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Foreword

This Part of BS 6859 has been prepared under the direction of the Health Care Standards Committee at the request of the Department of Health and Social Security.

BS 6859 is published in two Parts, Part 1 specifying requirements for mobile general operating tables. Attention is drawn to BS 5724-2.22 which specifies requirements for safety of general operating tables.

BS 2891 which specifies requirements for operating table covers and pads is currently being revised. When the revision is published, clause 8 of this Part of BS 6859 will be amended to refer to it.

Appendix A gives recommendations for design of transporters which, although outside the scope of this Part of BS 6859, may be used with certain tables which have removable tops.

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