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-	-		+ A12	2014
+ A2	2020		+ A2	2021
-	-		+ AC	2022
-	-		+ A13	2024
IEC 60601-1-2	2014	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance - Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic disturbances - Requirements and tests	EN 60601-1-2	2015
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ISO 15004-2	-	Ophthalmic instruments - Fundamental requirements and test methods - Part 2: Light hazard protection	EN ISO 15004-2	-

¹ As impacted by EN 60601-1:2006/AC:2010, EN 60601-1:2006/A1:2013, EN 60601-1:2006/A1:2013/AC:2014, EN 60601-1:2006/A12:2014, EN 60601-1:2006/A2:2021, EN 60601-1:2006/AC:2022-12 and EN 60601-1:2006/A13:2024.

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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) added requirements for constant voltage stimulators;
- b) clarified requirements for VISUAL STIMULATORS.

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

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- withdrawn, or
- revised.

INTRODUCTION

This document concerns the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ELECTROMYOGRAPHS and EVOKED RESPONSE EQUIPMENT. It amends and supplements IEC 60601-1, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance* (IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020).

The aim of this revision is to bring this document up to date with reference to IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020.

The requirements of this document take priority over those of IEC 60601-1.

A "General guidance and rationale" for the more important requirements of this document is included in Annex AA. It is considered that knowledge of the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of the document but will, in due course, expedite any revision necessitated by changes in clinical practice or as a result of developments in technology. However, Annex AA does not form part of the requirements of this document.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This part of IEC 60601 applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ELECTROMYOGRAPHS and EVOKED RESPONSE EQUIPMENT, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

NOTE 1 Myofeedback equipment, where the capturing of muscle contraction is based on electromyography, is within the scope of this document.

NOTE 2 ELECTROMYOGRAPHS and EVOKED RESPONSE EQUIPMENT is intended for diagnostic and monitoring applications.

NOTE 3 If the ME EQUIPMENT supports both ELECTROMYOGRAPHY and EVOKED RESPONSE STIMULATION, clauses for electrical, auditory, and visual stimulators are applicable. In case the equipment supports ELECTROMYOGRAPHY, but not EVOKED RESPONSE STIMULATION, clauses concerning solely requirements for stimulators are NOT within the scope of this document.

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to ME EQUIPMENT only, or to ME SYSTEMS only, the title and content of that clause or subclause will say so. If that is not the case, the clause or subclause applies both to ME EQUIPMENT and to ME SYSTEMS, as relevant.

The following ME EQUIPMENT are excluded:

- ME EQUIPMENT intended for therapeutic application;
- ME EQUIPMENT intended for transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulators and electrical muscle stimulators (ME EQUIPMENT covered by IEC 60601-2-10).

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this document is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for ELECTROMYOGRAPHS and EVOKED RESPONSE EQUIPMENT [as defined in 201.3.201 and 201.3.202.]

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

This document refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in Clause 2 of IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 and Clause 201.2 of this document.