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MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

Part 2-28: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of X-ray tube assemblies for medical diagnosis

201.1 Scope, object and related standards

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

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This part of IEC 60601 applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of X-RAY TUBE ASSEMBLIES and to components thereof, ~~hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT~~, intended for medical diagnosis and imaging.

Where the general standard IEC 60601-1 and the collateral standard IEC 60601-1-3 refer to ME EQUIPMENT, this is interpreted as X-RAY TUBE ASSEMBLIES in 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.

NOTE This document is also applicable to the X-RAY TUBE ASSEMBLY aspects of X-RAY SOURCE ASSEMBLIES and X-RAY TUBE HEADS.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for X-RAY TUBE ASSEMBLIES for medical diagnosis.

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 60601-1-3:2008 and IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD1:2013 apply as modified in Clause 203. IEC 60601-1-2, IEC 60601-1-6, IEC 60601-1-8, IEC 60601-1-9, IEC 60601-1-10, IEC 60601-1-11 and IEC 60601-1-12 do not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

NOTE 101 IEC 60601-1-2 does not apply because RISKS for the X-RAY TUBE ASSEMBLY outside the system may only be indicative of RISKS for the system due to the difference in electromagnetic environment.

NOTE 102 IEC 60601-1-6 and IEC 60601-1-8 do not apply because X-RAY TUBE ASSEMBLIES are not operated as a stand-alone device.

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

NOTE 103 X-RAY TUBE ASSEMBLIES are not in the scope of IEC 60601-1-10, IEC 60601-1-11 and IEC 60601-1-12.

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.

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201.2 Normative references

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Replacement:

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*

IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD1:2013

Addition:

IEC 60336, *Medical electrical equipment – X-ray tube assemblies for medical diagnosis – Characteristics of focal spots*

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La troisième édition de la présente norme particulière a été établie pour correspondre à l'IEC 60601-1:2005 et à l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 (troisième édition amendée de l'IEC 60601-1), qui est désignée comme la norme générale. Outre les modifications relatives à l'amendement de l'IEC 60601-1, les modifications relatives aux améliorations techniques sont également incluses.

Le texte de cette norme est issu des documents suivants:

FDIS	Rapport de vote
62B/1040/FDIS	62B/1051/RVD

Le rapport de vote indiqué dans le tableau ci-dessus donne toute information sur le vote ayant abouti à l'approbation de cette norme particulière.

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Dans la présente norme, les caractères d'imprimerie suivants sont utilisés:

- exigences et définitions: caractères romains.
- *modalités d'essais: caractères italiques.*
- indications de nature informative apparaissant hors des tableaux, comme les notes, les exemples et les références: petits caractères. Le texte normatif à l'intérieur des tableaux est également en petits caractères.
- TERMES DEFINIS A L'ARTICLE 3 DE LA NORME GENERALE, DANS LA PRESENTE NORME PARTICULIERE OU COMME NOTES: PETITES MAJUSCULES.

Concernant la structure de la présente norme, le terme

- "article" désigne l'une des dix-sept sections numérotées dans la table des matières, avec toutes ses subdivisions (par exemple, l'Article 7 inclut les paragraphes 7.1, 7.2, etc.);
- "paragraphe" désigne une subdivision numérotée d'un article (par exemple, 7.1, 7.2 et 7.2.1 sont tous des paragraphes appartenant à l'Article 7).

Dans la présente norme, les références à des articles sont précédées du mot "Article" suivi du numéro de l'article concerné. Dans la présente norme particulière, les références aux paragraphes utilisent uniquement le numéro du paragraphe concerné.

Dans la présente norme, la conjonction "ou" est utilisée avec la valeur d'un "ou inclusif", ainsi un énoncé est vrai si une combinaison des conditions quelle qu'elle soit est vraie.

Les formes verbales utilisées dans la présente norme sont conformes à l'usage donné à l'Article 7 des Directives ISO/IEC, Partie 2. Pour les besoins de la présente norme:

- "devoir" mis au présent de l'indicatif signifie que la satisfaction à une exigence ou à un essai est obligatoire pour la conformité à la présente norme;
- "il convient/il est recommandé" signifie que la satisfaction à une exigence ou à un essai est recommandée mais n'est pas obligatoire pour la conformité à la présente norme;
- "pouvoir" mis au présent de l'indicatif est utilisé pour décrire un moyen admissible pour satisfaire à une exigence ou à un essai.

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APPAREILS ÉLECTROMÉDICAUX –

Partie 2-28: Exigences particulières pour la sécurité de base et les performances essentielles des gaines équipées pour diagnostic médical

201.1 Domaine d'application, objet et normes connexes

L'Article 1 de la norme générale¹ s'applique, avec les exceptions suivantes:

201.1.1 Domaine d'application

Remplacement:

La présente partie de l'IEC 60601 s'applique à la SECURITE DE BASE et aux PERFORMANCES ESSENTIELLES des GAINES EQUIPEES et de leurs composants, destinés au diagnostic médical et à l'imagerie.

Lorsque la norme générale IEC 60601-1 et la norme collatérale IEC 60601-1-3, font référence aux APPAREILS EM, cela doit être interprété comme une référence aux GAINES EQUIPEES dans la présente norme particulière. Si un article ou un paragraphe est spécifiquement destiné à être applicable uniquement aux APPAREILS EM ou uniquement aux SYSTEMES EM, son titre et son contenu l'indiquent. Si cela n'est pas le cas, l'article ou le paragraphe s'applique à la fois aux APPAREILS EM et aux SYSTEMES EM, selon le cas.

NOTE Le présent document est également applicable aux aspects relatifs aux GAINES EQUIPEES des ENSEMBLES RADIOGENES A RAYONNEMENT X et des TETES DES TUBES RADIOGENES.

201.1.2 Objet

Remplacement:

L'objet de la présente norme particulière est d'établir des exigences particulières relatives à la SECURITE DE BASE et aux PERFORMANCES ESSENTIELLES des GAINES EQUIPEES pour diagnostic médical.

201.1.3 Normes collatérales

Addition:

La présente norme particulière se réfère aux normes collatérales applicables spécifiées à l'Article 2 de la norme générale et à l'Article 201.2 de la présente norme particulière.

L'IEC 60601-1-3:2008 et l'IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD1:2013 s'applique telle que modifiée par l'Article 203. L'IEC 60601-1-2, l'IEC 60601-1-6, l'IEC 60601-1-8, l'IEC 60601-1-9, l'IEC 60601-1-10, l'IEC 60601-1-11 et l'IEC 60601-1-12 ne s'appliquent pas. Toutes les autres normes collatérales publiées dans la série IEC 60601-1 s'appliquent telles qu'elles sont publiées.

¹ La norme générale est l'IEC 60601-1:2005 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, *Appareils électromédicaux – Partie 1: Exigences générales pour la sécurité de base et les performances essentielles.*

NOTE 101 L'IEC 60601-1-2 ne s'applique pas parce que les RISQUES pour la GAINÉ EQUIPÉE à l'extérieur du système peuvent n'offrir qu'une valeur indicative des RISQUES pour le système, en raison de la différence d'environnement électromagnétique.

NOTE 102 L'IEC 60601-1-6 et l'IEC 60601-1-8 ne s'appliquent pas parce que les GAINES EQUIPÉES ne sont pas exploitées en tant que dispositifs autonomes.

NOTE 103 Les GAINES EQUIPÉES ne sont pas dans le domaine d'application de l'IEC 60601-1-10, de l'IEC 60601-1-11 ni de l'IEC 60601-1-12.

201.1.4 Normes particulières

Remplacement:

Dans la série IEC 60601, des normes particulières peuvent modifier, remplacer ou supprimer des exigences contenues dans la norme générale et dans les normes collatérales en fonction de ce qui est approprié à l'APPAREIL EM particulier à l'étude, et elles peuvent ajouter d'autres exigences pour la SECURITE DE BASE et les PERFORMANCES ESSENTIELLES.

Une exigence d'une norme particulière prévaut sur l'exigence correspondante de la norme générale.

Par souci de concision, l'IEC 60601-1:2005 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 est désignée dans la présente norme particulière par le terme "norme générale". Les normes collatérales sont désignées par leur numéro de document.

La numérotation des articles et paragraphes de la présente norme particulière correspond à celle de la norme générale avec le préfixe "201" (par exemple, 201.1 dans le présent document aborde le contenu de l'Article 1 de la norme générale) ou de la norme collatérale applicable avec le préfixe "20x", où x est (sont) le (les) dernier(s) chiffre(s) du numéro de document de la norme collatérale (par exemple, 202.4 dans la présente norme particulière aborde le contenu de l'Article 4 de la norme collatérale IEC 60601-1-2, 203.4 dans la présente norme particulière aborde le contenu de l'Article 4 de la norme collatérale IEC 60601-1-3, etc.). Les modifications apportées au texte de la norme générale sont spécifiées par l'utilisation des termes suivants:

"*Remplacement*" signifie que l'article ou le paragraphe de la norme générale ou de la norme collatérale applicable est remplacé complètement par le texte de la présente norme particulière.

"*Addition*" signifie que le texte de la présente norme particulière est complémentaire aux exigences de la norme générale ou de la norme collatérale applicable.

"*Amendement*" signifie que l'article ou le paragraphe de la norme générale ou de la norme collatérale applicable est modifié comme indiqué par le texte de la présente norme particulière".

Les paragraphes, les figures ou les tableaux qui viennent s'ajouter à ceux de la norme générale sont numérotés à partir de 201.101. Toutefois, comme les définitions dans la norme générale sont numérotées 3.1 à 3.147, les définitions complémentaires dans la présente norme sont numérotées à partir de 201.3.201. Les annexes complémentaires sont référencées AA, BB, etc., et les points complémentaires aa), bb), etc.

Les paragraphes, figures ou tableaux qui sont ajoutés à ceux d'une norme collatérale sont numérotés à partir de 20x, où "x" est le numéro final de la référence de la norme collatérale, par exemple 202 pour l'IEC 60601-1-2, 203 pour l'IEC 60601-1-3, etc.

L'expression « le présent document » est utilisée pour faire référence à la norme générale, à toute norme collatérale applicable et à la présente norme particulière, prises comme un tout.

Lorsque la présente norme particulière ne comprend pas d'article ou de paragraphe correspondant, l'article ou le paragraphe de la norme générale ou de la norme collatérale applicable, qui peut être sans objet, s'applique sans modification; lorsqu'il est demandé qu'une partie quelconque de la norme générale ou de la norme collatérale applicable, bien que pertinente, ne s'applique pas, cela est expressément mentionné dans la présente norme particulière.

201.2 Références normatives

NOTE Une liste de références informatives est donnée dans la Bibliographie.

L'Article 2 de la norme générale s'applique, avec les exceptions suivantes:

Remplacement:

IEC 60601-1-3:2008, *Appareils électromédicaux – Partie 1-3: Exigences générales pour la sécurité de base et les performances essentielles – Norme collatérale: Radioprotection dans les appareils à rayonnement X de diagnostic*
IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD1:2013

Addition:

IEC 60336, *Appareils électromédicaux – Gaines équipées pour diagnostic médical – Caractéristiques des foyers*

IEC 60522, *Détermination de la filtration permanente des gaines équipées*

IEC 60613:2010, *Caractéristiques électriques et de charge des gaines équipées pour diagnostic médical*

IEC TR 60788:2004, *Medical electrical equipment – Glossary of defined terms* (disponible en anglais seulement)