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Foreword

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This European Standard applies to clinical thermometers which are used for measuring the body temperature of humans.

EN 12470 consists of the following Parts under the general title "Clinical thermometers":

Part 1: Metallic liquid-in-glass thermometers with maximum device

Part 2: Phase change-type (dot matrix) thermometers

Part 3: Performance of compact electrical thermometers (non-predictive and predictive) with maximum device

Part 4: Performance of electrical thermometers for continuous measurement

Part 5: Performance of infra-red ear thermometers (with maximum device)

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1 Scope

This Part of EN 12470 specifies the metrological and technical requirements for clinical infra-red (IR) ear thermometers with maximum device for intermittent determination of human body temperature.

This European Standard applies to devices that when taking temperatures are powered by a power supply either internal or by mains and that provide an indication of the subject's body temperature through measurement of thermal radiation from all or part of the ear canal.

NOTE Devices designed to measure tympanic membrane temperature only are also covered by this standard.

2 Normative References

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text, and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies (including amendments).

EN 980, *Graphical symbols for use in the labeling of medical devices.*

EN 1041, *Information supplied by the manufacturer with medical devices.*

EN 60601-1, *Medical electrical equipment - Part 1: General requirements for safety (IEC: 60601-1:1988).*

EN 60601-1-2, *Medical electrical equipment - Part 1-2: General requirements for safety - Collateral standard - Electromagnetic compatibility - Requirements and tests (IEC 60601-1-2:2001).*

ISO 2859-2:1985, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes - Part 2: Sampling plans indexed by limiting quality (LQ) for isolated lot inspection.*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

ambient operating range

ambient temperature and humidity which allows correct operation of an IR ear thermometer

3.2

black body

reference source of infra-red radiation made in the shape of a cavity and characterized by precisely known temperature of the cavity walls and having effective emissivity at the cavity opening sufficiently near to one

3.3

body temperature

temperature measured at a human body site, e.g. pulmonary artery, distal oesophagus, urinary bladder, ear canal, oral, rectal or axillary

3.4

clinical accuracy

ability of an IR ear thermometer to give a reading close to the temperature of the site that it purports to represent as measured by the reference thermometer

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