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**MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –****Part 2-49: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of multifunction patient monitors**

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## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 2-49: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of multifunction patient monitors

#### 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 the 80601 International Standard applies to BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements of MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS as defined in 201.3.201, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. This particular standard applies to MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS intended for use in professional healthcare facilities as well as in the EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ENVIRONMENT or the HOME HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT.

The scope of this document is restricted to ME EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS intended for connection to a single PATIENT that has two or more PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNITS.

NOTE For purposes of this document, a pregnant mother and her fetus(es) are considered a single PATIENT.

This document does not specify requirements for individual PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNITS such as ECG, invasive pressure and pulse oximetry. The particular standards related to these PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNITS specify requirements from the perspective of stand-alone ME EQUIPMENT. This particular standard addresses the additional requirements related to MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS. MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS can be integrated into other ME EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. When this is the case, other relevant standards also apply.

EXAMPLE 1 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into a critical care ventilator where ISO 80601-2-12 also applies.

EXAMPLE 2 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into a homecare ventilator for dependent PATIENT where ISO 80601-2-72 also applies.

EXAMPLE 3 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into anesthetic workstation where ISO 80601-2-13 also applies.

EXAMPLE 4 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into haemodialysis equipment, IEC 60601-2-16 also applies.

This document does not apply to implantable parts of MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS.

##### 201.1.2 Object

###### *Replacement:*

The object of this particular standard is to establish BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS as defined in 201.3.201.

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<sup>1</sup> The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*.



### 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 60601-1-2:2014 and IEC 60601-1-2:2014/AMD1:2020, IEC 60601-1-6:2010, IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD1:2013 and IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD2:2020, as well as IEC 60601-1-8:2006, IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD2:2020 apply as modified in Clauses 202, 206 and 208 respectively. IEC 60601-1-3 and IEC 60601-1-9 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 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS 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 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are 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, 208.6 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 6 of the IEC 60601-1-8 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.

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 beginning on page 38.

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 60601-1-2:2014/AMD1:2020

IEC 60601-1-6:2010, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-6: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Usability*

IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD1:2013

IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD2:2020

IEC 60601-1-8:2006, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-8: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: General requirements, tests and guidance for alarm systems in medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems*

IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD1:2012

IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD2:2020

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999

IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013

### *Addition:*

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

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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 60601-1-11:2015/AMD1:2020

IEC 60601-1-12:2014, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-12: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems intended for use in the emergency medical services environment*

IEC 60601-1-12:2014/AMD1:2020

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 60601-2-27:2011, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-27, Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of electrocardiographic monitoring equipment*

IEC 60601-2-34:2011, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-34, Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of invasive blood pressure monitoring equipment*

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## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 2-49: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of multifunction patient monitors

#### 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 the 80601 International Standard applies to BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements of MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS as defined in 201.3.201, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. This particular standard applies to MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS intended for use in professional healthcare facilities as well as in the EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ENVIRONMENT or the HOME HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT.

The scope of this document is restricted to ME EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS intended for connection to a single PATIENT that has two or more PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNITS.

NOTE For purposes of this document, a pregnant mother and her fetus(es) are considered a single PATIENT.

This document does not specify requirements for individual PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNITS such as ECG, invasive pressure and pulse oximetry. The particular standards related to these PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNITS specify requirements from the perspective of stand-alone ME EQUIPMENT. This particular standard addresses the additional requirements related to MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS. MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS can be integrated into other ME EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. When this is the case, other relevant standards also apply.

EXAMPLE 1 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into a critical care ventilator where ISO 80601-2-12 also applies.

EXAMPLE 2 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into a homecare ventilator for dependent PATIENT where ISO 80601-2-72 also applies.

EXAMPLE 3 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into anesthetic workstation where ISO 80601-2-13 also applies.

EXAMPLE 4 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into haemodialysis equipment, IEC 60601-2-16 also applies.

This document does not apply to implantable parts of MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS.

##### 201.1.2 Object

###### *Replacement:*

The object of this particular standard is to establish BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS as defined in 201.3.201.

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<sup>1</sup> The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*.

### 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 60601-1-2:2014 and IEC 60601-1-2:2014/AMD1:2020, IEC 60601-1-6:2010, IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD1:2013 and IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD2:2020, as well as IEC 60601-1-8:2006, IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD2:2020 apply as modified in Clauses 202, 206 and 208 respectively. IEC 60601-1-3 and IEC 60601-1-9 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 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS 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 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 are 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, 208.6 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 6 of the IEC 60601-1-8 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 3.154, 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, 208 for IEC 60601-1-8, 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 beginning on page 36.

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 60601-1-2:2014/AMD1:2020

IEC 60601-1-6:2010, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-6: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Usability*  
IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD1:2013  
IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD2:2020

IEC 60601-1-8:2006, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-8: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: General requirements, tests and guidance for alarm systems in medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems*  
IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD1:2012  
IEC 60601-1-8:2006/AMD2:2020

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*  
IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999  
IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013

### *Addition:*

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

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 60601-1-11:2015/AMD1:2020

IEC 60601-1-12:2014, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-12: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems intended for use in the emergency medical services environment*  
IEC 60601-1-12:2014/AMD1:2020

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 60601-2-27:2011, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-27, Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of electrocardiographic monitoring equipment*

IEC 60601-2-34:2011, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-34, Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of invasive blood pressure monitoring equipment*