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## INTRODUCTION

This particular standard concerns the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS. It amends and supplements IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*, hereinafter referred to as the general standard.

The aim of this edition is to bring this particular standard up to date with reference to the edition 3.1 of the general standard and new versions of collateral standards and amendments thereto through technical changes.

The requirements of this particular standard take priority over those of the general standard.

A "Particular guidance and rationale" for the requirements of this particular standard is included in Annex AA. It is considered that knowledge of the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of the standard but will, in due course, expedite any revision necessitated by changes in clinical practice or as a result of developments in technology. However, this Annex AA does not form part of the requirements of this document.

### INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

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## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 2-49: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of multifunction patient monitors

#### 201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard<sup>1</sup> applies, except as follows:

##### 201.1.1 \* Scope

*Replacement:*

This part of the 80601 International Standard applies to BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements of MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS as defined in 201.3.201, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. This particular standard applies to MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS intended for use in professional healthcare facilities as well as in the EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE ENVIRONMENT or the HOME HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT.

The scope of this document is restricted to ME EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS intended for connection to a single PATIENT that has two or more PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNITS.

NOTE For purposes of this document, a pregnant mother and her fetus(es) are considered a single PATIENT.

This document does not specify requirements for individual PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNITS such as ECG, invasive pressure and pulse oximetry. The particular standards related to these PHYSIOLOGICAL MONITORING UNITS specify requirements from the perspective of stand-alone ME EQUIPMENT. This particular standard addresses the additional requirements related to MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS. MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS can be integrated into other ME EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. When this is the case, other relevant standards also apply.

EXAMPLE 1 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into a critical care ventilator where ISO 80601-2-12 also applies.

EXAMPLE 2 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into a homecare ventilator for dependent PATIENT where ISO 80601-2-72 also applies.

EXAMPLE 3 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into anesthetic workstation where ISO 80601-2-13 also applies.

EXAMPLE 4 MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITOR incorporated into haemodialysis equipment, IEC 60601-2-16 also applies.

This document does not apply to implantable parts of MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS.

##### 201.1.2 Object

*Replacement:*

The object of this particular standard is to establish BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for MULTIFUNCTION PATIENT MONITORS as defined in 201.3.201.

<sup>1</sup> The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*.