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#### **Part 2-8: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of therapeutic X-ray equipment operating in the range 10 kV to 1 MV**

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## INTRODUCTION

X-RAY EQUIPMENT for RADIOTHERAPY purposes is used for TELETHERAPY, where the RADIATION SOURCE is far from the tissues to be treated (usually more than 50 cm), and also for BRACHYTHERAPY, where the RADIATION SOURCE is positioned within or adjacent to the tissue to be treated. This particular standard covers X-RAY EQUIPMENT for both TELETHERAPY and BRACHYTHERAPY.

The use of X-RAY EQUIPMENT for RADIOTHERAPY purposes may expose the PATIENT to danger if the equipment fails to deliver the required dose to the PATIENT, or if the equipment design does not satisfy standards of electrical and mechanical safety. The equipment may also cause danger to persons in the vicinity if the equipment itself fails to contain the radiation adequately and/or if there are inadequacies in the design of the TREATMENT ROOM.

This particular standard establishes requirements to be complied with by the MANUFACTURERS in the design and construction of therapeutic X-RAY EQUIPMENT. Subclause 201.10.1 contains limits beyond which INTERLOCKS prevent, INTERRUPT OR TERMINATE IRRADIATION in order to avoid an unsafe condition.

Subclause 201.10.1 does not attempt to define 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 equipment. It places limits on the degradation of equipment performance beyond which it can be presumed that a fault condition exists, e.g. a component failure, and where an INTERLOCK then operates to prevent continued operation of the equipment.

It should be understood that, before installation, a MANUFACTURER can provide a compliance certificate relating only to TYPE TESTS: data available from SITE TESTS should be incorporated in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS, in the form of a SITE TEST report, by those who test the equipment at installation.

## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 2-8: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of therapeutic X-ray equipment operating in the range 10 kV to 1 MV

#### 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 therapeutic X-RAY EQUIPMENT with NOMINAL X-RAY TUBE VOLTAGES in the range 10 kV to 1 MV when connected to alternating current SUPPLY MAINS, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

NOTE This standard covers TELETHERAPY and BRACHYTHERAPY.

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##### 201.1.2 Object

*Replacement:*

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular basic safety and essential performance requirements for therapeutic X-RAY EQUIPMENT. It includes the requirements for accuracy and reproducibility of performance to the extent that these are related to radiation quality and the quantity of ionizing radiation produced and thus must be considered as aspects of safety.

##### 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.

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##### 201.1.4 Particular standards

*Replacement:*

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

<sup>2)</sup> IEC 60601-1-10, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-10: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for the development of physiologic closed-loop controllers*

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