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IEC 60601-1-3	2008	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1-3: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance - Collateral Standard: Radiation protection in diagnostic X-ray equipment	EN 60601-1-3 + corr. March	2008 2010
IEC 60601-1-6	2010	Medical electrical equipment -	EN 60601-1-6	2010
+A1	2013	Part 1-6: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance - Collateral standard: Usability	+A1	2015

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IEC 60601-1	2005	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance	EN 60601-1 + corr. March	2006 2010
+A1	2012		+ A1	2013
			+ A1/AC	2014
			+A12	2014
IEC 60601-2-1	2009	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	-	-
IEC 60601-2-4	2010	Medical electrical equipment - Part 2-4: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of cardiac defibrillators	EN 60601-2-4	2011
IEC 60601-2-44	2009	Medical electrical equipment -	EN 60601-2-44	2009
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IEC 60731	2011	Medical electrical equipment - Dosimeters with ionization chambers as used in radiotherapy	EN 60731	2012
IEC/TR 60788	2004	Medical electrical equipment - Glossary of defined terms	-	-
IEC 60976	2007	Medical electrical equipment - Medical electron accelerators - Functional performance characteristics	EN 60976	2007
IEC 61217	2011	Radiotherapy equipment - Coordinates, movements and scales	EN 61217	2012
IEC 61223-3-5	2004	Evaluation and routine testing in medical imaging departments - Part 3-5: Acceptance tests - Imaging performance of computed tomography X-ray equipment	EN 61223-3-5	2004
IEC 61262-7	1995	Medical electrical equipment - Characteristics of electro-optical X-ray image intensifiers - Part 7: Determination of the modulation transfer function	EN 61262-7	1995
IEC 62083	2009	Medical electrical equipment - Requirements for the safety of radiotherapy treatment planning systems	EN 62083	2009
IEC 62274	2005	Medical electrical equipment - Safety of radiotherapy record and verify systems	EN 62274	2005
IEC 62366	2007	Medical devices - Application of usability engineering to medical devices	-	-
IEC 62396-1	2012	Process management for avionics - Atmospheric radiation effects - Part 1: Accommodation of atmospheric radiation effects via single event effects within avionics electronic equipment	-	-
IEC 62563-1	2009	Medical electrical equipment - Medical image display systems - Part 1: Evaluation methods	EN 62563-1	2010

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## INTRODUCTION

Modern RADIOTHERAPY practices utilize information from various imaging modalities, acquired prior to initiating administration of the therapy, to plan the treatment. The imaging provides information about the location of the TARGET VOLUME and other anatomical features so that a treatment plan can be developed that provides an optimal dose distribution to have the best chance of achieving the intended effect of treatment while minimizing side effects.

However, difficulties arise when trying to administer the RADIATION, since TARGET VOLUMES/critical structures are constantly moving within the body. For example, in parts of the body moving with respiration, the TARGET VOLUMES/critical structures may change position or shape during the RADIATION BEAM delivery throughout any given fraction. Furthermore, a course of therapy may extend over many days, during which the TARGET VOLUME/PATIENT may shrink or grow and/or move. Hence, the exact location of the TARGET VOLUME/critical structures may change between the time of treatment planning imaging and the actual administration of a treatment.

IMAGE-GUIDED RADIOTHERAPY (IGRT) combines planar or volumetric imaging during the course of RADIOTHERAPY in order to adjust the treatment delivery based on the PATIENT anatomy and PATIENT position. This enables the OPERATOR and/or EXTERNAL BEAM EQUIPMENT (EBE) to adjust the RADIATION BEAM delivery based on the imaging information, such as the position of the TARGET VOLUME, critical organs and/or other reference features, to compensate for anatomical changes including internal organ motions and/or treatment setup uncertainties. The increased accuracy and precision achieved allows higher doses of RADIATION to be delivered to the TARGET VOLUME and a reduction in the margin of healthy cells affected by the RADIATION. This is often used in conjunction with other monitoring equipment.

This particular standard establishes requirements to be complied with by MANUFACTURERS in the design and construction of X-RAY IGRT EQUIPMENT (X-IGRT).

This particular standard covers safety aspects of kilovoltage (kV) and megavoltage (MV) X-ray imaging devices in a known geometrical relationship with an EXTERNAL BEAM EQUIPMENT such as an ELECTRON ACCELERATOR, medical light ion beam equipment or RADIONUCLIDE BEAM THERAPY EQUIPMENT, for the purpose of IGRT. It covers aspects of communication and relationships between the EXTERNAL BEAM EQUIPMENT and X-ray imaging devices, attached or not directly attached to but in the same RADIATION shielded area as, and dedicated for use only with, the EXTERNAL BEAM EQUIPMENT.

This particular standard applies to X-ray based IGRT equipment used in-room for IGRT purposes. This particular standard does not apply to standard CT scanners, which are not used for IGRT. However if a CT scanner is used in-room with a linear (electron) accelerator (linac) for IGRT then this particular standard applies.

When performing a HAZARD ANALYSIS, the MANUFACTURER should consider relevant diagnostic standards. For example, IMAGE DISPLAY DEVICE quality is specified in IEC documents in regards to diagnostic use (e.g. IEC 62563-1:2009, Ed. 1.0). However, since IGRT usage may or may not require such high requirements it is left to the MANUFACTURER to specify what is required for use with their X-IGRT EQUIPMENT.

This particular standard deals with the safety aspect of image acquisitions, image analysis, data transfer and treatment replanning or EBE/PATIENT repositioning.

This particular standard deals with equipment for REAL-TIME X-IGRT, ONLINE X-IGRT and OFFLINE X-IGRT.

X-IGRT EQUIPMENT is also related to the following current standards:

- IEC 62083, *Medical electrical equipment – Requirements for the safety of radiotherapy treatment planning systems*

- IEC 61217, *Radiotherapy equipment – Coordinates, movements and scales*
- IEC 62274, *Medical electrical equipment – Safety of radiotherapy record and verify systems*
- IEC 60976, *Medical electrical equipment – Medical electron accelerators – Functional performance characteristics*
- IEC TR 60977, *Medical electrical equipment – Medical electron accelerators – Guidelines for functional performance characteristics.*

This particular standard may give rise to amendments to some of the above standards.

This particular standard will focus on the safety aspects of the primary function of X-IGRT. It will not focus on emerging technologies within the field so as to not hinder progress, yet it will define a safe way of achieving X-IGRT.



## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### **Part 2-68: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of X-ray-based image-guided radiotherapy equipment for use with electron accelerators, light ion beam therapy equipment and radionuclide beam therapy equipment**

#### **201.1 Scope, object and related standards**

Clause 1 of the general standard<sup>1</sup> applies, except as follows:

##### **201.1.1 Scope**

*Replacement:*

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of X-ray based IMAGE-GUIDED RADIOTHERAPY equipment for use with EXTERNAL BEAM EQUIPMENT (EBE).

This particular standard covers safety aspects of kilovoltage (kV) and megavoltage (MV) X-ray imaging devices in a known geometrical relationship with EBE for the purpose of IGRT. It covers aspects of communication and relationships between the EXTERNAL BEAM EQUIPMENT and X-ray imaging devices, attached or not directly attached to, but in the same RADIATION shielded area as, and dedicated for use only with, the EXTERNAL BEAM EQUIPMENT.

This particular standard deals with equipment for REAL-TIME X-IGRT, ONLINE X-IGRT and OFFLINE X-IGRT. It covers procedures to reduce the risk of over-reliance on the X-IGRT EXTERNAL BEAM SYSTEM (X-IGRT EBS). For example the manufacturer will provide an interactive interface for user interaction with the correction suggested by the system.

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to X-IGRT EBE SYSTEMS the content of that clause or subclause will say so. If that is not the case, the clause or subclause applies only to X-IGRT EQUIPMENT.

This particular standard, with the inclusion of TYPE TESTS and SITE TESTS, applies respectively to the MANUFACTURER and some installation aspects of X-IGRT EBE SYSTEMS intended to be

- for NORMAL USE, operated under the authority of appropriately licensed or QUALIFIED PERSONS by OPERATORS having the required skills for a particular medical application, for particular specified clinical purposes, e.g. STATIONARY RADIOTHERAPY or MOVING BEAM RADIOTHERAPY,
- maintained in accordance with the recommendations given in the INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE,
- subject to regular quality assurance performance and calibration checks by a QUALIFIED PERSON.

NOTE In this particular standard, all references to installation refer to installation in the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION'S premises

##### **201.1.2 Object**

*Replacement:*

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

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for X-IGRT EQUIPMENT and X-IGRT EBE SYSTEMS.

### 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.

IEC60601-1-3 and IEC 60601-1-6 apply as modified in Clause 203 and Clause 206 respectively. IEC 60601-1-8, IEC 60601-1-9, IEC 60601-1-10 and IEC 60601-1-11 do not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

Collateral standards published after the date of publication of this standard shall only apply subject to further amendment to this standard.

### 201.1.4 Particular standards

#### *Replacement:*

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in the general standard and collateral standards as appropriate for the particular ME EQUIPMENT under consideration, and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the general standard.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1 is referred to in this particular standard as the general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this particular standard corresponds to that of the general standard with the prefix “201” (e.g. 201.1 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 1 of the general standard) or applicable collateral standard with the prefix “20x”, where x is the final digit(s) of the collateral standard document number (e.g. 202.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 203.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-3 collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of the general standard are specified by the use of the following words:

"Replacement" means that the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard is replaced completely by the text of this particular standard.

"Addition" means that the text of this particular standard is additional to the requirements of the general standard or applicable collateral standard.

"Amendment" means that the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard is amended as indicated by the text of this particular standard.

Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of the general standard are numbered starting from 201.101. However, due to the fact that definitions in the general standard are numbered 3.1 through 3.139, additional definitions in this standard are numbered beginning from 201.3.201. Additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc., and additional items aa), bb), etc.

Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of a collateral standard are numbered starting from 20x, where “x” is the number of the collateral standard, e.g. 202 for IEC 60601-1-2, 203 for IEC 60601-1-3, etc.

The term "this standard" is used to make reference to the general standard, any applicable collateral standards and this particular standard taken together.

Where there is no corresponding clause or subclause in this particular standard, the clause or subclause of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of the general standard or applicable collateral standard, although possibly relevant, is not to be applied, a statement to that effect is given in this particular standard.

## 201.2 Normative references

Clause 2 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

### *Amendment:*

IEC 60601-1-3:2008, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-3: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Radiation protection in diagnostic X-ray equipment*

IEC 60601-1-6:2010, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-6: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Usability*  
IEC 60601-1-6:2010/AMD1:2013

### *Addition:*

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

IEC 60601-2-1:2009, *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*

IEC 60601-2-4:2010, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-4: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of cardiac defibrillators*

IEC 60601-2-44:2012, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-44: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of X-ray equipment for computed tomography*

IEC 60731:2011, *Medical electrical equipment – Dosimeters with ionization chambers as used in radiotherapy*

IEC/TR 60788:2004, *Medical electrical equipment – Glossary of defined terms*

IEC 60976:2007, *Medical electrical equipment – Medical electron accelerators – Functional performance characteristics*

IEC 61217:2011, *Radiotherapy equipment – Coordinates, movements and scales*

IEC 61223-3-5:2004, *Evaluation and routine testing in medical imaging departments – Part 3-5: Acceptance tests – Imaging performance of computed tomography X-ray equipment*

IEC 61262-7:1995, *Medical electrical equipment – Characteristics of electro-optical X-ray image intensifiers – Part 7: Determination of the modulation transfer function*

IEC 62083:2009, *Medical electrical equipment – Requirements for the safety of radiotherapy treatment planning systems*

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