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- a) a second class of devices is introduced with tighter uncertainty tolerances;
- b) this document has been expanded to include detectors other than ionization chambers;
- c) radiation qualities have been updated to the new definitions according to IEC 61267;
- d) a requirement on the linearity of the dose area product rate measurement was added;
- e) changed chamber light transmission requirement from 70 % to 60 %.

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## INTRODUCTION

Diagnostic radiology is the largest contributor to man-made ionizing radiation to which the public is exposed. The reduction in the exposure received by PATIENTS undergoing MEDICAL RADIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS or procedures has therefore become a central issue in recent years. The purpose of routine measurement of DOSE AREA PRODUCT is to help in achieving an overall reduction in the radiation received by PATIENTS undergoing MEDICAL RADIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS. Provided adequate records are kept, it is possible to determine PATIENT doses, to compare different examination techniques, to establish a technique giving minimum RADIATION to a PATIENT, and to ensure a maintenance of that technique; in this respect, such measurements have a place of particular importance in training establishments. Examination of records may also indicate a deterioration in the efficiency of the image-production system.

## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT – DOSE AREA PRODUCT METERS

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the performance and testing of DOSE AREA PRODUCT METERS intended to measure DOSE AREA PRODUCT and/or DOSE AREA PRODUCT RATE to which the PATIENT is exposed during MEDICAL RADIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

This document is applicable to the following types of DOSE AREA PRODUCT METERS:

- a) FIELD-CLASS DOSE AREA PRODUCT METERS normally used for the measurement of DOSE AREA PRODUCTS during MEDICAL RADIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS;
- b) REFERENCE-CLASS DOSE AREA PRODUCT METERS normally used for the CALIBRATION of FIELD-CLASS DOSIMETERS.

NOTE REFERENCE-CLASS DOSE AREA PRODUCT METERS can be used as FIELD-CLASS DOSE AREA PRODUCT METERS.

The object of this document is

- 1) to establish requirements for a satisfactory level of performance for DOSE AREA PRODUCT METERS, and
- 2) to standardize the methods for the determination of compliance with this level of performance.

Two levels of performance are specified:

- a lower level of performance applying to FIELD-CLASS DOSE AREA PRODUCT METERS;
- a higher level of performance applying to REFERENCE-CLASS DOSE AREA PRODUCT METERS.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment* (available at <http://www.graphical-symbols.info/equipment>)

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

IEC 60601-1-2, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic disturbances – Requirements and tests*

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

IEC 62368-1, *Audio/video, information and communication technology equipment – Part 1: Safety requirements*