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INTRODUCTION

Static electricity can be the source of several hazards to patients, staff and equipment in healthcare facilities. Such hazards include:

- electromagnetic disturbance or electrostatic discharge (ESD) disruption or damage to medical instrumentation and data processing equipment;
- damage to ESD susceptible electronic components and assemblies during service and maintenance;
- electrostatic attraction (ESA) and contamination;
- ignition of flammable gases, liquids and other materials, and
- electrostatic shocks to people.

Adequate electrostatic control can eliminate these hazards, or at least reduce residual risk to tolerable levels.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61340 applies to facilities that provide healthcare including hospitals, care centres and clinics.

This document provides technical requirements and recommendations for controlling electrostatic phenomena in healthcare facilities, which includes requirements for equipment, materials, and products used to control static electricity.

The requirements of this document do not apply to medical electrical equipment specified in IEC 60601-1 [1] [1] and in vitro diagnostic (IVD) medical equipment specified in IEC 61010-2-101 [2].

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IEC TR 61340-1, *Electrostatics – Part 1: Electrostatic phenomena – Principles and measurements*

IEC 61340-2-1, *Electrostatics – Part 2-1: Measurement methods – Ability of materials and products to dissipate static electric charge*

IEC 61340-2-3, *Electrostatics – Part 2-3: Methods of test for determining the resistance and resistivity of solid materials used to avoid electrostatic charge accumulation*

IEC 61340-4-1, *Electrostatics – Part 4-1: Standard test methods for specific applications – Electrical resistance of floor coverings and installed floors*

IEC TS 61340-4-2:2013, *Electrostatics – Part 4-2: Standard test methods for specific applications – Electrostatic properties of garments*

IEC 61340-4-3, *Electrostatics – Part 4-3: Standard test methods for specific applications – Footwear*

[1] Numbers in square brackets refer to the bibliography.