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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 FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT.

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

A "Particular guidance and rationale" text giving some explanatory notes, where appropriate, about the more important requirements 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 does not form part of the requirements of this standard.

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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 FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT intended to be used by themselves, or as a part of an ME SYSTEM, for the production of FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT output for adjunctive diagnostic purposes, hereinafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

Not included within the scope of this particular standard are:

- a) the part of ME EQUIPMENT, if provided, that measures oxygen saturation of the haemoglobin in the micro vessels (capillaries, arterioles and venules);
- b) near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) tissue oximeter equipment, which is not intended for obtaining FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT output;
- c) pulse oximeter equipment, which is not intended for obtaining FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT output. The requirements for pulse oximeter equipment are found in ISO 80601-2-61.
- d) frequency-domain and time-domain equipment for functional near-infrared spectroscopy, which may require different test procedures than defined herein.
- e) FUNCTIONAL NEAR-INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY EQUIPMENT which measure changes in the concentration of chromophores other than oxy- and deoxy-haemoglobin, which may require different test procedures than defined herein.

201.1.2 OBJECT

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for FUNCTIONAL NIRS EQUIPMENT as defined in 201.3.205.

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.

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