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- a) introduction of digital detectors and discretization errors;
- b) fewer normative requirements;
- c) support for both SLIT CAMERA and PINHOLE CAMERA;
- d) reintroduction of distorted (skewed) FOCAL SPOT;
- e) keeping of STAR PATTERNS and BLOOMING VALUE as informative.

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1 Scope

This document applies to FOCAL SPOTS in medical diagnostic X-RAY TUBE ASSEMBLIES for medical use, operating at X-RAY TUBE VOLTAGES up to and including 150 kV.

This document describes the test methods employing digital detectors for determining:

- a) FOCAL SPOT dimensions in terms of NOMINAL FOCAL SPOT VALUES, ranging from 0,1 to 5,0;
- b) LINE SPREAD FUNCTIONS;
- c) one-dimensional MODULATION TRANSFER FUNCTIONS;
- d) FOCAL SPOT PINHOLE RADIOGRAMS,

and the means for indicating compliance.

In informative annexes, STAR PATTERN imaging and BLOOMING MODES are described.

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IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*
IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012

IEC 60601-1-3:2008, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-3: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Radiation protection in diagnostic X-ray equipment*
IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD1:2013

IEC 60613:2010, *Electrical and loading characteristics of X-ray tube assemblies for medical diagnosis*

IEC TR 60788:2004, *Medical electrical equipment – Glossary of defined terms*

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