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Foreword

This British Standard, prepared under the direction of the Surgical Instrument and Medical Equipment Standards Committee, was first published in 1954 and specified requirements for overbed tables of fixed height intended for use with beds complying with the requirements of BS 1682. At that time tables mounted on a single cantilever support were considered to be for special applications outside the scope of BS 2483.

The cantilever type of table has become more popular for use over beds and chairs and in this first revision cantilever types of tables are included.

The title of this standard has been modified to accommodate its wider scope.

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