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- a) modification of the RADIATION protection and control;
- b) modification of the acceptance testing;
- c) introduction of constancy testing.

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## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61223 gives methods for acceptance testing and constancy testing for medical diagnostic CT equipment.

The complete set of ACCEPTANCE TESTS is to be carried out after new equipment has been installed, or a subset of the tests is to be carried out after each MAJOR SERVICE ACTION that is made to existing equipment. This is done in order to facilitate verification of applicable safety and performance standards, regulations, and published and/or contractual specifications that influence the image quality, RADIATION OUTPUT and PATIENT positioning.

To maintain the homogeneity of this document with the other IEC standards addressing CT SCANNERS, the measuring methods and the terminology are taken as applicable from the CT safety standard IEC 60601-2-44:2009, IEC 60601-2-44:2009/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-2-44:2009/AMD2:2016.

Some provisions or statements in this document require additional information, which is presented in the annexes.

IEC 61223-3-5 is referenced by IEC 60601-2-44:2009 and IEC 60601-2-44:2009/AMD1:2012 using an undated reference. This can suggest the reference to change from IEC 61223-3-5:2004 to IEC 61223-3-5:2019 with the date of its publication. However, the IEC technical subcommittee 62B who prepared both standards does not intend this immediate change of reference. The IEC technical subcommittee 62B clearly recommends in the foreword of both standards the necessity for MANUFACTURERS and testing organizations for a transitional period to make products in accordance with the new requirements and to equip themselves for conducting new or revised tests. Therefore, the reference in IEC 60601-2-44 has to be seen as a dated reference towards IEC 61223-3-5:2004, for a transitional period of not less than 3 years from the date of publication of this document. The IEC technical subcommittee 62B intends to clarify this undated reference with the preparation of a new version 4 of IEC 60601-2-44.

## EVALUATION AND ROUTINE TESTING IN MEDICAL IMAGING DEPARTMENTS –

### Part 3-5: Acceptance and Constancy tests – Imaging performance of computed tomography X-ray equipment

#### 1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 61223 applies to CT SCANNERS that conform to IEC 60601-2-44:2009, IEC 60601-2-44:2009/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-2-44:2009/AMD2:2016.

IEC 60601-2-44 and this document

- defines the essential parameters which describe the performance of CT SCANNERS with regard to image quality, RADIATION OUTPUT and PATIENT positioning; the list of parameters to be tested can be found in 4.3,
- defines the methods of testing the essential parameters, and
- evaluates compliance with the tolerances of the parameters SPECIFIED by the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS.

The methods defined in IEC 60601-2-44 and this document rely on non-invasive measurements, using appropriate test equipment, performed during or after installation. Signed statements covering steps in the installation procedure can be used as part of the ACCEPTANCE TEST report.

This document applies to ACCEPTANCE TESTS and CONSTANCY TESTS on a CT SCANNER. The aim of the ACCEPTANCE TESTS is to verify compliance of the installation or MAJOR SERVICE ACTION with specifications affecting the image quality, RADIATION OUTPUT and PATIENT positioning. The CONSTANCY TESTS are performed to ensure that the functional performance of EQUIPMENT meets ESTABLISHED CRITERIA and to enable the early recognition of changes in the properties of components of the EQUIPMENT, and to verify compliance with specifications affecting the image quality, RADIATION OUTPUT and PATIENT positioning.

This document also contains requirements associated with ACCEPTANCE TEST and CONSTANCY TEST for the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS of the CT SCANNER.

This document does not apply to

- aspects of mechanical and electrical safety, and
- aspects of mechanical, electrical and software performance, unless they are essential for performing the ACCEPTANCE TESTS and CONSTANCY TESTS, and are directly affecting image quality, RADIATION OUTPUT and PATIENT positioning.

NOTE 1 If a user of this document wishes to apply this document to CT SCANNERS that were designed to comply with editions of IEC 60601-2-44:2009 and earlier, understanding and adjustment for the different definitions that have been used for  $CTDI_{vol}$  is critical. Additionally, the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS for CT scanners that were designed and manufactured to these older editions can be referenced to obtain applicable specifications.

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