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Part 2-31: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of external cardiac pacemakers with internal power source

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Basically, CARDIAC PACEMAKERS treat cardiac arrhythmias. Such arrhythmias reduce cardiac output and can lead to confusion, dizziness, loss of consciousness and death. The objective of pacing is to restore cardiac rhythm and output appropriate to the PATIENT's physiological needs.

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CARDIAC PACEMAKERS differ in the various ways in which they maintain and monitor cardiac activity in different circumstances. The simplest model stimulates the atrium or ventricle independently of the cardiac activity; others detect atrial or ventricular activity and stimulate the atrium or ventricle as and when this is necessary; others, more complex, detect the spontaneous heart activity and stimulate appropriately the atrium and/or the ventricle. Certain PACEMAKERS work on preset frequency values, amplitudes and impulse duration. Others can have several values for parameters.

Standards for EXTERNAL PACEMAKERS require attention to information which will aid in ~~selecting~~ ~~developing~~ and applying these devices. It is through these aspects of standardization that the central role of clinical experience should be, or has been, acknowledged. The ability to predict how a PACEMAKER will perform in a specific PATIENT based on testing of a device to a set of technical criteria is limited.

This particular standard does not take into consideration the specific safety aspects of EXTERNAL PACEMAKERS that are connected to a SUPPLY MAINS while simultaneously connected to the PATIENT.

This particular standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*, hereinafter referred to as the general standard (~~see 4.4~~).

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

Following the decision taken by subcommittee 62D at the meeting in Washington in 1979, a "General guidance and rationale" section giving some explanatory notes, where appropriate, about the more important requirements is included in Annex AA.

Clauses or subclauses for which there are explanatory notes in Annex AA are marked with an asterisk (*).

An inventory of the PATIENT's safety posed by EXTERNAL PACEMAKERS and a rationale for the safety requirements contained in this particular standard are given in Annex AA. It is considered that knowledge of the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of ~~the~~ this particular standard 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.

MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

Part 2-31: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of external cardiac pacemakers with internal power source

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 EXTERNAL PACEMAKERS powered by an INTERNAL ELECTRICAL POWER SOURCE, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

This document applies to PATIENT CABLES as defined in 201.3.409209, but does not apply to LEADS as defined in 201.3.206.

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HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of ME EQUIPMENT within the scope of this document are not covered by specific requirements in this document except in 7.2.13 and 8.4.1 of the general standard.

NOTE See also 4.2 of the general standard.

This document does not apply to the implantable parts of ACTIVE IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICES covered by ISO 14708-1. This document does not apply to EXTERNAL PACEMAKERS which can be connected directly or indirectly to a SUPPLY MAINS.

This document does not apply to transthoracic and oesophageal pacing ME EQUIPMENT and antitachycardia ME EQUIPMENT.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for EXTERNAL PACEMAKERS as defined in ~~201.3.103~~ 201.3.205.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

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.*

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 60601-1-2:2014 applies as modified in Clause 202. IEC 60601-1-3 does 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 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 are 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 document 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 and applicable collateral standards are specified by the use of the following words:

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201.2 Normative references

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

Replacement:

IEC 60601-1-2:~~2007~~2014, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic ~~compatibility~~ disturbances – Requirements and tests*

Addition:

~~ANSI/AAMI PC69:2007, *Active implantable medical devices – Electromagnetic compatibility – EMC test protocols for implantable cardiac pacemakers and implantable cardioverter defibrillators*~~

~~NOTE Informative references are listed in the bibliography on page 34.~~

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

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ISO 14117:2019, *Active implantable medical devices – Electromagnetic compatibility – EMC test protocols for implantable cardiac pacemakers, implantable cardioverter defibrillators and cardiac resynchronization devices*

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There are two distinct families of CARDIAC PACEMAKERS, implantable PACEMAKERS and EXTERNAL PACEMAKERS. EXTERNAL PACEMAKERS are used to pace PATIENTS temporarily prior to implanting an implantable PACEMAKER as well as for temporary pacing related to other medical PROCEDURES, e.g. open heart surgery.

CARDIAC PACEMAKERS differ in the various ways in which they maintain and monitor cardiac activity in different circumstances. The simplest model stimulates the atrium or ventricle independently of the cardiac activity; others detect atrial or ventricular activity and stimulate the atrium or ventricle as and when this is necessary; others, more complex, detect the spontaneous heart activity and stimulate appropriately the atrium and/or the ventricle. Certain PACEMAKERS work on preset frequency values, amplitudes and impulse duration. Others can have several values for parameters.

Standards for EXTERNAL PACEMAKERS require attention to information which will aid in developing and applying these devices. It is through these aspects of standardization that the central role of clinical experience should be, or has been, acknowledged. The ability to predict how a PACEMAKER will perform in a specific PATIENT based on testing of a device to a set of technical criteria is limited.

This particular standard does not take into consideration the specific safety aspects of EXTERNAL PACEMAKERS that are connected to a SUPPLY MAINS while simultaneously connected to the PATIENT.

This particular standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*, hereinafter referred to as the general standard.

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

Following the decision taken by subcommittee 62D at the meeting in Washington in 1979, a "General guidance and rationale" section giving some explanatory notes, where appropriate, about the more important requirements is included in Annex AA.

Clauses or subclauses for which there are explanatory notes in Annex AA are marked with an asterisk (*).

An inventory of the PATIENT's safety posed by EXTERNAL PACEMAKERS and a rationale for the safety requirements contained in this particular standard are given in Annex AA. It is considered that knowledge of the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of this particular standard 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.

MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

Part 2-31: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of external cardiac pacemakers with internal power source

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 EXTERNAL PACEMAKERS powered by an INTERNAL ELECTRICAL POWER SOURCE, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

This document applies to PATIENT CABLES as defined in 201.3.209, but does not apply to LEADS as defined in 201.3.206.

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of ME EQUIPMENT within the scope of this document are not covered by specific requirements in this document except in 7.2.13 and 8.4.1 of the general standard.

NOTE See also 4.2 of the general standard.

This document does not apply to the implantable parts of ACTIVE IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICES covered by ISO 14708-1. This document does not apply to EXTERNAL PACEMAKERS which can be connected directly or indirectly to a SUPPLY MAINS.

This document does not apply to transthoracic and oesophageal pacing ME EQUIPMENT and antitachycardia ME EQUIPMENT.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for EXTERNAL PACEMAKERS as defined in 201.3.205.

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.

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*.

IEC 60601-1-2:2014 applies as modified in Clause 202. IEC 60601-1-3 does 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 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 are 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 document 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 and applicable collateral standards are specified by the use of the following words:

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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 3.147, 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.

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 document" 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

NOTE Informative references are listed in the Bibliography.

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

Replacement:

IEC 60601-1-2:2014, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic disturbances – Requirements and tests*

Addition:

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

ISO 14117:2019, *Active implantable medical devices – Electromagnetic compatibility – EMC test protocols for implantable cardiac pacemakers, implantable cardioverter defibrillators and cardiac resynchronization devices*

ISO 14708-2:2019, *Implants for surgery – Active implantable medical devices – Part 2: Cardiac pacemakers*

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COMMISSION ÉLECTROTECHNIQUE INTERNATIONALE

APPAREILS ÉLECTROMÉDICAUX –

Partie 2-31: Exigences particulières pour la sécurité de base et les performances essentielles des stimulateurs cardiaques externes à source d'énergie interne

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INTRODUCTION

Les exigences minimales de sécurité spécifiées dans la présente norme particulière sont considérées comme assurant un degré pratique de sécurité dans le fonctionnement des STIMULATEURS EXTERNES à source d'énergie interne.

Fondamentalement, les STIMULATEURS CARDIAQUES traitent les arythmies cardiaques. Celles-ci réduisent le débit cardiaque et peuvent entraîner des troubles, des étourdissements, des pertes de connaissance et la mort. Le but de la stimulation est de rétablir le rythme et le débit cardiaques qui sont appropriés aux besoins physiologiques du PATIENT.

Il existe deux familles distinctes de STIMULATEURS CARDIAQUES, les STIMULATEURS IMPLANTABLES et les STIMULATEURS EXTERNES. Les STIMULATEURS EXTERNES sont utilisés pour stimuler temporairement des PATIENTS avant d'implanter un STIMULATEUR implantable et aussi pour effectuer une stimulation temporaire en liaison avec d'autres actes médicaux, par exemple une opération à cœur ouvert.

Les différences entre STIMULATEURS CARDIAQUES concernent la manière dont ils maintiennent et surveillent l'activité cardiaque en différentes circonstances. Le modèle le plus simple stimule l'oreillette ou le ventricule indépendamment de l'activité cardiaque; d'autres détectent l'activité auriculaire ou ventriculaire et stimulent l'oreillette ou le ventricule comme il convient au moment nécessaire; d'autres, plus complexes, détectent l'activité spontanée du cœur et stimulent de manière appropriée l'oreillette et/ou le ventricule. Certains STIMULATEURS fonctionnent avec des fréquences, des amplitudes et des durées d'IMPULSION pré réglées. D'autres appareils peuvent disposer de plusieurs valeurs pour ces paramètres.

Les normes concernant les STIMULATEURS EXTERNES spécifient des exigences portant sur les informations qui aideront à concevoir et à manipuler ces dispositifs. C'est au travers de ces aspects de la normalisation qu'il convient de prendre en compte ou qu'il a été pris en compte le rôle capital de l'expérience clinique. La possibilité de déterminer à l'avance les performances d'un STIMULATEUR pour un PATIENT spécifique, à partir de la mise à l'essai d'un dispositif selon un ensemble de critères techniques, est limitée.

La présente norme particulière ne prend pas en compte les aspects spécifiques de sécurité des STIMULATEURS EXTERNES qui sont reliés simultanément au RESEAU D'ALIMENTATION et au PATIENT.

La présente norme particulière modifie et complète 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*, appelée norme générale dans la suite du texte.

Les exigences sont suivies de spécifications relatives aux essais correspondants.

Conformément à la décision prise par le sous-comité 62D lors de sa réunion à Washington en 1979, une section "Recommandations générales et justifications" contenant, le cas échéant, des notes explicatives concernant les exigences les plus importantes, figure dans l'Annexe AA.

Les articles ou paragraphes pour lesquels des notes explicatives sont données à l'Annexe AA sont marqués d'un astérisque (*).

Un inventaire des RISQUES pour la sécurité du PATIENT posés par les STIMULATEURS EXTERNES et des justifications pour les exigences de sécurité contenues dans cette norme particulière sont donnés dans Annexe AA. Il est considéré que la connaissance des raisons qui ont conduit à énoncer ces exigences non seulement facilite l'application correcte de la présente norme particulière, mais accélère, en son temps, toute révision rendue nécessaire par suite de changements dans la pratique clinique ou en raison des évolutions technologiques. Cependant, l'Annexe AA ne fait pas partie des exigences du présent document.

APPAREILS ÉLECTROMÉDICAUX –

Partie 2-31: Exigences particulières pour la sécurité de base et les performances essentielles des stimulateurs cardiaques externes à source d'énergie interne

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 STIMULATEURS EXTERNES alimentés par une SOURCE D'ENERGIE ELECTRIQUE INTERNE désignés ci-après sous le terme APPAREILS EM.

Le présent document s'applique aux CABLES PATIENT tels qu'ils sont définis en 201.3.209, mais ne s'applique pas aux DERIVATIONS telles qu'elles sont définies en 201.3.206.

Les DANGERS inhérents à la fonction physiologique prévue de l'APPAREIL EM dans le cadre du domaine d'application du présent document ne sont pas couverts par des exigences spécifiques contenues dans le présent document, à l'exception de 7.2.13 et de 8.4.1 de la norme générale.

NOTE Voir aussi 4.2 de la norme générale.

Le présent document ne s'applique pas aux parties implantables des DISPOSITIFS MEDICAUX IMPLANTABLES ACTIFS traités par l'ISO 14708-1. Le présent document ne s'applique pas aux stimulateurs externes qui peuvent être connectés directement ou indirectement au RESEAU D'ALIMENTATION.

Le présent document ne s'applique pas aux APPAREILS EM de stimulation transthoracique et œsophagienne ni aux APPAREILS EM pour la tachycardie.

201.1.2 Objet

Remplacement:

L'objet de la présente norme particulière est d'établir des exigences particulières pour la SECURITE DE BASE et les PERFORMANCES ESSENTIELLES des STIMULATEURS EXTERNES tels qu'ils sont définis en 201.3.205.

201.1.3 Normes collatérales

Addition:

La présente norme particulière fait référence aux normes collatérales applicables énumérées à l'Article 2 de la norme générale et à l'Article 201.2 de la présente norme particulière.

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

L'IEC 60601-1-2:2014 s'applique telle que modifiée dans l'Article 202 L'IEC 60601-1-3 ne s'applique pas. Toutes les autres normes collatérales publiées dans la série IEC 60601-1 s'appliquent telles que publiées.

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 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 sont désignées dans la présente norme comme la 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 couvre le contenu de l'Article 1 de la norme générale) ou de la norme collatérale applicable avec le préfixe "20x", où x est le dernier chiffre ou les derniers chiffres du numéro de document de la norme collatérale (par exemple 202.4 dans la présente norme particulière couvre le contenu de l'Article 4 de la norme collatérale IEC 60601-1-2, 203.4 dans la présente norme particulière couvre le contenu de l'Article 4 de la norme collatérale IEC 60601-1-3, etc.). Les modifications apportées au texte de la norme générale et des normes collatérales applicables 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 vient compléter les 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 sont ajoutés à ceux de la norme générale sont numérotés à partir de 201.101. Toutefois, du fait que les définitions sont numérotées de 3.1 à 3.147 dans la norme générale, les définitions supplémentaires du présent document sont numérotées à partir de 201.3.201. Les annexes supplémentaires portent les lettres AA, BB, etc., et les éléments supplémentaires aa), bb), etc.

Les paragraphes, les figures ou les tableaux qui sont ajoutés à ceux d'une norme collatérale sont numérotés à partir de 20x, où "x" est le numéro 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 toutes les normes collatérales applicables et à la présente norme particulière, considérées ensemble.

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 60601-1-2:2014, *Appareils électromédicaux – Partie 1-2: Exigences générales pour la sécurité de base et les performances essentielles – Norme collatérale: Perturbations électromagnétiques – Exigences et essais*

Addition:

IEC 60601-1:2005, *Appareils électromédicaux – Partie 1: Exigences générales pour la sécurité de base et les performances essentielles*

IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012

ISO 14117:2019, *Active implantable medical devices – Electromagnetic compatibility – EMC test protocols for implantable cardiac pacemakers, implantable cardioverter defibrillators and cardiac resynchronization devices* (disponible en anglais seulement)

ISO 14708-2:2019, *Implants chirurgicaux – Dispositifs médicaux implantables actifs – Partie 2: Stimulateurs cardiaques*