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- b) added requirements for ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE;
- c) added requirements for PRIMARY OPERATING FUNCTIONS;
- d) added requirements for protection against excessive temperatures;
- e) added requirements for the display legibility for OPERATORS wearing personal protective equipment;
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INTRODUCTION

The minimum safety requirements specified in this document are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT.

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

A "Particular guidance and rationale" text giving some explanatory notes, where appropriate, about the more important requirements is included in Annex AA. It is considered that knowledge of the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of the standard but will, in due course, expedite any revision necessitated by changes in clinical practice or as a result of developments in technology. However, this annex does not form part of the requirements of this document.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This part of IEC 80601 applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT, as defined in 201.3.205, intended to be used by itself, or as a part of an ME SYSTEM hereinafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEMS within the scope of this document are not covered by specific requirements in this document except in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, 7.2.13 and 8.4.1.

NOTE Additional information can be found in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, 4.2.

This document is not applicable to

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- frequency-domain and time-domain equipment for functional near-infrared spectroscopy;
- equipment for the measurement of changes in the concentration of chromophores other than oxy- and deoxy-haemoglobin;
- equipment for the measurement of changes in the concentration of oxy- and deoxy-haemoglobin in tissues other than the brain.

This document does not specify the requirements for:

- cerebral tissue oximeter equipment, which are given in ISO 80601-2-85 [1]¹; and
- pulse oximeter equipment, which are given in ISO 80601-2-61 [2].

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this document is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT as defined in 201.3.205.

NOTE This document has been prepared to address the relevant essential principles [3] and labelling principles [4] of the International Medical Devices Regulators Forum (IMDRF) as indicated in Annex DD.

¹ Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

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201.1.4 Particular standards

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Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are numbered starting from 201.101. However due to the fact that definitions in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are numbered 3.1 through 3.154, additional definitions in this document are numbered beginning from 201.3.201. Additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc., and additional items aa), bb), etc.

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Where there is no corresponding clause or subclause in this document, the clause or subclause of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 or applicable collateral standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 or applicable collateral standard, although possibly relevant, is not to be applied, a statement to that effect is given in this document.

201.2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

Clause 2 of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 applies, except as follows:

Addition:

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

IEC 60825-1:2014, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 62471:2006, *Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems*

IEC 62570:2014, *Standard practice for marking medical devices and other items for safety in the magnetic resonance environment*

ISO 17664-1:2021, *Processing of health care products – Information to be provided by the medical device manufacturer for the processing of medical devices – Part 1: Critical and semi-critical medical devices*

ISO 17664-2:2021, *Processing of health care products – Information to be provided by the medical device manufacturer for the processing of medical devices – Part 2: Non-critical medical devices*

ISO 20417:2021, *Medical devices – Information to be supplied by the manufacturer*

201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, ISO 17664-2:2021, ISO 20417:2021 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>