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essentielles des électromyographes et des appareils à potentiel évoqué**



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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) no special test phantom used for EMC testing;
- b) test method for continuous masking sound pressure level;
- c) test method for visual stimulators;

- d) allows use of equipment not intended for continuous operation;
- e) clarification that audible and visible indicators are not to be considered ALARM SYSTEMS as per IEC 60601-1-8.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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INTRODUCTION

This particular standard concerns the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ELECTROMYOGRAPHS and EVOKED RESPONSE EQUIPMENT. It amends and supplements IEC 60601-1, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance* (IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012), hereinafter referred to as the general standard.

The aim of this second edition is to bring this particular standard up to date with reference to the latest edition of the general standard.

The requirements of this particular standard take priority over those of the general standard.

A “General guidance and rationale” for the more important requirements of this particular standard 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 document but will, in due course, expedite any revision necessitated by changes in clinical practice or as a result of developments in technology. However, Annex AA does not form part of the requirements of this document.

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MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

Part 2-40: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of electromyographs and evoked response equipment

201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard¹ applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This particular standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ELECTROMYOGRAPHS and EVOKED RESPONSE EQUIPMENT, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

NOTE Myofeedback equipment, where the capturing of muscle contraction is based on electromyography, is within the scope of this particular standard.

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to ME EQUIPMENT only, or to ME SYSTEMS only, the title and content of that clause or subclause will say so. If that is not the case, the clause or subclause applies both to ME EQUIPMENT and to ME SYSTEMS, as relevant.

The following ME EQUIPMENT is excluded:

ME EQUIPMENT intended for transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulators and electrical muscle stimulators (ME EQUIPMENT covered by IEC 60601-2-10.)

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for ELECTROMYOGRAPHS and EVOKED RESPONSE EQUIPMENT [as defined in 201.3.201 and 201.3.202.]

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

This particular standard refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in Clause 2 of the general standard and Clause 201.2 of this particular standard.

IEC 60601-1-2 applies as modified in Clause 202. IEC 60601-1-3, IEC 60601-1-8 and IEC 60601-1-10 do not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

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

201.1.4 Particular standards

Replacement:

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in the general standard and collateral standards as appropriate for the particular ME EQUIPMENT under consideration, and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the general standard.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1 is referred to in this particular standard as the general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this particular standard corresponds to that of the general standard with the prefix "201" (e.g. 201.1 in this standard addresses the content of Clause 1 of the general standard) or applicable collateral standard with the prefix "20x", where x is the final digit(s) of the collateral standard document number (e.g. 202.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 203.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-3 collateral standard, etc.) The changes to the text of the general standard are specified by the use of the following words:

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Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of a collateral standard are numbered starting from 20x, where "x" is the number of the collateral standard, e.g. 202 for IEC 60601-1-2, 203 for IEC 60601-1-3, etc.

The term "this standard" is used to make reference to the general standard, any applicable collateral standards and this particular standard taken together.

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201.2 Normative references

Clause 2 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

NOTE Informative references are listed in the bibliography beginning on page 29.

Addition:

IEC 60318 (all parts), *Electroacoustics – Simulators of human head and ear*

ISO 15004-2, *Ophthalmic instruments – Fundamental requirements and test methods – Part 2: Light hazard protection*

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, and the following apply.

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

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

NOTE An index of defined terms is found beginning on page 30.

Addition:

201.3.201

ELECTROMYOGRAPH

ME EQUIPMENT for the detection or recording of biopotentials accompanying nerve and muscle action, either spontaneously, intentionally or evoked by electrical or other stimulation

201.3.202

EVOKED RESPONSE EQUIPMENT

ME EQUIPMENT for the detection or recording of biopotentials resulting from an evoking stimulus

Note 1 to entry: The stimulus may be electrical, tactile, auditory, visual, olfactory, etc.

201.3.203

ELECTRICAL STIMULATOR

part of ELECTROMYOGRAPHS and EVOKED RESPONSE EQUIPMENT for the application of electric currents via ELECTRODES in direct contact with the PATIENT, for the evoking of biopotentials

201.3.204

PULSE DURATION

duration of the electrical stimulus pulse WAVEFORM at 50% of the peak amplitude

201.3.205

WAVEFORM

variations in magnitude of an electrical stimulus output (either voltage or current) as a function of time appearing in the APPLIED PART(S) of the ELECTRICAL STIMULATOR or the collected biopotentials by the BIOPOTENTIALS INPUT PART

201.3.206

AUDITORY STIMULATOR

part of ELECTROMYOGRAPHS and EVOKED RESPONSE EQUIPMENT for the application of sound pressure from a transducer (headphone, bone conductor or free-field) to the ear(s) of the PATIENT, for the evoking of biopotentials