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Part 1-9: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance –  
Collateral Standard: Requirements for environmentally conscious design**

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Partie 1-9: Exigences générales pour la sécurité de base et les performances  
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International standard IEC 60601-1-9 has been prepared by IEC subcommittee 62A: Common aspects of electrical equipment used in medical practice, of IEC technical committee 62: Electrical equipment in medical practice.

The first edition of this publication 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:

- a subgroup of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (e.g. radiological equipment); or
- 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.*
- 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 COLLATERAL STANDARD OR AS NOTED: SMALL CAPITALS.

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- “clause” means one of the four numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 4 includes subclauses 4.1, 4.2, etc.);
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- “may” is used to describe a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test.

Clauses, subclauses and definitions for which a rationale is provided in informative Annex A are marked with an asterisk (\*).

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## INTRODUCTION

The objective of this collateral standard is to improve the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT for the entire range of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, taking into account all stages of the product LIFE CYCLE:

- product specification;
- design;
- manufacturing;
- sales, logistics, installation;
- use;
- END OF LIFE management.

This means protecting the ENVIRONMENT and human health from HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, conserving raw materials and energy, minimizing the generation of WASTE, as well as minimizing the adverse ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS associated with WASTE. The criteria needed to reach this goal must be integrated into all stages of the MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT LIFE CYCLE from the specification stage to END OF LIFE management.

The ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS of ME EQUIPMENT through all LIFE-CYCLE stages are determined from the MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS defined during the identification of need, product planning, and design stages (see Table A.1). Consideration of ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS as early as possible in these stages can produce numerous benefits that might include lower costs, stimulation of innovation and creativity, and increased knowledge about the product. It can also provide new business opportunities, and improved product quality as well as reduction of adverse ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. The assessment of the ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS and IMPACTS of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT is a developing science and it is anticipated that this collateral standard will require periodic updating as the science develops.

The requirements given in this collateral standard do not replace national or international laws and regulations.

Environmental protection is one element of the overall RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS as required by the general standard.

The acceptability of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS are balanced against other factors such as the product's intended function, performance, safety, cost, marketability, quality, legal and regulatory requirements. This balance can differ depending on the intended function of the MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. For example, a solution appropriate for life-saving or life-supporting MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT might not be appropriate for a device intended to correct a minor ailment. A MANUFACTURER of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT might have to justify, as a result of RISK MANAGEMENT, that a medical benefit outweighs the associated adverse ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.

## INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

The first edition of IEC 60601-1-9 was published in 2007. This amendment is intended to update the references to IEC 60601-1:2005 to include Amendment 1:2012 and to make a few minor editorial updates.

## INTRODUCTION to Amendment 2

The first edition of IEC 60601-1-9 was published in 2007 and amended in 2013. Since the publication of IEC 60601-1-9:2007+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 60601-1-9, which is presently targeted for publication sometime after 2024.

As directed in item 1 of Kobe Resolution 1, the IEC/SC 62A Chairman Advisory Group (CAG) considered the 7 issues collected by the SC/62A Secretariat for IEC 60601-1-9:2007 and determined that none met the selection criteria stated in Kobe Resolution 1.

However, an amendment is needed to update the reference to IEC 60601-1:2005+A1:2012 +A2:2020. In London in 2018, SC 62A approved the development of an administrative amendment to IEC 60601-1-9:2007+A1:2013.

Because this is an amendment to IEC 60601-1-9:2007, the style in force at the time of publication of IEC 60601-1-9 has been applied to this amendment. The specified in ISO/IEC Directives Part 2:2018 has only been applied when implementing the new style guidance would not result in additional editorial changes.

Users of this document should note that when constructing the dated references to specific elements in a standard, such as definitions, amendments are only referenced if they modified the text being cited. For example, if a reference is made to a definition that has not been modified by an amendment, then the reference to the amendment is not included in the dated reference.

## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

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#### 1 Scope, object and related standards

##### 1.1 \* Scope

This International Standard applies to the reduction of adverse ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS are excluded from the scope of this collateral standard.

##### 1.2 Object

The object of this collateral standard is to specify general requirements, in addition to those of the general standard, for the reduction of the adverse ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT of ME EQUIPMENT, and to serve as the basis for particular standard.

##### 1.3 Related standards

###### 1.3.1 IEC 60601-1

For ME EQUIPMENT, 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 convention shall be used:

- "the general standard" designates IEC 60601-1 alone, including any amendments;
- "this collateral standard" designates IEC 60601-1-9 alone, including any amendments;
- "this standard" designates the combination of the general standard and this collateral standard.

###### 1.3.2 Particular standards

A requirement in a particular standard takes priority over the corresponding requirement in this collateral standard.

###### 1.3.3 Environmental standards

This standard takes into account the ISO 14000 series of environmental standards with particular emphasis on ISO 14062 [8]<sup>1)</sup>.

#### 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

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1) Figures in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.