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INTRODUCTION

This particular standard concerns the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of OPERATING TABLES.

It amends and supplements IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020.

The aim of this document is to update it with reference to IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 through reformatting and technical changes.

The requirements of this particular standard take priority over those of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020.

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 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 –

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, Clause 1, applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This part of IEC 60601 specifies safety requirements for OPERATING TABLES, whether or not having electrical parts, including TRANSPORTERS, used for the transportation of the OPERATING TABLE top to or from the base or pedestal of an OPERATING TABLE with detachable OPERATING TABLE top.

NOTE See also IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, 4.2.

This particular standard does not apply to **3**

- dental PATIENT chairs (see ISO 7494-1),
- examination chairs and couches,
- PATIENT-supporting systems of diagnostic, interventional and therapeutic ~~devices~~ equipment (see IEC 60601-2-54 or IEC 60601-2-43),
- OPERATING TABLE heating blankets (see ~~IEC 80601-2-35~~ IEC 60601-2-35),
- PATIENT transfer equipment,
- delivery tables and ~~delivery~~ beds,
- medical beds (see IEC 60601-2-52 and EN 50637), and
- field tables.

~~If OPERATING TABLES will be used in combination with diagnostic and/or therapeutic devices the relevant requirements of each related particular standard are also applicable.~~

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for OPERATING TABLES as defined in 201.3. ~~204~~203.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

This particular standard refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, Clause 2, and Clause 201.2 of this particular standard.

IEC 60601-1-2 and IEC 60601-1-3 apply as modified in Clauses 202 and 203 respectively. 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.

201.1.4 Particular standards

Replacement:

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 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 IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020.

~~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 IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 with the prefix "201" (e.g. 201.1 in this document addresses the content of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, Clause 1) 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 IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 and applicable collateral standards 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 IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 or applicable collateral standard.

"Amendment" means that the clause or subclause of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 or applicable collateral standard is amended as indicated by the text of this particular standard.

Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are numbered starting from 201.101. However, due to the fact that definitions in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are numbered 3.1 through 3.147154, 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 IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, 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 IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 or applicable collateral standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 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 **4**

IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, Clause 2, 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~~

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*

Amendment 1:2013⁴

Amendment 2:2021

ISO 2878:2017, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Antistatic and conductive products – Determination of electrical resistance*

Addition:

IEC 60601-2-2:2017, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-2: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of high frequency surgical equipment and high frequency surgical accessories*

IEC 60601-2-43:2022, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-43: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of X-ray equipment for interventional procedures*

IEC 60601-2-54:2022, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-54: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of X-ray equipment for radiography and radioscopy*

⁴ ~~There exists a consolidated edition 2.1, which includes IEC 60601-1-3:2008 and its Amendment 1 (2013).~~

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MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

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201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This part of IEC 60601 specifies safety requirements for OPERATING TABLES, whether or not having electrical parts, including TRANSPORTERS, used for the transportation of the OPERATING TABLE top to or from the base or pedestal of an OPERATING TABLE with detachable OPERATING TABLE top.

NOTE See also IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, 4.2.

This particular standard does not apply to

- dental PATIENT chairs (see ISO 7494-1),
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- OPERATING TABLE heating blankets (see IEC 60601-2-35),
- PATIENT transfer equipment,
- delivery tables and delivery beds,
- medical beds (see IEC 60601-2-52 and EN 50637), and
- field tables.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for OPERATING TABLES as defined in 201.3.203.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

This particular standard refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, Clause 2, and Clause 201.2 of this particular standard.

IEC 60601-1-2 and IEC 60601-1-3 apply as modified in Clauses 202 and 203 respectively. 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.

201.1.4 Particular standards

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In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 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 IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020.

The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this particular standard corresponds to that of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 with the prefix "201" (e.g. 201.1 in this document addresses the content of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, Clause 1) 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 IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 and applicable collateral standards are specified by the use of the following words:

"Replacement" means that the clause or subclause of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 or applicable collateral standard is replaced completely by the text of this particular standard.

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Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are numbered starting from 201.101. However, due to the fact that definitions in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are numbered 3.1 through 3.154, 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 IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, 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 IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 or applicable collateral standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 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

IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, Clause 2, applies, except as follows:

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*

Amendment 1:2013

Amendment 2:2021

ISO 2878:2017, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic – Antistatic and conductive products – Determination of electrical resistance*

Addition:

IEC 60601-2-2:2017, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-2: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of high frequency surgical equipment and high frequency surgical accessories*

IEC 60601-2-43:2022, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-43: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of X-ray equipment for interventional procedures*

IEC 60601-2-54:2022, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-54: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of X-ray equipment for radiography and radioscopy*

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**Partie 2-46: Exigences particulières pour la sécurité de base
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- *modalités d'essais: caractères italiques.*
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INTRODUCTION

La présente norme particulière concerne la SÉCURITÉ DE BASE et les PERFORMANCES ESSENTIELLES des TABLES D'OPÉRATION.

Elle modifie et complète l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020.

L'objectif du présent document est une mise à jour par rapport à l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 par une remise en forme et l'introduction de modifications techniques.

Les exigences de la présente norme particulière prévalent sur celles de l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020.

Des "recommandations et des justifications" relatives aux exigences les plus importantes de la présente norme particulière sont fournies dans l'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 norme, mais accélère, en son temps, toute révision rendue nécessaire par suite de changements dans la pratique clinique ou d'évolutions technologiques. L'Annexe AA ne fait cependant pas partie des exigences du présent document.

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Partie 2-46: Exigences particulières pour la sécurité de base et les performances essentielles des tables d'opération

201.1 Domaine d'application, objet et normes connexes

L'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, Article 1, s'applique, à l'exception de ce qui suit:

201.1.1 Domaine d'application

Remplacement:

La présente partie de l'IEC 60601 spécifie les exigences de sécurité applicables aux TABLES D'OPÉRATION, que celles-ci comportent ou non des parties électriques, y compris les CHARIOTS DE TRANSFERT, utilisés pour le transport du plateau de la TABLE D'OPÉRATION vers ou depuis la base ou le socle d'une TABLE D'OPÉRATION à plateau amovible.

NOTE Voir également l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, 4.2.

La présente norme particulière ne s'applique pas

- aux fauteuils dentaires pour PATIENTS (voir l'ISO 7494-1),
- aux fauteuils et lits d'examen,
- aux systèmes de support du PATIENT des appareils de diagnostic, d'intervention et de thérapie (voir l'IEC 60601-2-54 ou l'IEC 60601-2-43),
- aux couvertures chauffantes des TABLES D'OPÉRATION (voir l'IEC 60601-2-35),
- aux appareils de transfert des PATIENTS,
- aux tables et lits d'accouchement,
- aux lits médicaux (voir l'IEC 60601-2-52 et l'EN 50637), et
- aux tables d'opération de campagne.

201.1.2 Objet

Remplacement:

La présente norme particulière a pour objet d'établir des exigences particulières pour la SÉCURITÉ DE BASE et les PERFORMANCES ESSENTIELLES applicables aux TABLES D'OPÉRATION, telles qu'elles sont définies en 201.3.203.

201.1.3 Normes collatérales

Addition:

La présente norme particulière fait référence aux normes collatérales applicables énumérées à l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, Article 2, et à l'Article 201.2 de la présente norme particulière.

L'IEC 60601-1-2 et l'IEC 60601-1-3 s'appliquent telles que modifiées respectivement par les Articles 202 et 203. 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.

201.1.4 Normes particulières

Remplacement:

Dans la série IEC 60601, des normes particulières peuvent modifier, remplacer ou supprimer des exigences contenues dans l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 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 de SÉCURITÉ DE BASE et de PERFORMANCES ESSENTIELLES.

Une exigence d'une norme particulière prévaut sur l'exigence correspondante de l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020.

La numérotation des articles et paragraphes de la présente norme particulière correspond à celle de l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 avec le préfixe "201" (par exemple, 201.1 dans le présent document traite du contenu de l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, Article 1) ou de la norme collatérale applicable avec le préfixe "20x", où x est le ou les derniers chiffres du numéro de document de la norme collatérale (par exemple, 202.4 dans la présente norme particulière traite du contenu de l'Article 4 de la norme collatérale IEC 60601-1-2, 203.4 dans la présente norme particulière traite du contenu de l'Article 4 de la norme collatérale IEC 60601-1-3, etc.). Les modifications apportées au texte de l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 et aux normes collatérales applicables sont spécifiées en utilisant les termes suivants:

"Remplacement" signifie que l'article ou le paragraphe de l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 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 s'ajouter aux exigences de l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 ou de la norme collatérale applicable.

"Modification" signifie que l'article ou le paragraphe de l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 ou de la norme collatérale applicable est modifié comme cela est indiqué par le texte de la présente norme particulière.

Les paragraphes, figures ou tableaux ajoutés à l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 sont numérotés à partir de 201.101. Toutefois, en raison du fait que les définitions dans l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 sont numérotées 3.1 à 3.154, les définitions complémentaires dans le présent document sont numérotées à partir de 201.3.201. Les annexes complémentaires sont désignées AA, BB, etc., et les points complémentaires aa), bb), etc.

Les paragraphes, figures ou tableaux ajoutés à 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 l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, à toutes les normes collatérales applicables et à la présente norme particulière, prises en compte ensemble.

Lorsque la présente norme particulière ne comprend pas d'article ou de paragraphe correspondant, l'article ou le paragraphe de l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 ou de la norme collatérale applicable, bien qu'il puisse être sans objet, s'applique sans modification; lorsqu'il est demandé qu'une partie quelconque de l'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 ou de la norme collatérale applicable, bien que potentiellement pertinente, ne s'applique pas, cela est expressément mentionné dans la présente norme particulière.

201.2 Références normatives

L'IEC 60601-1:2005, l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, Article 2, s'applique, à l'exception de ce qui suit:

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*
Amendement 1:2013
Amendement 2:2021

ISO 2878:2017, *Caoutchouc vulcanisé ou thermoplastique – Produits antistatiques et conducteurs – Détermination de la résistance électrique*

Addition:

IEC 60601-2-2:2017, *Appareils électromédicaux – Partie 2-2: Exigences particulières pour la sécurité de base et les performances essentielles des appareils d'électrochirurgie à courant haute fréquence et des accessoires d'électrochirurgie à courant haute fréquence*

IEC 60601-2-43:2010, *Appareils électromédicaux – Partie 2-43: Exigences particulières pour la sécurité de base et les performances essentielles des appareils à rayonnement X lors d'interventions*
Amendement 1:2017
Amendement 2:2019

IEC 60601-2-54:2009, *Appareils électromédicaux – Partie 2-54: Exigences particulières pour la sécurité de base et les performances essentielles des appareils à rayonnement X utilisés pour la radiographie et la radioscopie*
Amendement 1:2015
Amendement 2:2018