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MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –
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A bilingual version of this publication may be issued at a later date.
In this standard, the following print types are used:

- requirements, compliance with which can be tested, and definitions: in roman type;
- explanations, advice, general statements, exceptions and references: small roman type;
- test specifications: italic type;
- TERMS USED THROUGHOUT THIS STANDARD WHICH HAVE BEEN DEFINED IN CLAUSE 3 OR LISTED IN THE INDEX: SMALL CAPITALS.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2004. At this date, the publication will be

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- withdrawn;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

Diagnostic radiology is the largest contributor to man-made ionizing radiation to which the public is exposed. The reduction in the exposure received by PATIENTS undergoing MEDICAL RADIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS or procedures has therefore become a central issue in recent years. The purpose of routine measurement of DOSE AREA PRODUCT is to help in achieving an overall reduction in the radiation received by PATIENTS undergoing MEDICAL RADIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS. Provided adequate records are kept, it is possible to determine patient doses, to compare different examination techniques, to establish a technique giving minimum radiation to a PATIENT, and to ensure a maintenance of that technique; in this respect, such measurements have a place of particular importance in training establishments. Examination of records may also indicate a deterioration in the efficiency of the image-production system. DOSE AREA PRODUCT METERS must be of satisfactory quality and must therefore fulfil the special requirements laid down in this International Standard.
MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT – DOSE AREA PRODUCT METERS

1 Scope and object

This International Standard specifies the performance and testing of DOSE AREA PRODUCT METERS with IONIZATION CHAMBERS intended to measure DOSE AREA PRODUCT and/or DOSE AREA PRODUCT RATE to which the PATIENT is exposed during MEDICAL RADIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

The object of this International Standard is

1) to establish requirements for a satisfactory level of performance for DOSE AREA PRODUCT METERS, and
2) to standardize the methods for the determination of compliance with this level of performance.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60417 (all parts), Graphical symbols for use on equipment
IEC 60601-1:1988, Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety
IEC 60601-1-1:1992, Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-1: General requirements for safety – Collateral standard: Safety requirements for medical electrical systems
IEC 60731:1997, Medical electrical equipment – Dosimeters with ionization chambers as used in radiotherapy
IEC 60788:1984, Medical radiology – Terminology
IEC 60950:1999, Safety of information technology equipment
IEC 61000-4-2:1995, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrostatic discharge immunity test
IEC 61000-4-3:1995, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-3: Testing and measurement techniques – Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test ¹)

3 Terminology and definitions

In this International Standard the auxiliary verb – “shall” implies that compliance with a requirement is mandatory for compliance with the standard; – “may” implies that compliance with a requirement is permitted to be accomplished in a particular manner for compliance with the standard.

The definitions given in this International Standard are generally in agreement with those in IEC 60788 and ISO:

International vocabulary of basic and general terms in metrology;

uncertainties are evaluated in accordance with ISO:

Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement.

Terms not defined in this subclause or listed in the index of defined terms have the meanings defined in the above publications or are assumed to be terms of general scientific usage. An alphabetical list of defined terms is given in the index.

For the purposes of this International Standard the following definitions apply:

3.1 ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS

documents provided with an installation, equipment, associated equipment or accessory, containing important information for the assembler, installer and user, particularly regarding safety

IEC 61000-4-4:1995, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test


IEC 61000-4-6:1996, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-6: Testing and measurement techniques – Immunity to conducted disturbances induced by radio frequency fields

IEC 61000-4-11:1994, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-11: Testing and measurement techniques – Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests

IEC 61187:1993, Electrical and electronic measuring equipment – Documentation

