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It is published as double logo standard.

This first edition of IEC 62366-1, together with the first edition of IEC 62366-2, cancels and replaces the first edition of IEC 62366 published in 2007 and its Amendment 1 (2014).

Part 1 has been updated to include contemporary concepts of USABILITY ENGINEERING, while also streamlining the process. It strengthens links to ISO 14971:2007 and the related methods of RISK MANAGEMENT as applied to SAFETY related aspects of medical device user interfaces. Part 2 contains tutorial information to assist manufactures in complying with Part 1, as well as offering more detailed descriptions of USABILITY ENGINEERING methods that can be applied

more generally to MEDICAL DEVICES that go beyond safety-related aspects of MEDICAL DEVICE USER INTERFACES.

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

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62A/977/FDIS	62A/988/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table. In ISO, the standard has been approved by 26 P-members out of 26 having cast a vote.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

In this International 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 OR AS NOTED: SMALL CAPITALS.

The requirements are followed by means to assess compliance.

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.

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Clauses and subclauses for which a rationale is provided in informative Annex A are marked with an asterisk (*).

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INTRODUCTION

Medical practice is increasingly using MEDICAL DEVICES for observation and treatment of PATIENTS. USE ERRORS caused by inadequate MEDICAL DEVICE USABILITY have become an increasing cause for concern. Many of the MEDICAL DEVICES developed without applying a USABILITY ENGINEERING (HUMAN FACTORS ENGINEERING) PROCESS are non-intuitive, difficult to learn and difficult to use. As healthcare evolves, less skilled USERS including PATIENTS themselves are now using MEDICAL DEVICES and MEDICAL DEVICES are becoming more complicated. The design of the USER INTERFACE to achieve adequate USABILITY requires a different PROCESS and skill set than that of the technical implementation of the USER INTERFACE.

The USABILITY ENGINEERING PROCESS is intended to identify and minimise USE ERRORS and thereby reduce use-associated RISKS. Some, but not all, forms of incorrect use are suited to control by the MANUFACTURER. The USABILITY ENGINEERING PROCESS is related to the RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS as indicated in Figure A.4.

This International Standard describes a USABILITY ENGINEERING PROCESS to provide acceptable RISK related to USABILITY of a MEDICAL DEVICE. It is intended to be useful not only for MANUFACTURERS of MEDICAL DEVICES, but also for technical committees responsible for the preparation of particular MEDICAL DEVICE standards.

This International Standard strictly focuses on applying the USABILITY ENGINEERING PROCESS to optimize MEDICAL DEVICE USABILITY as it relates to SAFETY. The companion technical report (IEC 62366-2[1]) is comprehensive and has a broader focus. It focuses not only on USABILITY as it relates to SAFETY, but also on how USABILITY relates to attributes such as TASK accuracy, completeness and EFFICIENCY, and USER satisfaction.

NOTE SAFETY is freedom from unacceptable RISK. Unacceptable RISK can arise from USE ERROR, which can lead to exposure to direct physical HAZARDS or loss or degradation of clinical functionality.

MANUFACTURERS can choose to implement a USABILITY ENGINEERING program focused narrowly on SAFETY or more broadly on SAFETY and other attributes, such as those cited above. A broader focus might also be useful to address specific USABILITY ENGINEERING expectations, such as the need to confirm that USERS can successfully perform non-SAFETY-related TASKS. A MANUFACTURER might also implement a broader program to realize the commercial benefits of a MEDICAL DEVICE that not only is safe to use but also offers superior USABILITY.

1 IEC 62366-2, *Medical devices – Part 2: Guidance on the application of usability engineering to medical devices* (in preparation).

MEDICAL DEVICES –

Part 1: Application of usability engineering to medical devices

1 * Scope

This part of IEC 62366 specifies a PROCESS for a MANUFACTURER to analyse, specify, develop and evaluate the USABILITY of a MEDICAL DEVICE as it relates to SAFETY. This USABILITY ENGINEERING (HUMAN FACTORS ENGINEERING) PROCESS permits the MANUFACTURER to assess and mitigate RISKS associated with CORRECT USE and USE ERRORS, i.e., NORMAL USE. It can be used to identify but does not assess or mitigate RISKS associated with ABNORMAL USE.

NOTE 1 SAFETY is freedom from unacceptable RISK. Unacceptable RISK can arise from USE ERROR, which can lead to exposure to direct physical HAZARDS or loss or degradation of clinical functionality.

NOTE 2 Guidance on the application of USABILITY ENGINEERING to MEDICAL DEVICES is available in IEC 62366-2[2], which addresses not only SAFETY but also aspects of USABILITY not related to SAFETY.

If the USABILITY ENGINEERING PROCESS detailed in this International Standard has been complied with, then the USABILITY of a MEDICAL DEVICE as it relates to SAFETY is presumed to be acceptable, unless there is OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE to the contrary.

NOTE 3 Such OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE can subsequently originate from POST-PRODUCTION surveillance.

2 Normative references

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

NOTE 1 The way in which these referenced documents are cited in normative requirements determines the extent (in whole or in part) to which they apply.

NOTE 2 Informative references are listed in the bibliography beginning on page 46.

ISO 14971:2007, *Medical devices – Application of risk management to medical devices*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 14971:2007 and the following apply.

NOTE An index of defined terms is found beginning on page 49.

3.1
*** ABNORMAL USE**
conscious, intentional act or intentional omission of an act that is counter to or violates NORMAL USE and is also beyond any further reasonable means of USER INTERFACE-related RISK CONTROL by the MANUFACTURER

EXAMPLES Reckless use or sabotage or intentional disregard of information for SAFETY are such acts.

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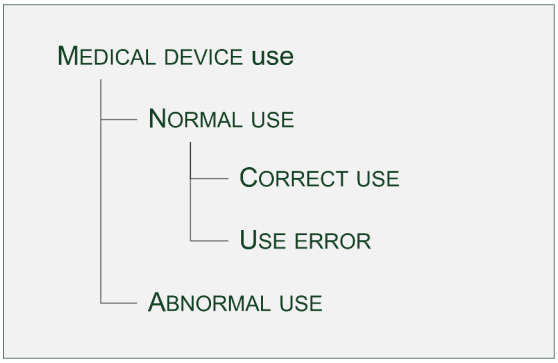
2 IEC 62366-2, *Medical devices – Part 2: Guidance on the application of usability engineering to medical devices* (in preparation).

Note 1 to entry See also 4.1.3.

Note 2 to entry: An intended but erroneous action that is not ABNORMAL USE is considered a type of USE ERROR.

Note 3 to entry: ABNORMAL USE does not relieve the MANUFACTURER from considering non-USER INTERFACE-related means of RISK CONTROL.

Note 4 to entry: Figure 1 shows the relationships of the types of use.



NOTE Figure D.1 contains additional detail

Figure 1 – Relationship of the types of use

3.2
ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION
materials accompanying a MEDICAL DEVICE and containing information for the USER or those accountable for the installation, use and maintenance of the MEDICAL DEVICE, particularly regarding safe use

Note 1 to entry: The ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION can consist of the instructions for use, technical description, installation manual, quick reference guide, etc.

Note 2 to entry: ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION is not necessarily a written or printed document but could involve auditory, visual, or tactile materials and multiple media types.

Note 3 to entry: MEDICAL DEVICES that can be used safely without instructions for use are exempted from having instructions for use by some authorities with jurisdiction.

[SOURCE: ISO 14971:2007, 2.1, modified – The term has been changed to refer to 'documentation' rather than 'document', and in the definition 'document' has been replaced by 'material', 'OPERATOR' has been deleted and notes to entry have been added.]

3.3
CORRECT USE
NORMAL USE without USE ERROR

Note 1 to entry: Deviation from instructions for use is only considered USE ERROR if it leads to a MEDICAL DEVICE response that is different than intended by the MANUFACTURER or expected by the USER.

Note 2 to entry: Figure 1 shows the relationships of the types of use.

3.4
EFFECTIVENESS
accuracy and completeness with which USERS achieve specified goals

Note 1 to entry: This is a different concept than 'clinical effectiveness'.

[SOURCE: ISO 9241-11:1998, 3.2, modified – Added the note to entry.]

3.5
*** EFFICIENCY**
resources expended in relation to EFFECTIVENESS

[SOURCE: ISO 9241-11:1988, 3.3, modified – the term "EFFECTIVENESS" has replaced the original phrase, which here constitutes the definition of 3.4 EFFECTIVENESS.

3.6
EXPECTED SERVICE LIFE
time period specified by the MANUFACTURER during which the MEDICAL DEVICE is expected to remain safe for use (i.e. maintain basic SAFETY and essential performance)

Note 1 to entry: Maintenance can be necessary during the EXPECTED SERVICE LIFE.

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, 3.28, modified – In the definition, 'ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEM' have been replaced with 'MEDICAL DEVICE'.]

3.7
FORMATIVE EVALUATION
USER INTERFACE EVALUATION conducted with the intent to explore USER INTERFACE design strengths, weaknesses, and unanticipated USE ERRORS

Note 1 to entry: FORMATIVE EVALUATION is generally performed iteratively throughout the design and development PROCESS, but prior to SUMMATIVE EVALUATION, to guide USER INTERFACE design as necessary.

3.8
HAZARD-RELATED USE SCENARIO
USE SCENARIO that could lead to a HAZARDOUS SITUATION or HARM

Note 1 to entry: A HAZARD-RELATED USE SCENARIO can often be linked to a potential USE ERROR.

Note 2 to entry: A HAZARD-RELATED USE SCENARIO is not related to a failure of the MEDICAL DEVICE, unless the MEDICAL DEVICE failure was caused by a USE ERROR.

3.9
*** NORMAL USE**
operation, including routine inspection and adjustments by any USER, and stand-by, according to the instructions for use or in accordance with generally accepted practice for those MEDICAL DEVICES provided without instructions for use

Note 1 to entry: NORMAL USE should not be confused with INTENDED USE. While both include the concept of use as intended by the MANUFACTURER, INTENDED USE focuses on the medical purpose while NORMAL USE incorporates not only the medical purpose, but maintenance, transport, etc. as well.

Note 2 to entry: USE ERROR can occur in NORMAL USE.

Note 3 to entry: MEDICAL DEVICES that can be used safely without instructions for use are exempted from having instructions for use by some authorities with jurisdiction.

Note 4 to entry: Figure 1 shows the relationships of the types of use.

[SOURCE: IEC 60601-1:2005, 3.71, modified – Notes 2, 3 and 4 to entry have been added, and in the definition 'OPERATOR' has been replaced with 'USER' and the entire phrase after "instructions for use" has been added.]

3.10
*** PATIENT**
living being (person) undergoing a medical, surgical or dental PROCEDURE

Note 1 to entry: A PATIENT can be a USER.