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Partie 2-54: Exigences particulières pour la sécurité de base et les performances
essentielles des appareils à rayonnement X utilisés pour la radiographie et la
radioscopie**



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References to clauses within this standard are preceded by the term “Clause” followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this particular standard are by number only.

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- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

This particular standard has been prepared to provide, based on IEC 60601-1:2005 (third edition) and its collaterals, a complete set of safety requirements for ME EQUIPMENT for RADIOGRAPHY and RADIOSCOPY. While the previously existing standards for such equipment were dedicated to components and subsystems, this particular standard addresses the system level of X-RAY EQUIPMENT, which consists of a combination of an X-RAY GENERATOR, ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT and ACCESSORIES. Component functions are addressed as far as necessary.

The minimum safety requirements specified in this particular standard are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of ME EQUIPMENT for RADIOGRAPHY and RADIOSCOPY. Requirements for additional provisions for ME EQUIPMENT for interventional applications are covered by IEC 60601-2-43.

INTRODUCTION TO AMENDMENT 1

The purpose of this first amendment to IEC 60601-2-54:2009 is to introduce changes to reference the first amendment (2012) to IEC 60601-1:2005. As neither IEC 60601-2-54:2009 nor this amendment refers to specific elements of IEC 60601-1-2, the introduction of a dated reference to the latter document has been removed. In addition, a number of technical errors have been corrected.

INTRODUCTION TO AMENDMENT 2

The purpose of this second amendment to IEC 60601-2-54:2009 is to introduce changes which take the current state of the art into account. Therefore, X-RAY EQUIPMENT specified for DIRECT RADIOSCOPY is no longer in the scope of this document. The normative references were also updated in this amendment, and editorial clarifications and new terms and definitions were added. Provisions for QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES to be recommended by the MANUFACTURER are emphasized. Specific attention is paid to EXAMINATION PROTOCOLS in a new subclause which differentiate between adult and paediatric applications, in particular for X-RAY EQUIPMENT without an AUTOMATIC CONTROL SYSTEM. In addition, fixed periods for termination of LOADING after release of the RADIATION control by the OPERATOR are stipulated for RADIOSCOPY.

A new subclause on electronic documentation of EXAMINATION PROTOCOLS is introduced. It recommends providing access to electronic documentation containing relevant parameters of the PRE-PROGRAMMED EXAMINATION PROTOCOL. In another new subclause, the creation of basic documentation of the RADIATION DOSE STRUCTURED REPORT (RDSR) according to IEC 61910-1 is recommended. Furthermore, the subclause describing the LAST IMAGE HOLD RADIOGRAM has been revised and requires that the last image in RADIOSCOPY be displayed rather than provide just a means to display it.

This amendment recommends providing a graphical DISPLAY of the position of the BEAM LIMITING DEVICE blades on the IMAGE DISPLAY DEVICE in the subclause "Indication on the X-RAY EQUIPMENT".

Finally, the requirement for providing means to limit the FOCAL SPOT TO SKIN DISTANCES for radioscopy X-RAY EQUIPMENT differentiates between MOBILE and FIXED EQUIPMENT and extends, in the latter case, the minimum distance in possible clinical applications.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

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

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS intended to be used for projection RADIOGRAPHY and INDIRECT RADIOSCOPY. IEC 60601-2-43 applies to ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS intended to be used for interventional applications and refers to applicable requirements in this particular standard.

ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS intended to be used for bone or tissue absorption densitometry, computed tomography, mammography or dental or radiotherapy applications are excluded from the scope of this International Standard. The scope of this International Standard also excludes radiotherapy simulators.

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.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS for RADIOGRAPHY and RADIOSCOPY.

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 and IEC 60601-1-3 apply as modified in Clauses 202 and 203 respectively. IEC 60601-1-8, IEC 60601-1-9, 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.

NOTE OPERATORS of X-RAY EQUIPMENT are used to audible signals as required in this particular standard rather than to the concepts of IEC 60601-1-8. Therefore IEC 60601-1-8 does not apply.

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