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**Part 2-10: Particular requirements for the basic safety
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In this Redline version, a vertical line in the margin shows where the technical content is modified by amendment 1. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text. A separate Final version with all changes accepted is available in this publication.

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- “may” is used to describe a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test.

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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 nerve and muscle stimulators.

This particular standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1 ~~(third edition, 2005 plus Amendment 1, 2012)~~; *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety and essential performance* hereinafter referred to as the General Standard (see 201.1.4).

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

A "Particular guidance and rationale" section giving some explanatory notes, where appropriate, about the more important requirements is included in Annex AA.

Clauses or subclauses for which there are explanatory notes in Annex AA are marked with an asterisk (*).

It is considered that a 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 specifies the requirements for the safety of nerve and muscle STIMULATORS, defined in subclause 201.3.204, for use in the practice of physical medicine, hereinafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT. This includes transcutaneous electrical nerve STIMULATORS (TENS) and electrical muscle STIMULATORS (EMS).

NOTE A muscle STIMULATOR may also be known as a neuromuscular STIMULATOR.

The following ME EQUIPMENT is excluded:

- ME EQUIPMENT intended to be implanted or to be connected to implanted electrodes;
- ME EQUIPMENT intended for the stimulation of the brain (e.g. electroconvulsive therapy ME EQUIPMENT);
- ME EQUIPMENT intended for neurological research;
- external cardiac pacemakers (see IEC 60601-2-31);
- ME EQUIPMENT intended for averaged evoked potential diagnosis (see IEC 60601-2-40);
- ME EQUIPMENT intended for electromyography (see IEC 60601-2-40);
- ME EQUIPMENT intended for cardiac defibrillation (see IEC 60601-2-4).

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for nerve and muscle STIMULATORS as defined in 201.3.204.

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:~~2007~~ 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.

¹⁾ The general standard is IEC 60601-1:~~2005+A1:2012~~, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*