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à ultrasons pour physiothérapie*

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FOREWORD

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1984, and constitutes a technical revision.

The text of this Particular Standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
62D/361/FDIS	62D/366/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

Annex AA is for information only.

In this Particular Standard the following print types are used:

- requirements, compliance with which can be tested, and definitions: roman type;
- notes, explanations, advice, introductions, general statements, exceptions and references: smaller type;
- *test specifications: italic type;*
- TERMS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 2 OF THE GENERAL STANDARD OR THIS PARTICULAR STANDARD: SMALL CAPITALS.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2005. At this date, the publication will be:

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

A bilingual version of this publication may be issued at a later date.

Withdrawn

INTRODUCTION

This Particular Standard specifies requirements and tests for the safety of ULTRASONIC PHYSIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT. It amends and supplements IEC 60601-1 (second edition, 1988) including Amendments 1 and 2, hereinafter referred to as the General Standard. This Particular Standard takes into account IEC 60601-1-2 and IEC 61689.

A first edition of this Particular Standard was published in 1984, based on the first edition (1977) of IEC 60601-1 and making reference to IEC 60150. The aim of this second edition is to bring this Particular Standard up to date with reference to the publications and documents mentioned above. The title has been changed to better reflect its scope based on developments in the therapeutic application of ultrasound and in line with changes in the above IEC standards.

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

A rationale for the more important requirements, where appropriate, is given in annex AA. It is considered that a knowledge of the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of the Particular Standard but will, in due course, expedite any revision necessitated by changes in clinical practice or as a result of developments in technology. However this annex does not form part of the requirements of this Standard.

The clauses and subclauses which have corresponding rationale statements are marked with an asterisk * before their number.

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SECTION ONE – GENERAL

The clauses and subclauses of this section of the General Standard apply, except as follows:

1 Scope and object

1.1 Scope

Addition:

This Particular Standard specifies the requirements for safety of ULTRASONIC PHYSIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT used in medical practice, as defined in 2.1.101.

This Particular Standard does not apply to:

- EQUIPMENT in which a tool is driven by ULTRASOUND (for example EQUIPMENT used in surgery or dentistry);
- EQUIPMENT in which focused ULTRASOUND pulse waves are used to destroy conglomerates such as stones in the kidneys or the bladder (lithotrites) (for information refer to IEC 60601-2-36);
- ULTRASONIC PHYSIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT in which focused ULTRASOUND pulse waves are used.

1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this Particular Standard is to establish particular requirements for the safety of ULTRASONIC PHYSIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT used in medical practice, as defined in 2.1.101.

1.3 Particular Standards

Addition:

This Particular Standard refers to IEC 60601-1 (1988): *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety*, as amended by its amendment 1 (1991) and amendment 2 (1995).

For brevity, Part 1 is referred to in this Particular Standard as the “General Standard” .

The numbering of sections, clauses and subclauses of this Particular Standard corresponds with that of the General Standard. 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 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.

“Amendment” means that the clause or subclause of the General Standard is amended as indicated by the text of this Particular Standard.

Subclauses or figures which are additional to those of the General Standard are numbered starting from 101, additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc., and additional items *aa*, *bb*, etc.

The term “this standard” is used to make reference to the General Standard and this Particular Standard taken together.

Where there is no corresponding section, clause or subclause in this Particular Standard, the section, clause or subclause of the General Standard, although possibly not relevant, applies without modification; where it is intended that any part of the General Standard, although possibly relevant, is not to be applied, a statement to that effect is given in this Particular Standard.

The requirements of this Particular Standard take priority over those of the General Standard and Collateral Standards mentioned below.

1.5 Collateral Standards

Addition:

The following Collateral Standards apply:

IEC 60601-1-1:1992, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety – Section 1 – Collateral standard: Safety requirements for medical electrical systems*

IEC 60601-1-2:1993, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety – 2. Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic compatibility – Requirements and tests*

IEC 60601-1-4:1996, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety – 4. Collateral Standard: Programmable electrical medical systems*