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### MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 2-66: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of hearing ~~instruments~~ aids and hearing ~~instrument~~ aid systems

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~~This resulting IEC standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1 (third edition, 2005): Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety and essential performance, hereinafter referred to as 'the general standard'.~~

~~Figures in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.~~

This particular standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, hereinafter referred to as the "general standard".

A general guidance and rationale for the requirements of 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 –

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#### 201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard<sup>1</sup> applies, except as follows:

##### 201.1.1 \* Scope

*Replacement:*

This part of IEC 60601 applies to the BASIC SAFETY of HEARING ~~INSTRUMENTS~~ AIDS and HEARING ~~INSTRUMENT~~ AID SYSTEMS, hereafter also referred to as ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEM.

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to HEARING ~~INSTRUMENTS~~ AIDS only, or to HEARING ~~INSTRUMENT~~ AID 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 HEARING ~~INSTRUMENTS~~ AIDS and to HEARING ~~INSTRUMENT~~ AID SYSTEMS, as relevant.

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of HEARING ~~INSTRUMENTS~~ AIDS or HEARING ~~INSTRUMENT~~ AID SYSTEMS within the scope of this document are not covered by specific requirements in this document except in 201.7.9.2 and 201.9.6.

NOTE See also ~~201.4.2. (RISK MANAGEMENT)~~ 4.2 of the general standard.

ACCESSORIES to HEARING ~~INSTRUMENTS~~ AIDS in the HOME HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT (e.g. remote control units, audio streamers, battery chargers, power supplies) ~~are covered by the most~~ can be tested according to the applicable standard, IEC 60065, IEC 60950-1, IEC 62368-1 or other applicable IEC safety standards. Alternatively, the general standard may be applied. HEARING ~~INSTRUMENTS~~ AIDS do not have a MAINS PART intended for connection to AC SUPPLY MAINS. The connection to the SUPPLY MAINS of a HEARING ~~INSTRUMENT~~ AID SYSTEM is covered by power supply, charger or other types of ACCESSORIES.

~~ACCESSORIES connected to a HEARING INSTRUMENT may form a HEARING INSTRUMENT SYSTEM. Only the HEARING INSTRUMENT and its detachable parts are subject to all applicable clauses of this particular standard. The remaining components of the HEARING INSTRUMENT SYSTEM are subject to requirements of this particular standard that result from their connection to the HEARING INSTRUMENT SYSTEM.~~

~~Programming interfaces or ACCESSORIES in a clinical application are covered by the general standard.~~

ACCESSORIES with FUNCTIONAL CONNECTION to a HEARING AID may form a HEARING AID SYSTEM. HEARING AID related ACCESSORIES that are not physically connected to the HEARING AID during NORMAL USE are not considered to be APPLIED PART, because they do not directly contribute to the INTENDED USE of the HEARING AID.

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



Wireless programming interfaces are covered by the applicable standard IEC 60065, IEC 60950-1, IEC 62368-1 or other applicable IEC safety standards. Alternatively, the general standard may be applied.

Programming interfaces with wired connection to the HEARING AID are covered by the general standard.

NOTE Detachable parts of HEARING ~~INSTRUMENTS~~ AIDS, even if supplied separately (e.g. ear hooks, domes, wax guards etc.), are not ~~regarded~~ considered as ACCESSORIES, but as component parts.

This document does not apply to:

- cochlear implants or other implanted HEARING ~~INSTRUMENTS~~ AIDS;
- bone conduction HEARING ~~INSTRUMENTS~~ AIDS;
- educational HEARING ~~INSTRUMENTS~~ AIDS (i.e. group HEARING ~~INSTRUMENTS~~ AIDS, auditory trainers etc.);
- the application of a HEARING ~~INSTRUMENT~~ AID for the measurement of hearing levels; IEC 60645-1 applies;
- ~~fix installed~~ audio-frequency induction-loop systems or their component parts, as described in IEC 60118-4 and IEC 62489-1;
- ~~assisted HEARING INSTRUMENT SYSTEMS using infra-red or radio;~~
- the sound generating function of a tinnitus masker.

This document does not address applicable testing for intentional RF radiation of wireless equipment (e.g. maximum radiated output power, modulation bandwidth, etc.).

### 201.1.2 Object

*Replacement:*

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY requirements for HEARING ~~INSTRUMENTS~~ AIDS and HEARING ~~INSTRUMENT~~ AID SYSTEMS as defined in 201.3.202 and 201.3.203.

### 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, IEC 60601-1-3, IEC 60601-1-9 and IEC 60601-1-10 and IEC 60601-1-11~~ 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 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 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 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 are specified by the use of the following words:

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The term "this document" is used to make reference to the general standard, any applicable collateral standards and this particular standard taken together.

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## 201.2 Normative references

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Clause 2 of the general standard applies except as follows:

*Replacement:*

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

IEC 60950-1:2005, *Information technology equipment – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*  
IEC 60950-1:2005/AMD1:2009  
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*Addition:*

IEC 60118-0:2015, *Electroacoustics – Hearing aids – Part 0: Measurement of ~~electroacoustical~~ the performance characteristics of hearing aids*

IEC 60118-13, *Electroacoustics – Hearing aids – Part 13: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)*

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

IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012

IEC 60601-1-11:2015, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-11: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems used in the home healthcare environment*

~~IEC 62304, *Medical device software – Software life cycle processes*~~

~~IEC 62366:2007, *Medical devices – Application of usability engineering to medical devices*~~

IEC 62368-1:2018, *Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment – Part 1: Safety requirements*

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###### *Replacement:*

This part of IEC 60601 applies to the BASIC SAFETY of HEARING AIDS and HEARING AID SYSTEMS, hereafter also referred to as ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEM.

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to HEARING AIDS only, or to HEARING AID 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 HEARING AIDS and to HEARING AID SYSTEMS, as relevant.

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of HEARING AIDS or HEARING AID SYSTEMS within the scope of this document are not covered by specific requirements in this document except in 201.7.9.2 and 201.9.6.

NOTE See also 4.2 of the general standard.

ACCESSORIES to HEARING AIDS in the HOME HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT (e.g. remote control units, audio streamers, battery chargers, power supplies) can be tested according to the applicable standard, IEC 60065, IEC 60950-1, IEC 62368-1 or other applicable IEC safety standards. Alternatively, the general standard may be applied. HEARING AIDS do not have a MAINS PART intended for connection to AC SUPPLY MAINS. The connection to the SUPPLY MAINS of a HEARING AID SYSTEM is covered by power supply, charger or other types of ACCESSORIES.

ACCESSORIES with FUNCTIONAL CONNECTION to a HEARING AID may form a HEARING AID SYSTEM. HEARING AID related ACCESSORIES that are not physically connected to the HEARING AID during NORMAL USE are not considered to be APPLIED PART, because they do not directly contribute to the INTENDED USE of the HEARING AID.

Wireless programming interfaces are covered by the applicable standard IEC 60065, IEC 60950-1, IEC 62368-1 or other applicable IEC safety standards. Alternatively, the general standard may be applied.

Programming interfaces with wired connection to the HEARING AID are covered by the general standard.

NOTE Detachable parts of HEARING AIDS, even if supplied separately (e.g. ear hooks, domes, wax guards etc.), are not considered as ACCESSORIES, but as component parts.

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

This document does not apply to:

- cochlear implants or other implanted HEARING AIDS;
- bone conduction HEARING AIDS;
- educational HEARING AIDS (i.e. group HEARING AIDS, auditory trainers etc.);
- the application of a HEARING AID for the measurement of hearing levels; IEC 60645-1 applies;
- fix installed audio-frequency induction-loop systems or their component parts, as described in IEC 60118-4 and IEC 62489-1;
- the sound generating function of a tinnitus masker.

This document does not address applicable testing for intentional RF radiation of wireless equipment (e.g. maximum radiated output power, modulation bandwidth, etc.).

### **201.1.2 Object**

*Replacement:*

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY requirements for HEARING AIDS and HEARING AID SYSTEMS as defined in 201.3.202 and 201.3.203.

### **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, IEC 60601-1-9 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 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 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 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 are specified by the use of the following words:

"Replacement" means that the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard is replaced completely by the text of this particular standard.

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

"Amendment" means that the clause or subclause of the general standard 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 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*

IEC 60950-1:2005, *Information technology equipment – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*  
IEC 60950-1:2005/AMD1:2009  
IEC 60950-1:2005/AMD2:2013

### *Addition:*

IEC 60118-0:2015, *Electroacoustics – Hearing aids – Part 0: Measurement of the performance characteristics of hearing aids*

IEC 60118-13, *Electroacoustics – Hearing aids – Part 13: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)*

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

IEC 60601-1-11:2015, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-11: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems used in the home healthcare environment*



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# COMMISSION ÉLECTROTECHNIQUE INTERNATIONALE

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## APPAREILS ÉLECTROMÉDICAUX –

### **Partie 2-66: Exigences particulières pour la sécurité de base et les performances essentielles des appareils de correction auditive et des systèmes de correction auditive**

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Cette édition inclut les modifications techniques majeures suivantes par rapport à l'édition précédente:

- a) révision de la définition des PERFORMANCES ESSENTIELLES;
- b) révision de l'application de l'IEC 60601-1-2:2014 pour les perturbations électromagnétiques;

- c) correction de la tension utilisée pour les APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE de 1,6 V à 4,5 V;
- d) correction du niveau d'essai de chute de 1,5 m à 1,0 m;
- e) correction de la formulation de l'IEC 60601-2-66:2015.

Le texte de cette Norme internationale est issu des documents suivants:

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29/1023/FDIS	29/1030/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 internationale.

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## INTRODUCTION

En 1998, l'industrie des APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE représentée par l'Association européenne des fabricants d'instruments d'audition (EHIMA) a tenté d'établir une norme, avec pour objectif principal de fournir aux FABRICANTS un guide montrant la conformité à la Directive européenne 93/42/CEE Dispositifs médicaux.

Le résultat du vote CENELEC concernant ce projet de norme européenne prEN 50220 a été négatif et le document a été publié en tant que "norme EHIMA" en juin 1998 avec un contenu presque identique. L'EHIMA a conclu en 2009 que les exigences de cette norme n'étaient plus d'actualité et qu'il convenait de produire une norme acceptée au niveau international pour la sécurité des APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE, publiée par l'IEC ou l'ISO, pour démontrer la conformité aux exigences réglementaires.

La présente norme particulière modifie et complète l'IEC 60601-1:2005 et l'IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, désignée ci-après par "norme générale".

Une recommandation générale et une justification relatives aux exigences de la présente norme particulière sont indiquées à 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 présente norme particulière, mais accélérera en son temps toute révision rendue nécessaire du fait de modifications dans la pratique clinique ou d'évolutions technologiques. Cependant, l'Annexe AA ne fait pas partie des exigences du présent document.

## APPAREILS ÉLECTROMÉDICAUX –

### Partie 2-66: Exigences particulières pour la sécurité de base et les performances essentielles des appareils de correction auditive et des systèmes de correction auditive

#### 201.1 Domaine d'application, objet et normes connexes

L'Article 1 de la norme générale<sup>1</sup> 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 des APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE et des SYSTEMES DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE, également appelés ci-après "APPAREILS EM" ou "SYSTEMES EM".

Si un article ou un paragraphe est spécifiquement destiné à être applicable uniquement aux APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE, ou uniquement aux SYSTEMES DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE, le titre et le contenu de cet article ou de ce paragraphe l'indiquent. Si ce n'est pas le cas, l'article ou le paragraphe s'applique à la fois aux APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE et aux SYSTEMES DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE, selon le cas.

Les DANGERS inhérents à la fonction physiologique prévue des APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE ou des SYSTEMES DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE 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 201.7.9.2 et de 201.9.6.

NOTE Voir aussi 4.2 de la norme générale.

Les ACCESSOIRES des APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE dans l'ENVIRONNEMENT DE SOINS A DOMICILE (par exemple, unités de commande à distance, diffuseurs de flux audio, chargeurs de batteries, alimentations) peuvent être soumis aux essais selon la norme applicable IEC 60065, IEC 60950-1, IEC 62368-1 ou d'autres normes de sécurité IEC applicables. En variante, il est admis d'appliquer la norme générale. Les APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE n'ont pas de PARTIE RELIEE AU RESEAU destinée à être connectée au RESEAU D'ALIMENTATION à courant alternatif. La connexion au RESEAU D'ALIMENTATION d'un SYSTEME DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE est couverte par l'alimentation, le chargeur ou d'autres types d'ACCESSOIRES.

Les ACCESSOIRES à CONNEXION FONCTIONNELLE à un APPAREIL DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE peuvent former un SYSTEME D'APPAREIL DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE. Les ACCESSOIRES de l'APPAREIL DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE qui ne sont pas physiquement reliés à l'APPAREIL DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE en UTILISATION NORMALE ne sont pas considérés comme PARTIE APPLIQUEE, puisqu'ils ne participent pas directement à l'UTILISATION PREVUE de l'APPAREIL DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE.

Les interfaces de programmation sans fil sont couvertes par la norme applicable IEC 60065, IEC 60950-1, IEC 62368-1 ou d'autres normes de sécurité IEC applicables. En variante, il est admis d'appliquer la norme générale.

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<sup>1</sup> 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*.

Les interfaces de programmation à connexion câblée à l'APPAREIL DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE sont couvertes par la norme générale.

NOTE Les parties amovibles des APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE, même si elles sont fournies séparément (par exemple, contours d'oreille, dômes, filtres anticérumen, etc.), ne sont pas considérées comme des ACCESSOIRES, mais comme des composants.

Le présent document ne s'applique pas:

- aux implants cochléaires ou autres APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE implantés;
- aux APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE à conduction osseuse;
- aux APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE de formation (c'est-à-dire les APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE de groupe, les dispositifs d'entraînement auditif, etc.);
- à l'application d'un APPAREIL DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE au mesurage des niveaux d'audition; l'IEC 60645-1 s'applique;
- aux systèmes fixes de boucles d'induction audiofréquences ou à leurs composants, tels que décrits dans l'IEC 60118-4 et l'IEC 62489-1;
- à la fonction de génération acoustique d'un masqueur d'acouphène.

Le présent document ne traite pas des essais applicables aux rayonnements RF volontaires des appareils sans fil (par exemple, puissance de sortie rayonnée maximale, largeur de bande de modulation, etc.).

### **201.1.2 Objet**

*Remplacement:*

L'objet de la présente norme particulière est d'établir des exigences particulières pour la SECURITE DE BASE des APPAREILS DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE et des SYSTEMES DE CORRECTION AUDITIVE tels qu'ils sont définis en 201.3.202 et en 201.3.203.

### **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.

L'IEC 60601-1-3, l'IEC 60601-1-9 et l'IEC 60601-1-10 ne s'appliquent 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 pour l'APPAREIL EM particulier à l'étude, et elles peuvent ajouter d'autres exigences de SECURITE DE BASE et de PERFORMANCES ESSENTIELLES.

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

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

La numérotation des articles et des 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 à celle 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 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 précisées en utilisant les termes suivants:

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"Addition" signifie que le texte de la présente norme particulière vient s'ajouter 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 dans 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, en raison du fait que les définitions dans la norme générale sont numérotées de 3.1 à 3.147, les définitions complémentaires dans le présent document sont numérotées à partir de 201.3.201. Les annexes supplémentaires sont appelées AA, BB, etc., et les points 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 chiffre 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 se référer 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, bien que potentiellement non pertinent, s'applique sans modification; lorsqu'il est prévu 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*

IEC 60950-1:2005, *Matériels de traitement de l'information – Sécurité – Partie 1: Exigences générales*

IEC 60950-1:2005/AMD1:2009

IEC 60950-1:2005/AMD2:2013

*Addition:*

IEC 60118-0:2015, *Électroacoustique – Appareils de correction auditive – Partie 0: Mesure des caractéristiques fonctionnelles des appareils de correction auditive*

IEC 60118-13, *Électroacoustique – Appareils de correction auditive – Partie 13: Compatibilité électromagnétique (CEM)*

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

IEC 60601-1-11:2015, *Appareils électromédicaux – Partie 1-11: Exigences générales pour la sécurité de base et les performances essentielles – Norme Collatérale: Exigences pour les appareils électromédicaux et les systèmes électromédicaux utilisés dans l'environnement des soins à domicile*

IEC 62368-1:2018, *Équipements des technologies de l'audio/vidéo, de l'information et de la communication – Partie 1: Exigences de sécurité*