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INTERPRETATION SHEET 1

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Definition 201.3.214 (EFFECTIVE STIMULUS DURATION $t_{s,eff}$)

The definition is clarified by the following:

- It is important to consider that the magnetic field gradient displayed in Figure 201.101 can be realized by simultaneous activation of multiple GRADIENT UNITS.
- The concept of $t_{s,eff}$ applies both to cardiac stimulation and peripheral nerve stimulation.
- The appropriate timescale for evaluating the duration of monotonic increase or decrease of the GRADIENT OUTPUT is in the order of the chronaxie. When a discrete time-segment based approach is used for numerical evaluation, one or more discrete time segments deviating from monotonic increase or decrease will likely not reset $t_{s,eff}$ nor modify the likelihood of stimulation. Application of a filter as suggested in Annex AA (Formula AA.22) can prevent unintentional misinterpretation of monotonicity.

Definition 201.3.219 (HEAD SAR)

Note 1 to entry is clarified as follows:

Extent of the head as provided in the note to entry represents a common understanding of medical professionals. Variation in assessment volume for HEAD SAR is acceptable for use by the MR MANUFACTURER when implementing IEC 60601-2-33. For example, these volumes could be (tilted) axial demarcations of cervical vertebrae C3, C5, or C7.