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## INTRODUCTION

Further developments of POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHS allow most of the tomographs to be operated in fully 3D acquisition mode. To comply with this trend, this document describes test conditions in accordance with this acquisition characteristic. In addition, today a POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPH often includes X-RAY EQUIPMENT for COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT). For this document, PET-CT hybrid devices are considered to be state of the art, dedicated POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHS not including the X-ray component being special cases only.

While the test methods specified herein are optimized for the PET component of PET-CT hybrid devices, they may also be used for the PET component of PET-MR hybrid devices.

The test methods specified in this document have been selected to reflect as much as possible the clinical use of POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHS. It is intended that the tests be carried out by MANUFACTURERS, thereby enabling them to declare the characteristics of POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHS in the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS. This document does not indicate which tests will be performed by the MANUFACTURER on an individual tomograph or which class-standards may be used to characterize the performance of POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHS by the MANUFACTURER.

# RADIONUCLIDE IMAGING DEVICES – CHARACTERISTICS AND TEST CONDITIONS –

## Part 1: Positron emission tomographs

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61675 specifies terminology and test methods for declaring the characteristics of POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHS. POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHS detect the ANNIHILATION RADIATION of positron emitting RADIONUCLIDES by COINCIDENCE DETECTION.

### 2 Normative references

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#### 3.1

##### tomography

radiography of one or more layers within an object

[SOURCE: IEC TR 60788:2004, rm-41-15]

#### 3.1.1

##### emission computed tomography

##### ECT

imaging method for the representation of the spatial distribution of incorporated RADIONUCLIDES in selected two-dimensional slices through the object

#### 3.1.1.1

##### projection

transformation of a three-dimensional object into its two-dimensional image or of a two-dimensional object into its one-dimensional image, by integrating the physical property which determines the image along the direction of the PROJECTION BEAM

Note 1 to entry: This process is mathematically described by line integrals in the direction of PROJECTION (along the LINE OF RESPONSE) and called "Radon transform".