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Part 2-1: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of electron accelerators in the range 1 MeV to 50 MeV

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INTRODUCTION

The use of ELECTRON ACCELERATORS for RADIOTHERAPY purposes may expose PATIENTS to danger if the ME EQUIPMENT fails to deliver the required dose distribution to the PATIENT, or if the ME EQUIPMENT design fails to meet the requirements of BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE. The ME EQUIPMENT may also cause danger to persons in the vicinity if the ME EQUIPMENT itself fails to contain the RADIATION adequately or if there are inadequacies in the design of the TREATMENT ROOM.

This particular standard establishes requirements to be complied with by MANUFACTURERS in the design and construction of ELECTRON ACCELERATORS for use in RADIOTHERAPY; it does not attempt to define their optimum performance requirements. Its purpose is to identify those features of design that are regarded, at the present time, as essential for the safe operation of such ME EQUIPMENT. It places limits on the degradation of ME EQUIPMENT performance beyond which it can be presumed that a fault condition exists and where an INTERLOCK then operates to prevent continued operation of the ME EQUIPMENT.

Clauses 201.10, 201.103, 201.104, 201.105 and 201.108 contain limits beyond which INTERLOCKS prevent, INTERRUPT or TERMINATE IRRADIATION in order to insure ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE is maintained to avoid an unsafe condition. In this document, the information in Clause 201.10 has either been reorganized or moved to other clauses in order to better reflect current usage and broaden the applicability of certain clauses to always apply to the ME EQUIPMENT when IRRADIATION is being produced and not just when a PATIENT is being treated. Annex AA provides a table showing the relationship between the clauses in IEC 60601-2-1:2009 and IEC 60601-2-1:2009/AMD1:2014 and the clauses in this document.

TYPE TESTS that are performed by the MANUFACTURER, or SITE TESTS, which are not necessarily performed by the MANUFACTURER, are SPECIFIED for each requirement. It is understood that SITE TESTS may or may not be required of the MANUFACTURER, per the agreement between the MANUFACTURER and RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION.

Given that before installation a MANUFACTURER cannot provide SITE TEST data, data obtained from SITE TESTS should be incorporated in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION, in the form of a SITE TEST report, by those who test the ME EQUIPMENT at installation.

IEC 60601-2-1 was first published in 1981. It was amended in 1984 and 1990. A second edition was published in 1998 and amended in 2002. The third edition was prompted by the need to align IEC 60601-2-1 with the third edition of the general standard, IEC 60601-1:2005, and was amended in 2014. This fourth edition is prompted by the need to update IEC 60601-2-1 for the technology that is in current use as well as to bring it into alignment with IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-2-1/AMD1:2012. This prompted the relabelling and organization of Clause 201.10 as well as the addition of Clauses 201.102 through 201.109.

IEC 60976:2007 and IEC TR 60977:2008 are closely related to the third edition of this document. The former specifies test methods and reporting formats for performance tests of ELECTRON ACCELERATORS for use in RADIOTHERAPY with the aim of providing uniform methods for conducting such tests. The latter is not a performance standard but suggests performance values, measured per the methods specified in IEC 60976, that could be achievable with technology available at the time of publication. Until IEC 60976:2007 and IEC TR 60977:2008 are updated to match this document, it is suggested that MANUFACTURERS replace the word "ISOCENTRE" with "EQUIPMENT REFERENCE POINT" when reading the test methods.

When a stated requirement does not apply to a given piece of equipment because the function involved does not exist on that equipment, compliance with that requirement is not necessary. However, when that stated requirement addresses a RISK that could be caused by a substantially similar function of the equipment, the MANUFACTURER needs to address the RISK caused by that similar function in the RISK MANAGEMENT FILE.

MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

Part 2-1: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of electron accelerators in the range 1 MeV to 50 MeV

201.1 Scope, object and related standards

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

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This part of IEC 60601 applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ELECTRON ACCELERATORS, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT, in the range 1 MeV to 50 MeV, used for TREATMENT of PATIENTS.

NOTE 1 While ELECTRON ACCELERATORS used for TREATMENT of PATIENTS are always ME EQUIPMENT, there are times in this document where they are referred to as EXTERNAL BEAM EQUIPMENT (EBE). Usage of EBE does not remove the requirements placed on the ME EQUIPMENT but is meant to clarify that the ME EQUIPMENT being discussed is the EBE and not some other ME EQUIPMENT that may be part of the system configuration.

This particular standard, with the inclusion of TYPE TESTS and SITE TESTS, applies to the manufacture and some installation aspects of ELECTRON ACCELERATORS and their included equipment used to increase the precision, accuracy and volumetric targeting of the TREATMENT delivery

- intended for RADIOTHERAPY in medical practice, including those in which the selection and DISPLAY of TREATMENT PARAMETERS can be controlled automatically by PROGRAMMABLE ELECTRONIC SUBSYSTEMS (PESS),
- that, under NORMAL CONDITIONS and in NORMAL USE, deliver a RADIATION BEAM of X-RADIATION or ELECTRON RADIATION having
 - NOMINAL ENERGY in the range 1 MeV to 50 MeV,
 - maximum ABSORBED DOSE RATES between $0,001 \text{ Gy} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ and $1 \text{ Gy} \times \text{s}^{-1}$ at the ERP from the RADIATION SOURCE, and
 - REFERENCE TREATMENT DISTANCES (RTDs) between 0,5 m and 2 m from the RADIATION SOURCE;

and

- intended to be
 - for NORMAL USE, operated under the authority of the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION by QUALIFIED PERSONS appropriately licensed or having the required skills for a particular medical application, for particular SPECIFIED clinical purposes,
 - maintained in accordance with the recommendations given in the INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE, and
 - subject to regular QUALITY ASSURANCE performance and calibration checks by a QUALIFIED PERSON.

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*.

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