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**MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –****Part 2-22: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of surgical, cosmetic, therapeutic and diagnostic laser equipment**

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**The technical content is therefore identical to the base edition and its amendment and has been prepared for user convenience. A vertical line in the margin shows where the base publication has been modified by amendment 1. Additions and deletions are displayed in red, with deletions being struck through.**

International standard IEC 60601-2-22 has been prepared by IEC subcommittee 76: Optical radiation safety and laser equipment.

This third edition takes account of the recently published new editions of the General Standard IEC 60601-1 and Group safety publication IEC 60825-1. Additionally, it addresses technical and safety issues which have arisen in the time following the previous second edition.

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- TERMS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 3 OF THE GENERAL STANDARD, IN THIS PARTICULAR STANDARD OR AS NOTED: SMALL CAPITALS.

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## INTRODUCTION

This particular standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1 (third edition, 2005: *Medical Electrical Equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*).

This standard also refers to IEC 60825-1 (2007).

The requirements of this standard are the minimum that need to be complied with, in order to achieve a reasonable level of safety and reliability during operation and application of medical laser equipment.

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## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 2-22: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of surgical, cosmetic, therapeutic and diagnostic laser equipment

#### 201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the General Standard applies, except as follows:

##### 201.1.1 Scope

*Replacement:*

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of laser equipment for either surgical, therapeutic, medical diagnostic, cosmetic, or veterinary applications, intended for its use on humans or animals, classified as a CLASS 3B or CLASS 4 LASER PRODUCT as defined by 3.22 and 3.23 in IEC 60825-1, hereafter referred to as LASER EQUIPMENT.

Throughout this International Standard, light emitting diodes (LED) are included whenever the word “laser” is used.

NOTE 1 Refer to Definition 3.49 in IEC 60825-1.

NOTE 2 Laser products for these applications classified as a CLASS 1, 1M, 2, 2M or CLASS 3R LASER PRODUCT, are covered by IEC 60825-1 and IEC 60601-1.

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

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEMS within the scope of this standard are not covered by specific requirements in this standard except in 7.2.13 and 8.4.1 of the General Standard.

NOTE See also 4.2 of the General Standard.

This standard can also be applied to surgical, cosmetic, therapeutic and diagnostic laser equipment used for compensation or alleviation of disease, injury or disability.

##### 201.1.2 Object

*Replacement:*

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for the safety of surgical, cosmetic, therapeutic and diagnostic laser equipment.

NOTE Laser classification (IEC 60825-1) must not be confused with electrical classification (IEC 60601-1).