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Part 2-46: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of operating tables

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- “may” is used to describe a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test.

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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 (third edition, 2005): ~~Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance~~ and its Amendment 1 (IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012), hereinafter referred to as the general standard.

The aim of this third edition is to bring this particular standard up to date with reference to the third edition of the general standard through reformatting and technical changes.

The requirements of this particular standard take priority over those of the general standard.

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 Standard.

MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

Part 2-46: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of operating tables

201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard¹⁾ applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This particular standard 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 4.2 of the General Standard.

This particular standard does not apply to

- dental PATIENT chairs;
- examination chairs and couches;
- PATIENT-supporting systems of diagnostic and therapeutic devices; (see IEC 60601-2-43)
- OPERATING TABLE heating blankets; (see IEC 80601-2-35)
- PATIENT transfer equipment;
- delivery tables and beds;
- medical beds; (see IEC 60601-2-52)
- field tables.

NOTE If OPERATING TABLES will be used in combination with diagnostic and/or therapeutic devices the relevant requirements of each related particular standard ~~have to be considered~~ 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 201.3.201 ~~and hereinafter also referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.~~

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

IEC 60601-1-2 and IEC 60601-1-3 apply as modified in Clauses 202 and 203 respectively. ~~IEC 60601-1-3~~, IEC 60601-1-8, 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:

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A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the general standard.

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 the general standard with the prefix “201” (e.g. 201.1 in this standard 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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201.2 Normative references

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*

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*
IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD1:2013²

Addition:

IEC 60601-2-2, *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*

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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*

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Le texte de cette norme est issu des documents suivants:

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62D/1365/FDIS	62D/1371/RVD

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- Exigences et définitions: caractères romains.
- *Modalités d'essais: caractères italiques.*
- Indications de nature informative apparaissant hors des tableaux, comme les notes, les exemples et les références: petits caractères romains. Le texte normatif à l'intérieur des tableaux est également en petits caractères.
- TERMES DEFINIS A L'ARTICLE 3 DE LA NORME GENERALE, DANS LA PRESENTE NORME PARTICULIERE OU COMME NOTES: PETITES MAJUSCULES.

Concernant la structure de la présente norme, le terme

- “article” désigne l'une des sections numérotées dans la table des matières, avec toutes ses subdivisions (par exemple, l'Article 7 inclut les paragraphes 7.1, 7.2, etc.);
- “paragraphe” désigne une subdivision numérotée d'un article (par exemple, 7.1, 7.2 et 7.2.1 sont tous des paragraphes appartenant à l'Article 7).

Dans la présente norme, les références à des articles sont précédées du mot “Article” suivi du numéro de l'article concerné. Dans la présente norme particulière, les références aux paragraphes utilisent uniquement le numéro du paragraphe concerné.

Dans la présente norme, la conjonction "ou" est utilisée avec la valeur d'un "ou inclusif", ainsi un énoncé est vrai si une combinaison des conditions quelle qu'elle soit est vraie.

Les formes verbales utilisées dans la présente norme sont conformes à l'usage donné à l'Annexe H des Directives ISO/IEC, Partie 2. Pour les besoins de la présente norme:

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- amendée.

INTRODUCTION

La présente norme particulière concerne la SECURITE DE BASE et les PERFORMANCES ESSENTIELLES des TABLES D'OPERATION. Elle modifie et complète l'IEC 60601-1 (troisième édition, 2005) et son Amendement 1 (IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012), appelée norme générale dans la suite du texte.

L'objectif de cette troisième édition est de mettre à jour la présente norme particulière par rapport à la troisième édition de la norme générale par une remise en forme et l'introduction de modifications techniques.

Les exigences de la présente norme particulière prévalent sur celles de la norme générale.

Des lignes directrices et les justifications relatives aux exigences les plus importantes de la présente norme particulière sont fournies dans l'Annexe AA. On considère que la connaissance des raisons qui ont conduit à énoncer ces exigences non seulement facilitera l'application correcte de la norme, mais accélérera 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 de la présente norme.

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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'Article 1 de la norme générale¹⁾ s'applique, à l'exception de ce qui suit:

201.1.1 Domaine d'application

Remplacement:

La présente norme particulière spécifie les exigences de sécurité applicables aux TABLES D'OPERATION, 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'OPERATION vers ou depuis la base ou le socle d'une TABLE D'OPERATION à plateau mobile.

NOTE Voir également 4.2 de la norme générale.

La présente norme particulière ne concerne pas

- les fauteuils dentaires pour PATIENTS;
- les fauteuils et lits d'examen;
- les systèmes de support du PATIENT des appareils de diagnostic et de thérapie; (voir l'IEC 60601-2-43)
- les couvertures chauffantes des TABLES D'OPERATION; (voir l'IEC 80601-2-35)
- les dispositifs de transfert des PATIENTS;
- les tables et lits d'accouchement;
- les lits médicaux; (voir l'IEC 60601-2-52)
- les tables d'opération de campagne.

Si les TABLES D'OPERATION sont destinées à être utilisées en combinaison avec des appareils de diagnostic et/ou de thérapie, les exigences applicables de chaque norme particulière correspondante sont également applicables.

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 applicables aux TABLES D'OPERATION, telles que définies en 201.3.201.

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

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 60601-1-2 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 60601-1-10, 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 la norme générale et dans les normes collatérales en fonction de ce qui est approprié à l'APPAREIL EM considéré, 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, l'IEC 60601-1 est désignée dans la présente norme particulière, par le terme "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 la présente norme aborde le contenu de l'Article 1 de la norme générale) ou de la norme collatérale applicable avec le préfixe "20x", où x est (sont) le (les) dernier(s) chiffre(s) 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 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 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 par le texte de la présente norme particulière.

Les paragraphes, figures ou 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 3.1 à 3.147, les définitions complémentaires dans la présente norme sont numérotées à partir de 201.3.201. Les annexes complémentaires sont notées AA, BB, etc., et les alinéas complémentaires aa), bb), etc.

Les paragraphes, figures ou 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 "la présente norme" 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, bien qu'il puisse 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 potentiellement pertinente, ne s'applique pas, cela est expressément mentionné dans la présente norme particulière.

201.2 Références normatives

L'Article 2 de la norme générale s'applique, à l'exception de ce qui suit:

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 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*
IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD1:2013²

Addition:

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

² Il existe une édition consolidée 2.1 qui comprend l'IEC 60601-1-3:2008 et son Amendement 1 (2013).