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IEC 60068-2-31	2008	Environmental testing - Part 2-31: Tests - Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment-type specimens	EN 60068-2-31	2008
IEC 60068-2-64	2008	Environmental testing - Part 2-64: Tests - Test Fh: Vibration, broadband random and guidance	EN 60068-2-64	2008
IEC 60529	1989	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	EN 60529	1991
-	-		+ corrigendum May	1993
+ A1	1999		+ A1	2000
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-	-		+ corrigendum Mar.	2010
+ A1	2012		+ A1	2013
-	-		+ A1/AC	2014
IEC 60601-1-2	2014	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance - Collateral standard: Electromagnetic disturbances - Requirements and tests	EN 60601-1-2	2014
IEC 60601-1-6	2010	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1-6: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance - Collateral standard: Usability	EN 60601-1-6	2010
+ A1	2013		+ A1	2015
IEC 60601-1-8	2006	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1-8: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance - Collateral Standard: General requirements, tests and guidance for alarm systems in medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems	EN 60601-1-8	2007
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ISO 7000	2014	Graphical symbols for use on equipment - Registered symbols	-	-
ISO 7010	2011	Graphical symbols - Safety colours and safety signs - Registered safety signs	EN ISO 7010	2012
+ A1	2012		+ A1	2014
+ A2	2012		+ A2	2014
+ A3	2012		+ A3	2014
+ A4	2013		+ A4	2014
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ISO 15223-1	2012	Medical devices - Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied - Part 1: General requirements	EN ISO 15223-1	2012

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### MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

#### **Part 1-12: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems intended for use in the emergency medical services environment**

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## INTRODUCTION

Medical practice is increasingly using MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS for monitoring, treatment or diagnosis of PATIENTS in the EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENVIRONMENT (see 3.1). The safety of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT in this uncontrolled, rough environment is a cause for concern.

This collateral standard was developed with contributions from clinicians, engineers and regulators. The terminology, requirements, general recommendations and guidance of this collateral standard are intended to be useful for MANUFACTURERS of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS and for technical committees responsible for the development of particular standards.

## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 1-12: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for medical electrical equipment and medical electrical systems intended for use in the emergency medical services environment

## 1 Scope, object and related standards

### 1.1 \* Scope

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS, which are intended, as indicated in the instructions for use by their MANUFACTURER, for use in the EMS ENVIRONMENT (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ENVIRONMENT), as defined in 3.1.

NOTE 1 For the purposes of this standard, the intent of the MANUFACTURER is indicated in the instructions for use. The RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION and the OPERATOR need to be aware that any other use outside the MANUFACTURER'S INTENDED USE can result in a HAZARDOUS SITUATION for the PATIENT.

The EMS ENVIRONMENT includes

- responding to and providing life support at the scene of an emergency to a PATIENT reported as experiencing injury or illness in a pre-hospital setting, and transporting the PATIENT, while continuing such life support care, to an appropriate professional healthcare facility for further care.
- providing monitoring, treatment or diagnosis during transport between professional healthcare facilities.

This International Standard does not apply to ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS intended solely for use in the HOME HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT covered by IEC 60601-1-11 or solely for use in professional healthcare facilities covered by IEC 60601-1 without the additions of IEC 60601-1-11 or this collateral standard. ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS are often not solely intended for one environment. Such ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEM can be intended for multiple use environments, and as such, if also intended for use in the EMS ENVIRONMENT, are within the scope of this standard.

EXAMPLE ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEM intended for both the EMS ENVIRONMENT and the professional healthcare facility environment.

NOTE 2 EMS ENVIRONMENT ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS can be used in locations with unreliable electrical sources and outdoor environmental conditions.

### 1.2 \* Object

The object of this collateral standard is to provide general requirements for ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS carried to the scene of an emergency and used there, as well as in transport, in situations where the ambient conditions differ from indoor conditions.

The object of this collateral standard is to specify general requirements that are in addition to those of the general standard and to serve as the basis for particular standards.

### 1.3 Related standards

#### 1.3.1 IEC 60601-1

For ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS, this collateral standard complements IEC 60601-1, hereafter referred to as the general standard.

When referring to IEC 60601-1 or to this collateral standard, either individually or in combination, the following conventions are used:

- "the general standard" designates IEC 60601-1 alone;
- "this collateral standard" designates IEC 60601-1-12 alone;
- "this standard" designates the combination of the general standard and this collateral standard.

#### 1.3.2 Particular standards

A requirement in a particular standard takes priority over the corresponding requirement in this collateral standard.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

NOTE 1 The way in which these referenced documents are cited in normative requirements determines the extent (in whole or in part) to which they apply.

NOTE 2 Informative references are listed in the bibliography on page 46.

IEC 60068-2-27:2008, *Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60068-2-31:2008, *Environmental testing – Part 2-31: Tests – Test Ec: Rough handling shocks, primarily for equipment-type specimens*

IEC 60068-2-64:2008, *Environmental testing – Part 2-64: Tests – Test Fh: Vibration, broadband random and guidance*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*  
IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999<sup>1</sup>

IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*  
IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012<sup>2</sup>

IEC 60601-1-2:2014, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Electromagnetic disturbances – Requirements and tests*

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<sup>1</sup> There exists a consolidated edition 2.1(2001) including IEC 60529:1989 and its Amendment 1:1999.

<sup>2</sup> There exists a consolidated edition 3.1(2012) including IEC 60601-1:2005 and its Amendment 1:2012.

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