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Collateral Standard: Requirements for the development of physiologic  
closed-loop controllers**

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It is published as double logo standard.

This first edition constitutes a collateral standard to IEC 60601-1: *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety and essential performance* hereafter referred to as the general standard.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

In the 60601 series of publications, collateral standards specify general requirements for safety applicable to:

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- a specific characteristic of all MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, not fully addressed in the general standard (e.g. ALARM SYSTEMS).

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- requirements and definitions: roman type.
- *test specifications: italic type.*
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- TERMS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 3 OF THE GENERAL STANDARD, IN THIS COLLATERAL STANDARD OR AS NOTED: SMALL CAPITALS.

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## INTRODUCTION

The use of **PHYSIOLOGIC CLOSED-LOOP CONTROLLERS** in **ME EQUIPMENT** and **ME SYSTEMS** are expected to provide a successful strategy to improve **PATIENT** safety and reduce healthcare costs [9][10][11][12][13]<sup>1)</sup>. New **RISKS** that are not directly addressed by previous standards are emerging in the development of this equipment. **MANUFACTURERS** employ a variety of methods to validate the safety and integrity of control systems with varying degrees of success. Classical methods of software **VALIDATION** for **PHYSIOLOGIC CLOSED-LOOP CONTROLLERS** can be insufficient to ensure performance with acceptable **RISKS** under all clinical and physiologic conditions.

### INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

The first edition of IEC 60601-1-10 was published in 2007. This amendment is intended to update the references to IEC 60601-1:2005 to include Amendment 1:2012, to update IEC 60601-1-6:2006 to IEC 60601-1-6:2010, including its Amendment 1 and to update references to IEC 60601-1-8:2006 to include its Amendment 1:2012. This amendment also removes the normative reference to IEC 62304:2006. This collateral standard made reference to IEC 62304 because elements of the software process were not fully covered by Clause 14 of IEC 60601-1:2005. Amendment 1 to IEC 60601-1:2005 incorporates the needed software process requirement into Clause 14. Therefore, it is redundant and potentially confusing to have IEC 62304 explicitly called out in this collateral standard.

### INTRODUCTION to Amendment 2

The first edition of IEC 60601-1-10 was published in 2007 and amended in 2013. Since the publication of IEC 60601-1-10:2007+A1:2013, the IEC Subcommittee (SC) 62A Secretariat has been collecting issues from a variety of sources including comments from National Committees. At the November 2015 meeting of IEC/SC 62A in Kobe, Japan, the subcommittee initiated a process to identify high-priority issues that need to be considered in an amendment and should not wait until the second edition of IEC 60601-1-10, which is presently targeted for publication sometime after 2024.

Those issues selected for inclusion on the final "short list" to be addressed in Amendment 2 were those approved by a 2/3 majority of the National Committees present and voting at the Frankfurt meeting of SC 62A. At the meeting held on 10 October 2016, 13 items were presented to the National Committees present. All 13 items received the required 2/3 majority of the National Committees present and voting and have been included in the "short list" for consideration in preparing Amendment 2. All remaining issues have been placed on a "long list" for consideration in the second edition of IEC 60601-1-10.

The "short list" of issues was documented in the design specification for Amendment 2. As IEC 60601-1-10 was jointly developed with ISO/TC 121/SC 3, the work was assigned to IEC/SC 62A-ISO/TC 121/SC 3 Joint Working Group (JWG) 5. JWG 5 was directed to consider each issue described in Clause 6 of the design specification and develop an appropriate solution for the identified problem. That final solution in this amendment can encompass any technical solution proposed by the author of the issue or it can involve a different solution developed by the expert group. The expert group can also have recommended that no change to the standard was justified by the problem statement.

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1) Figures in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

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## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 1-10: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral Standard: Requirements for the development of physiologic closed-loop controllers

## 1 Scope, object and related standards

### 1.1 \* Scope

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS.

This collateral standard specifies requirements for the development (analysis, design, VERIFICATION and VALIDATION) of a PHYSIOLOGIC CLOSED-LOOP CONTROLLER (PCLC) as part of a PHYSIOLOGIC CLOSED-LOOP CONTROL SYSTEM (PCLCS) to control at least one PATIENT VARIABLE (i.e. a PHYSIOLOGIC VARIABLE) in ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS.

EXAMPLE A PATIENT VARIABLE can be a measure of body chemistry (e.g. electrolytes or blood glucose value), a physical property (e.g. body temperature, electrophysiologic characteristic, hemodynamic quantity), or a pharmaceutical concentration.

This collateral standard applies to various types of PCLC, e.g. linear and non-linear, adaptive, fuzzy, neural networks.

This collateral standard does not specify:

- additional mechanical requirements;
- additional electrical requirements.

This collateral standard applies to a closed-loop controller (see Figure 1) that sets the CONTROLLER OUTPUT VARIABLE in order to adjust (i.e., change or maintain) the measured PHYSIOLOGIC VARIABLE by relating it to the REFERENCE VARIABLE.

A closed-loop controller that maintains a physical or chemical VARIABLE, using feedback that is not measured from a PATIENT, is outside the scope of this standard.

### 1.2 Object

The object of this collateral standard is to specify general requirements that are in addition to those of the general standard and to serve as the basis for particular standards.

### 1.3 Related standards

#### 1.3.1 IEC 60601-1

For ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS, this collateral standard complements IEC 60601-1.

When referring to IEC 60601-1 or to this collateral standard, either individually or in combination, the following conventions are used:

- "the general standard" designates IEC 60601-1 alone, including any amendments;