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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition, published in 1996, and its Amendment 1 (2000). This edition constitutes a technical revision and has been aligned or harmonized with IEC 60601-1:2005.

The main changes with respect to the previous edition include:

- a) alignment of requirements with IEC 60601-1:2005;
- b) inclusion of essential performance requirements;
- c) the inclusion of energized endoscopes and energized endotherapy devices used through second and subsequent punctures within the scope of the standard;
- d) reference to IEC 60601-2-2 for the dielectric strength testing of HF energized endotherapy devices, rather than defining different tests.

The text of this particular standard is based on the following documents:

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- *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 PARTICULAR STANDARD OR AS NOTED: SMALL CAPITALS.

In referring to the structure of this standard, the term

- “clause” means one of the seventeen numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 7 includes subclauses 7.1, 7.2, etc.);
- “subclause” means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g. 7.1, 7.2 and 7.2.1 are all subclauses of Clause 7).

References to clauses within this standard are preceded by the term “Clause” followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this collateral standard are by number only.

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The verbal forms used in this standard conform to usage described in Annex H of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. For the purposes of this standard, the auxiliary verb:

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INTRODUCTION

The minimum safety requirements specified in this particular standard are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of endoscopic equipment.

This particular standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1 (third edition, 2005): *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*, hereinafter referred to as 'the general standard'.

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

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201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard¹⁾ applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 * Scope

Replacement:

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ENDOSCOPIC EQUIPMENT together with its INTERCONNECTION CONDITIONS and INTERFACE CONDITIONS.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for ENDOSCOPIC EQUIPMENT [as defined in 201.3.204].

NOTE This object includes endoscopic intense light source equipment which is part of the ENDOSCOPIC EQUIPMENT including its supply unit, therefore IEC 60601-2-57 does not apply.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

This particular standard refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in Clause 2 of the general standard and Clause 201.2 of this particular standard.

IEC 60601-1-2 applies as modified in Clause 202. IEC 60601-1-3 does not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

201.1.4 Particular standards

Replacement:

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in the general standard and collateral standards as appropriate for the particular EQUIPMENT under consideration, and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the general standard.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1 is referred to in this particular standard as the general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

¹⁾ The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*.