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## Foreword

The text of document 62A/550/FDIS, future edition 2 of IEC 60601-1-6, prepared by SC 62A, Common aspects of electrical equipment used in medical practice, of IEC TC 62, Electrical equipment in medical practice, was submitted to the IEC-CENELEC parallel vote and was approved by CENELEC as EN 60601-1-6 on 2007-05-01.

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This European Standard has been prepared under a mandate given to CENELEC by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association and covers essential requirements of EC Directive 93/42/EEC. See Annex ZZ.

This European Standard constitutes a collateral standard to EN 60601-1:2006, hereafter referred to as the general standard.

This EN 60601-1-6 was revised to structurally align it with EN 60601-1:2006 and to implement the decision of IEC SC 62A that the clause numbering structure of collateral standards written to EN 60601-1:2006 would adhere to the form specified in ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2:2004. The principle technical changes are in Clause 4, which now recognizes that there is a general requirement for a risk management process in EN 60601-1:2006.

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
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In this collateral standard the following print types are used:

- requirements and definitions: in roman type;
- *test specifications: in italic type;*
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ISO 9241-11	NOTE	Harmonized as EN ISO 9241-11:1998 (not modified).
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## **Annex ZA**

(normative)

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NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
IEC 60601-1	2005	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance	EN 60601-1	2006
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	EN 60601-1-8	2007
ISO/IEC 14971	2000	Medical devices - Application of risk management to medical devices	EN ISO 14971 + corr. February	2000 2002

## **Annex ZZ** (informative)

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Compliance with this standard provides one means of conformity with the specified essential requirements of the Directive concerned.

WARNING: Other requirements and other EC Directives may be applicable to the products falling within the scope of this standard.

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The text of this Collateral Standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this Collateral Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

In the 60601 series of publications, Collateral Standards specify general requirements for safety applicable to:

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The numbering of sections, clauses and subclauses of this Collateral Standard corresponds with that of the General Standard.

Clauses, subclauses, tables and figures which are additional to those of the General Standard are numbered starting from 201; additional annexes are lettered AAA, BBB, etc., and additional items aaa), bbb), etc.

In this Collateral Standard, the following print types are used:

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- notes, examples, explanations, advice, general statements and references: smaller roman type;
- *test specifications: italic type*; and
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## INTRODUCTION

Medical practice is increasingly using MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT for observation and treatment of PATIENTS. USE ERRORS caused by inadequate MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT USABILITY have become an increasing cause for concern. The USABILITY ENGINEERING PROCESS is intended to achieve reasonable USABILITY, which in turn is intended to minimise USE ERRORS and to minimise use associated RISKS. Some, but not all, forms of incorrect use are amenable to control by the manufacturer. The USABILITY ENGINEERING PROCESS is part of the PROCESS of RISK CONTROL.

This Collateral Standard describes a USABILITY ENGINEERING PROCESS, and provides guidance on how to implement and execute the PROCESS to provide MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT SAFETY. It is intended to be useful not only for manufacturers of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, but also for technical committees responsible for the preparation of particular standards.

## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 1-6: General requirements for safety – Collateral Standard: Usability

#### SECTION ONE – GENERAL

#### 1 Scope and object

##### 1.201 Scope

This Collateral Standard specifies requirements for a PROCESS to analyse, design, verify and validate the USABILITY, as it relates to SAFETY of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, hereinafter referred to as EQUIPMENT. This standard addresses NORMAL USE and USE ERRORS but excludes ABNORMAL USE.

##### 1.202 Relationship to other standards

###### 1.202.1 IEC 60601-1

This Collateral Standard complements IEC 60601-1.

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;
- “this Collateral Standard” designates IEC 60601-1-6 alone;
- “this Standard” designates the combination of the General Standard and this Collateral Standard.

###### 1.202.2 Particular Standards

A requirement in a Particular Standard takes priority over the corresponding requirement in this Collateral Standard.

###### 1.202.3 Normative references

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

IEC 60601-1:1988, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety*  
Amendment 1 (1991)  
Amendment 2 (1995)

IEC 60601-1-8:2003, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-8: General requirements for safety – Collateral standard: General requirements, tests and guidance for alarm systems in medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems*

ISO 14971:2000, *Medical devices – Application of risk management to medical devices*  
Amendment 1 (2003)



## 2 Terminology and definitions

For the purpose of this collateral standard, the terms and definitions given in Clause 2 of IEC 60601-1:1988, as amended by the other collateral standards, Clause 3 of ISO 14971:2000 and the following apply.

NOTE An index of all defined terms used in this collateral standard is found at the end of the document.

### 2.201

#### **ABNORMAL USE**

intended act or intended omission of an act by the USER or OPERATOR of EQUIPMENT as a result of conduct that is beyond any reasonable means of RISK CONTROL by the manufacturer

NOTE 1 See also Annex BBB. Examples are given in Annex CCC.

NOTE 2 It is possible for the PATIENT to be the OPERATOR, e.g. when EQUIPMENT is used in the PATIENT'S home.

NOTE 3 ABNORMAL USE is not considered REASONABLY FORESEEABLE MISUSE.

### 2.202

#### **EFFECTIVENESS**

accuracy and completeness with which OPERATORS achieve specified goals

[ISO 9241-11:1998, definition 3.2, modified]

### 2.203

#### **EFFICIENCY**

resources expended in relation to the accuracy and completeness with which OPERATORS achieve goals

[ISO 9241-11:1998, definition 3.3 modified]

### 2.204

#### **\* OPERATOR-EQUIPMENT INTERFACE**

means by which the OPERATOR and the EQUIPMENT communicate

[ANSI/AAMI/HE 74:2001, definition 3.24 modified]

NOTE The ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS are considered part of the EQUIPMENT and the OPERATOR-EQUIPMENT INTERFACE.

### 2.205

#### **OPERATOR PROFILE**

summary of the mental, physical and demographic traits of the intended OPERATOR population, as well as any special characteristics that can have a bearing on design decisions, such as occupational skills and job requirements

### 2.206

#### **\* PRIMARY OPERATING FUNCTION**

function that involves OPERATOR interaction that is either frequently used or related to the SAFETY of the EQUIPMENT in NORMAL USE

### 2.207

#### **\* REASONABLY FORESEEABLE MISUSE**

use by the OPERATOR in a way not intended by the manufacturer but which can result from readily predictable human behaviour

[ISO/IEC Guide 51:1999, definition 3.14, modified]

NOTE 1 REASONABLY FORESEEABLE MISUSE is an intended action.