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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2009. This edition constitutes a technical revision intended to align the guidance in this technical report with Amendment 1 to IEC 60601:2005. Several tests have been updated and additional test procedures added. The following tests have been added or significantly revised:

- 13.2.1 RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS
- 13.2.4 Durability and legibility of marking
- 13.2.5 Battery markings

- 13.2.8 POTENTIAL EQUALIZATION TERMINAL
- 13.2.14 USABILITY OF ME EQUIPMENT
- 13.3.1 Humidity preconditioning
- 13.3.2 Impedance of PE connection
- 13.3.7 CREEPAGE DISTANCES and AIR CLEARANCES
- 13.3.12 Instability (in transport position; excluding transport; from horizontal and vertical forces and from unwanted lateral movement)
- 13.3.13 Castors and wheels (Force for propulsion, movement over a threshold)
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- 13.4.20 Interruption of power supply
- 13.4.28 Rechargeable battery overcharge/discharge
- 13.4.29 Mains transformer

This technical report is intended to be read in conjunction with IEC 60601-1:1988 (including the collateral provisions of IEC 60601-1-1:2000) and IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012.

The text of this technical report is based on the following documents:

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INTRODUCTION

IEC/TR 60513, *Fundamental aspects of safety standards for medical electrical equipment* published by IEC sub-committee 62A provided the basis for inclusion of the test methods for ME EQUIPMENT in the safety standards.

"Technical requirements and test methods are interrelated elements of product standards and should always be considered together.

Product standards should identify where medically informed judgements are required in deciding whether a particular requirement applies.

Wherever possible, the standards should contain test specifications for completely and clearly checking compliance with the technical requirements. In some cases, a compliance statement such as 'visual inspection', 'manual testing' or similar is adequate for this purpose if such a method gives an accurate assessment.

It should be easy to recognize which test methods apply to each technical requirement. Appropriate headings should designate the appropriate test and a reference should be made to the clause containing the requirement. This also applies for references which are made to other relevant test standards."

It was deemed necessary to support IEC 60601-1 with guidelines for general testing PROCEDURES for MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

In developing the test PROCEDURES, the advice given in IEC/TR 60513 and ISO/IEC Guide 51 was considered as follows:

- a) test results should be reproducible within defined limits. When considered necessary, the test method should incorporate a statement as to its limit of uncertainty;
- b) where the sequence of tests can influence the results, the correct sequence should be specified.

There is also growing support for the idea that all the test PROCEDURES for ME EQUIPMENT should be found within one international standard.

ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*, highlights the need for a single series of requirements covering test PROCEDURES.

IEC/TR 60513 includes a major new principle referring to testing:

"In specifying minimum safety requirements, provision is made for assessing the adequacy of the design PROCESS where this provides an appropriate alternative to the application of laboratory testing with specific pass/fail criteria, (e.g. in assessing the safety of new technologies such as programmable electronic systems)."

GENERAL TESTING PROCEDURES FOR MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

1 Scope and object

This technical report applies to MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (as defined in Subclauses 3.63 of IEC 60601-1:2005 and 2.2.15 of IEC 60601-1:1988), hereinafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

The object of this technical report is to provide guidance on general testing PROCEDURES according to IEC 60601-1:1988 (including the collateral provisions of IEC 60601-1-1:2000) and IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60086-4, *Primary batteries – Part 4: Safety of lithium batteries*

IEC 60127-1, *Miniature fuses – Part 1: Definitions for miniature fuses and general requirements for miniature fuse-links*

IEC 60252-1, *AC motor capacitors – Part 1: General – Performance, testing and rating – Safety requirements – Guide for installation and operation*

IEC 60364-4-41, *Low voltage electrical installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*. Available from: <http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment>

IEC/TR 60513, *Fundamental aspects of safety standards for medical electrical equipment*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*
IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999¹

IEC 60601-1:1988, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety*²
IEC 60601-1:1998/AMD1:1991
IEC 60601-1:1998/AMD2:1995

IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*
IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012³

¹ A consolidated version 2.1 (2001) exists that includes IEC 60529:1989 and its Amendment 1:1999.

² The second edition of IEC 60601-1, cancelled and replaced by the third edition in 2005.

³ A consolidated version 3.1 (2012) exists that includes IEC 60601-1:2005 and its Amendment 1:2012.