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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee, HE-003, Medical Electrical Equipment, to supersede AS/NZS 3200.2.1 *Medical electrical equipment,* Part 2.1: *Particular requirements for safety—Electron accelerators in the range 1 MeV to 50 MeV.*

The objective of this Standard is to specify particular basic safety and essential performance requirements for electron accelerators in the range 1 MeV to 50 MeV and to specify tests to check compliance to those requirements.

The particular requirements of this Standard make reference to IEC 60601-1, which has been adopted as AS/NZS IEC 60601.1, *Medical electrical equipment*, Part 1: *General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*. Reference to the general requirements is essential for the application of this Standard.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from IEC 60601-2-1, Ed.3.1 (2014), *Medical electrical equipment,* Part 2-1: *Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of electron accelerators in the range 1 MeV to 50 MeV.* This edition 3.1 incorporates Amendment 1 (2014). The text affected by Amendment 1 is indicated in the source document by marginal bars, redline and strikeout.

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(a) In the source text 'this International Standard' should read 'this Australian/New Zealand Standard'.

(b) A full point substitutes for a comma when referring to a decimal marker.

None of the normative references in the source document have been adopted as Australian or Australian/New Zealand Standards.

The term 'informative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the annex to which it applies. An 'informative' annex is only for information and guidance.

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IEC FOREWORD

In this standard, the following print types are used:

– Requirements and definitions: roman type.

– *Test specifications: italic type.*

– Informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: in smaller type. Normative text of tables is also in a smaller type.

– TERMS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 3 OF THE GENERAL STANDARD, IN THIS PARTICULAR STANDARD OR AS NOTED: SMALL CAPITALS.

In referring to the structure of this standard, the term

– "clause" means one of the seventeen numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 7 includes subclauses 7.1, 7.2, etc.);

– "subclause" means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g. 7.1, 7.2 and 7.2.1 are all subclauses of Clause 7).

References to clauses within this standard are preceded by the term "Clause" followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this particular standard are by number only.

In this standard, the conjunctive "or" is used as an "inclusive or" so a statement is true if any combination of the conditions is true.

The verbal forms used in this standard conform to usage described in Annex H of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. For the purposes of this standard, the auxiliary verb:

– "shall" means that compliance with a requirement or a test is mandatory for compliance with this standard;

– "should" means that compliance with a requirement or a test is recommended but is not mandatory for compliance with this standard;

– "may" is used to describe a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test.

An asterisk (*) as the first character of a title or at the beginning of a paragraph or table title indicates that there is guidance or rationale related to that item in Annex A.

INTRODUCTION

The use of ELECTRON ACCELERATORS for RADIOTHERAPY purposes may expose PATIENTS to danger if the ME EQUIPMENT fails to deliver the required dose to the PATIENT, or if the ME EQUIPMENT design does not satisfy standards of electrical and mechanical safety. The ME EQUIPMENT may also cause danger to persons in the vicinity if the ME EQUIPMENT itself fails to contain the RADIATION adequately and/or if there are inadequacies in the design of the TREATMENT ROOM.

This particular standard establishes requirements to be complied with by MANUFACTURERS in the design and construction of ELECTRON ACCELERATORS for use in RADIOTHERAPY; it does not attempt to define their optimum performance requirements. Its purpose is to identify those features of design that are regarded, at the present time, as essential for the safe operation of such ME EQUIPMENT. It places limits on the degradation of ME EQUIPMENT performance beyond which it can be presumed that a fault condition exists and where an INTERLOCK then operates to prevent continued operation of the ME EQUIPMENT.

Clause 201.10 contains limits beyond which INTERLOCKS prevent, INTERRUPT or TERMINATE IRRADIATION in order to insure ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE is maintained to avoid an unsafe condition. TYPE TESTS that are performed by the MANUFACTURER, and/or SITE TESTS, which are not necessarily performed by the MANUFACTURER, are SPECIFIED for each requirement. It is understood that SITE TESTS may or may not be required of the MANUFACTURER, per the agreement between the MANUFACTURER and end user.

Given that before installation a MANUFACTURER cannot provide SITE TEST data, data available from SITE TESTS should be incorporated in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS, in the form of a SITE TEST report, by those who test the ME EQUIPMENT at installation.

This International Standard was first published in 1981. It was amended in 1984 and 1990. A second edition was published in 1998 and amended in 2002. This third edition is prompted by the need to align this particular standard with the third edition of the general standard, IEC 60601-1:2005.

IEC 60976 and IEC/TR 60977 are closely related to this standard. The former specifies test methods and reporting formats for performance tests of ELECTRON ACCELERATORS for use in RADIOTHERAPY, with the aim of providing uniform methods for conducting such tests. The latter is not a standard per se, but suggests performance values, measured per the methods specified in IEC 60976, that could be achievable with present technology.

NOTES

AUSTRALIAN/NEW ZEALAND STANDARD

Medical electrical equipment

Part 2.1:
Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of electron accelerators in the range 1 MeV to 50 MeV

201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard[1)] applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ELECTRON ACCELERATORS, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT, in the range 1 MeV to 50 MeV, used for treatment of PATIENTS.

This particular standard, with the inclusion of TYPE TESTS and SITE TESTS, applies respectively to the manufacture and some installation aspects of ELECTRON ACCELERATORS

– intended for RADIOTHERAPY in human medical practice, including those in which the selection and DISPLAY of operating parameters can be controlled automatically by PROGRAMMABLE ELECTRONIC SUBSYSTEMS (PESS),
– that, under NORMAL CONDITIONS and in NORMAL USE, deliver a RADIATION BEAM of X-RADIATION and/or ELECTRON RADIATION having
  - NOMINAL ENERGY in the range 1 MeV to 50 MeV,
  - maximum ABSORBED DOSE RATES between 0,001 Gy × s^{-1} and 1 Gy × s^{-1} at 1 m from the RADIATION SOURCE,
  - NORMAL TREATMENT DISTANCES (NTDs) between 0,5 m and 2 m from the RADIATION SOURCE,

and

– intended to be
  - for NORMAL USE, operated under the authority of appropriately licensed or QUALIFIED PERSONS by OPERATORS having the required skills for a particular medical application, for particular specified clinical purposes, e.g. STATIONARY RADIOTHERAPY or MOVING BEAM RADIOTHERAPY,
  - maintained in accordance with the recommendations given in the INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE,
  - subject to regular quality assurance performance and calibration checks by a QUALIFIED PERSON.

NOTE 1 In this particular standard, all references to installation refer to installation in the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION'S premises.

NOTE 2 In this particular standard, all references to ABSORBED DOSE refer to ABSORBED DOSE in water.

1) The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance.*