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Full information on the voting for its approval can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table. In ISO, the document was approved by XXX P members out of YYY having cast a vote.

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References to clauses within this document are preceded by the term "Clause" followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this document are by number only.

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– "should" means that compliance with a requirement or a test is recommended but is not mandatory for compliance with this document;
– "may" is used to describe a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test.

An asterisk (*) as the first character of a title or at the beginning of a paragraph or table title indicates that there is guidance or rationale related to that item in Annex AA.

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INTRODUCTION

IEC 80601-2-52[1][1] applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of MEDICAL BEDS for ADULTS, hence not covering requirement for beds for CHILDREN and ADULTS with atypical anatomy. This particular standard is based on EN 50637[2], which was created pursuant to Mandate M/467 Medical beds issued by the European Commission with the following background information:

It appears, from a first analysis undertaken by EU Competent Authorities, that the current set of standards is not adapted to the needs of CHILDREN or ADULTS with an atypical anatomy. IEC 80601-2-52 does not foresee a maximum distance for the bars that is small enough to prevent accidents.

According to the EU Competent Authorities' representatives, a part of the safety problem is due to the fact that MEDICAL BEDS for ADULTS are not appropriately labelled as being designed only for ADULTS with a normal anatomy. Users are therefore not always aware of the risk of MEDICAL BEDS for young PATIENTS or for ADULTS with an atypical anatomy. Hospital administrations do not always see a need to buy MEDICAL BEDS which are appropriate for CHILDREN or for ADULTS with an atypical anatomy. Therefore, clear labelling of the targeted PATIENT groups for MEDICAL BEDS complying with IEC 80601-2-52 could reduce the risk of inappropriate use of this kind of MEDICAL BEDS for CHILDREN or for ADULTS with an atypical anatomy.

EU Competent Authorities' representatives also stated that there is a need for the development of requirements for MEDICAL BEDS and COTS for CHILDREN and ADULTS with an atypical anatomy.

In order to prevent IEC 80601-2-52 from being extraordinarily complex to use, TC 62 decided to develop this particular standard rather than further amending IEC 80601-2-52 in relation to use for CHILDREN and ADULTS with an atypical anatomy.

This standard is based on EN 50637 and IEC 80601-2-52 with input from the following standards and reports:

- EN 716-1, *Furniture – V Children's cots and folding cots for domestic use – Part 1: Safety requirements*
- EN 716-2, *Furniture – Children's cots and folding cots for domestic use – Part 2: Test methods*
- EN 1130, *Furniture – Children's furniture – Cribs – Safety requirements and test methods*
- EN 747-1, *Furniture – Bunk beds and high beds – Part 1: Safety, strength and durability requirements*
- EN 747-2, *Furniture – Bunk beds and high beds – Part 2: Test methods*
- CEN/TR 13387 (all parts), *Child use and care articles – General safety guidelines*
- DIN 32623, *Hospital children's cots made from metal and plastic – Safety requirements and testing*
- *Nordic Requirements specification for Adjustable beds for disabled children*

[1] Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

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 International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of MEDICAL BEDS, hereafter referred to as MEDICAL BEDS as defined in 201.3.219, intended for CHILDREN as defined in 201.3.207, and ADULTS with atypical anatomy (ADULTS ranging outside the definition for ADULTS in 201.3.201).

This document applies to both electrical and non-electrical (manual) MEDICAL BEDS with or without adjustable functions. This document applies to MEDICAL BEDS with an INTERNAL LENGTH of up to 180 cm suitable to a body length of 155 cm.

NOTE 1 The limitation of 180 cm is in order to minimize the foreseeable misuse, of a parent sharing the bed with the CHILD or that the bed will be used by an ADULT.

If a MANUFACTURER wishes to make a MEDICAL BED that can be used by both a CHILD and an ADULT, e.g. INTERNAL LENGTH of 180 cm or more, then IEC 80601-2-52 and this document apply.

This document does not apply to:

- ADULT *only* MEDICAL BEDS covered by IEC 80601-2-52;
- SPECIALITY MATTRESS covered by the ISO 20342 series[5];
- incubators covered by IEC 60601-2-19;
- devices for which the INTENDED USE is mainly for examination or transportation under medical supervision (e.g. stretcher, examination table).

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to a MEDICAL BED 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 MEDICAL BEDS and to ME SYSTEMS, as relevant.

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of MEDICAL BEDS or ME SYSTEMS within the scope of this document are not covered by specific requirements in this document except in IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, 7.2.13 and 8.4.1.

NOTE 2 See also IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, 4.2.

NOTE 3 Whenever the term MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (MEE, ME Equipment) is used within the series of IEC 60601 standards, it refers to MEDICAL BEDS, both electrical and non-electrical.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this document is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements and test methods for MEDICAL BEDS as defined in 201.3.219 intended for CHILDREN as defined in 201.3.207 and ADULTS with atypical anatomy, i.e. ADULTS ranging outside the definition for ADULTS in 202.3.201.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

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

IEC 60601-1-3 and IEC 60601-1-10 do not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

NOTE Some IEC 60601-1-8 requirements can be excluded if they do not affect PATIENT safety, could lead to user confusion, or are inappropriate to MEDICAL BED usage.

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, including the collateral standards as appropriate for the particular ME EQUIPMENT under consideration, and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

Requirements of this document 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 Clause 1 of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020) 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 document addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-2:2015 collateral standard, 203.4 in this document addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-3:2008 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 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 document.

"*Addition*" means that the text of this document 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 document.

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.

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 document.

201.2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

NOTE Informative references are listed in the Bibliography.

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

Addition:

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment - Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*
IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012
IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020

ISO 48-5:2018, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic - Determination of hardness - Part 5: Indentation hardness by IRHD pocket meter method*

ISO 3746*, Acoustics - Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound pressure - Survey method using an enveloping measurement surface over a reflecting plane*

EN 71-3, *Safety of toys - Part 3: Migration of certain elements*

EN 597-1, *Furniture - Assessment of the ignitability of mattresses and upholstered bed bases - Part 1: Ignition source : Smouldering cigarette*

EN 597-2, *Furniture - Assessment of the ignitability of mattresses and upholstered bed bases - Part 2: Ignition source: Match flame equivalent*

EN 716-2, *Furniture - Children's cots and folding cots for domestic use - Part 2: Test methods*

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[4] EN 747-2, *Furniture - Bunk beds and high beds - Part 2: Test methods*

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[6] IEC 61032:1997, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures - Probes for verification*

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[17] IEC 60601-2-19, *Medical electrical equipment - Part 2-19: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of infant incubators*

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[18] IEC 60601-1 (all parts), *Medical electrical equipment - Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*

[19] EN 71-2, *Safety of toys - Part 2: Flammability*

[20] EN 716-1, *Furniture - Children's cots and folding cots for domestic use - Part 1: Safety requirements*

[21] ISO 9999:2022, *Assistive products - Classification and terminology*

[22] ISO 9614-1, *Acoustics - Determination of sound power levels of noise sources using sound intensity - Part 1: Measurement at discrete points*

[23] ISO 13857:2019, *Safety of machinery - Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs*

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