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International standard IEC 60601-2-43 has been prepared by IEC subcommittee 62B: Diagnostic imaging equipment, of IEC technical committee 62: Electrical equipment in medical practice.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2000. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This particular standard has been revised to provide a complete set of safety requirements for X-RAY EQUIPMENT for RADIOSCOPICALLY GUIDED INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES, based on the third edition of IEC 60601-1 and relevant collaterals. The present edition is extended to become a system standard for X-RAY EQUIPMENT designed for the use during interventional procedures using X-ray imaging, whether of prolonged or normal duration.

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

FDIS	Report on voting
62B/779/FDIS	62B/792/RVD

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

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In this standard, the following print types are used:

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- Informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: in smaller type. Normative text of tables is also in a smaller type.
- TERMS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 3 OF THE GENERAL STANDARD, IN THIS PARTICULAR STANDARD OR AS NOTED: SMALL CAPITALS.

In referring to the structure of this standard, the term

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- “subclause” means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g. 7.1, 7.2 and 7.2.1 are all subclauses of Clause 7).

References to clauses within this standard are preceded by the term “Clause” followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this particular standard are by number only.

In this standard, the conjunctive “or” is used as an “inclusive or” so a statement is true if any combination of the conditions is true.

The verbal forms used in this standard conform to usage described in Annex H of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. For the purposes of this standard, the auxiliary verb:

- “shall” means that compliance with a requirement or a test is mandatory for compliance with this standard;
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- “may” is used to describe a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test.

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INTRODUCTION

X-RAY EQUIPMENT for RADIOSCOPICALLY GUIDED INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES may subject PATIENTS and OPERATORS to higher levels of RADIATION than those which normally prevail during diagnostic X-ray imaging procedures. One consequence for the PATIENT may be the occurrence of deterministic injury when procedures involve the delivery of substantial amounts of RADIATION to localized areas. Another consequence can be an increased RISK of stochastic effects, such as cancer. These health concerns apply also to the OPERATOR. In addition, for this particular type of equipment, there is a need for availability of critical functions with minimal periods of loss.

Interventional procedures of the type envisaged are well established in clinical fields such as:

- invasive cardiology;
- interventional RADIOLOGY;
- interventional neuroradiology.

These procedures also include many newly developing and emerging applications in a wide range of medical and surgical specialities.

NOTE Attention is drawn to the existence of legislation in some countries concerning RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION, which may not align with the provisions of this standard.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

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

201.1.1 * Scope

Replacement:

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of X-RAY EQUIPMENT declared by the MANUFACTURER to be suitable for RADIOSCOPICALLY GUIDED INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES, hereafter referred to as INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT. Its scope excludes, in particular:

- equipment for RADIOTHERAPY;
- equipment for COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY;
- ACCESSORIES intended to be introduced into the PATIENT;
- mammographic X-RAY EQUIPMENT;
- dental X-RAY EQUIPMENT.

NOTE 1 Examples of RADIOSCOPICALLY GUIDED INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES, for which the use of INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT complying with this standard is recommended, are given in Annex AA.

NOTE 2 Specific requirements for magnetic navigation devices, and for the use of INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT in an operating room environment were not considered in this particular standard; therefore no specific requirements have been developed for these devices or uses. In any case, such devices or uses remain under the general clause requirements.

NOTE 3 INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT when used in cross-sectional imaging mode (sometimes described as CT-like mode or cone-beam CT) is covered by this particular standard and not by IEC 60601-2-44 [2]². Additional requirements for operation in CT-like mode or cone-beam CT were not considered in the present standard.

INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT declared by the MANUFACTURER to be suitable for RADIOSCOPICALLY GUIDED INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES, which does not include a PATIENT SUPPORT as part of the system, is exempt from the PATIENT SUPPORT provisions of this standard.

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY 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 INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT and to ME SYSTEMS, as relevant.

NOTE 4 See also 4.2 of the general standard.

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

²⁾ Figures in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is:

- to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for the design and manufacture of X-RAY EQUIPMENT for RADIOSCOPICALLY GUIDED INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES, as defined in 201.3.203.
- to specify information which is to be provided with such INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT for the assistance of the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION and OPERATOR in managing the RADIATION RISK and equipment failure RISK arising from these procedures which could affect PATIENTS or staff.

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 and IEC 60601-1-3 apply as modified in Clause 202 and Clause 203 respectively. 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.

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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"Addition" means that the text of this particular standard is additional to the requirements of the general standard or applicable collateral standard.

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Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of the general standard are numbered starting from 201.101. However, due to the fact that definitions in the general standard are numbered 3.1 through 3.139, additional definitions in this standard are numbered beginning from 201.3.201. Additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc., and additional items aa), bb), etc.

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.

Where there is no corresponding clause or subclause in this particular standard, the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly relevant, is not to be applied, a statement to that effect is given in this particular standard.

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 50.

Amendment:

IEC 60601-1-2:2007 *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance– Collateral standard: Electromagnetic compatibility – Requirements and tests*

IEC 60601-1-3:2008 *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-3: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Radiation protection in diagnostic X-ray equipment*

Addition:

IEC 60580, *Medical electrical equipment – Dose area product meters*

IEC 60601-2-54:2009, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-54: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of X-ray equipment for radiography and radioscopy*

IEC 60788:2004, *Medical electrical equipment – Glossary of defined terms*

IEC 62220-1:2003, *Medical electrical equipment – Characteristics of digital X-ray imaging devices – Part 1: Determination of the detective quantum efficiency*

201.3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-1:2005, apply, except as follows:

NOTE 1 An index of defined terms is found beginning on page 51.

NOTE 2 The reference point labelled as ‘interventional reference point’ in Edition 1 is replaced by PATIENT ENTRANCE REFERENCE POINT in this edition.