANUFACTURER. The USABILITY ENGINEERING PROCESS is related to the RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS as indicated in Figure A.4.

This International Standard describes a USABILITY ENGINEERING PROCESS to provide acceptable RISK related to USABILITY of a MEDICAL DEVICE. It is intended to be useful not only for MANUFACTURERS of MEDICAL DEVICES, but also for technical committees responsible for the preparation of particular MEDICAL DEVICE standards.

This International Standard strictly focuses on applying the USABILITY ENGINEERING PROCESS to optimize MEDICAL DEVICE USABILITY as it relates to SAFETY. The companion technical report (IEC 62366-2<sup>1</sup>) is comprehensive and has a broader focus. It focuses not only on USABILITY as it relates to SAFETY, but also on how USABILITY relates to attributes such as TASK accuracy, completeness and EFFICIENCY, and USER satisfaction.

NOTE SAFETY is freedom from unacceptable RISK. Unacceptable RISK can arise from USE ERROR, which can lead to exposure to direct physical HAZARDS or loss or degradation of clinical functionality.

MANUFACTURERS can choose to implement a USABILITY ENGINEERING program focused narrowly on SAFETY or more broadly on SAFETY and other attributes, such as those cited above. A broader focus might also be useful to address specific USABILITY ENGINEERING expectations, such as the need to confirm that USERS can successfully perform non-SAFETY-related TASKS. A MANUFACTURER might also implement a broader program to realize the commercial benefits of a MEDICAL DEVICE that not only is safe to use but also offers superior USABILITY.

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<sup>1</sup> IEC 62366-2, *Medical devices – Part 2: Guidance on the application of usability engineering to medical devices* (in preparation).



## MEDICAL DEVICES –

### Part 1: Application of usability engineering to medical devices

#### 1 \* Scope

This part of IEC 62366 specifies a PROCESS for a MANUFACTURER to analyse, specify, develop and evaluate the USABILITY of a MEDICAL DEVICE as it relates to SAFETY. This USABILITY ENGINEERING (HUMAN FACTORS ENGINEERING) PROCESS permits the MANUFACTURER to assess and mitigate RISKS associated with CORRECT USE and USE ERRORS, i.e., NORMAL USE. It can be used to identify but does not assess or mitigate RISKS associated with ABNORMAL USE.

NOTE 1 SAFETY is freedom from unacceptable RISK. Unacceptable RISK can arise from USE ERROR, which can lead to exposure to direct physical HAZARDS or loss or degradation of clinical functionality.

NOTE 2 Guidance on the application of USABILITY ENGINEERING to MEDICAL DEVICES is available in IEC 62366-2<sup>2</sup>, which addresses not only SAFETY but also aspects of USABILITY not related to SAFETY.

If the USABILITY ENGINEERING PROCESS detailed in this International Standard has been complied with, then the USABILITY of a MEDICAL DEVICE as it relates to SAFETY is presumed to be acceptable, unless there is OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE to the contrary.

NOTE 3 Such OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE can subsequently originate from POST-PRODUCTION surveillance.

#### 2 Normative references

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

ISO 14971:2007, *Medical devices – Application of risk management to medical devices*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 14971:2007 and the following apply.

NOTE An index of defined terms is found beginning on page 49.

##### 3.1

##### \* ABNORMAL USE

conscious, intentional act or intentional omission of an act that is counter to or violates NORMAL USE and is also beyond any further reasonable means of USER INTERFACE-related RISK CONTROL by the MANUFACTURER

EXAMPLES Reckless use or sabotage or intentional disregard of information for SAFETY are such acts.

<sup>2</sup> IEC 62366-2, *Medical devices – Part 2: Guidance on the application of usability engineering to medical devices* (in preparation).