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

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

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

- requirements, compliance with which can be tested, and definitions: in roman type;
- notes, explanations, advice, introductions, general statements, exceptions and references: in smaller type;
- *test specifications: in italic type.*
- TERMS USED THROUGHOUT THIS PARTICULAR STANDARD WHICH HAVE BEEN DEFINED IN CLAUSE 2 AND IN IEC 60601-1: SMALL CAPITALS.

A bilingual version of this standard may be issued at a later date.

## INTRODUCTION

This Particular Standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1 (second edition, 1988): *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety*, as amended by its amendment 1 (1991) and its amendment 2 (1995), hereinafter referred to as the General Standard (see 1.3).

This Particular Standard is necessary because of the special attention which has to be given to features of OPERATING TABLES which are used together with OTHER MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

Additional requirements for safety, beyond those stated in the General Standard, are specified.

An asterisk (\*) beside a clause or subclause number indicates that some explanatory notes are given in annex AA at the end of this Particular Standard.

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## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 2-46: Particular requirements for the safety of operating tables

#### Section one – General

The clauses and subclauses of this section of the General Standard apply except as follows:

#### 1 Scope and object

This clause of the General Standard applies, except as follows:

##### 1.1 Scope

*Addition:*

This Particular Standard specifies safety requirements for OPERATING TABLES, as defined in 2.12.101, whether or not having electrical parts, including TRANSPORTERS, as defined in 2.12.104, used for the transportation of the table top to or from the base or pedestal of an OPERATING TABLE with detachable table top.

This Particular Standard does not apply to

- dental patient chairs;
- examination chairs and couches;
- patient-supporting systems of diagnostic and therapeutic devices;
- operating table heating blankets;
- patient transfer equipment;
- delivery tables and beds;
- hospital beds;
- field tables.

##### 1.3 Particular Standards

*Addition:*

This Particular Standard refers to IEC 60601-1 (1988): *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety* as amended by its amendments 1 (1991) and 2 (1995).

For brevity, part 1 is referred to in this Particular Standard either as the "General Standard" or as the "General Requirements(s)".

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Subclauses or figures which are additional to those of the General Standard are numbered starting from 101, additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc., and additional items *aa*, *bb*, etc.

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The requirements of this Particular Standard take priority over those of the General Standard.

An asterisk (\*) beside a clause or subclause number indicates that some explanatory notes are given in the "General guidance and rationale" section at the end of this Particular Standard.

## 2 Terminology and definitions

This clause of the General Standard applies, except as follows:

*Additional definitions:*

### 2.12.101

**OPERATING TABLE** (hereinafter also referred to as EQUIPMENT)

A PATIENT-supporting table for general, surgical/medical procedures

### 2.12.102

**MOBILE OPERATING TABLE**

An OPERATING TABLE intended to be moved from one location to another

### 2.12.103

**NORMAL POSITION**

The position of the OPERATING TABLE top with all sections set in the horizontal position

### 2.12.104

**TRANSPORTER**

A device intended for the transportation of the table top, with or without a PATIENT in place, to or from the base or pedestal of an OPERATING TABLE, or the transportation of the table top complete with the base, again with or without the PATIENT in place

NOTE – This does not include devices intended to simply transport the PATIENT from one location to another without the transfer of parts associated with an OPERATING TABLE.