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### MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 2-20: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of infant transport incubators

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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.**

International standard IEC 60601-2-20 has been prepared by IEC Subcommittee 62D Electromedical equipment, of IEC Technical Committee 62: Electrical equipment in medical practice.

This third edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical change with respect to the previous edition: re-dating of normative references.

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References to clauses within this document are preceded by the term "Clause" followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this particular standard are by number only.

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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 INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATOR equipment.

This particular standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*, hereinafter referred to as the "general standard".

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

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

## INTRODUCTION to Amendment 1

At the October 2019 meeting of IEC SC 62D in Shanghai, China, the subcommittee discussed the need for administrative/technical changes to most 62D standards after completion of the amendment projects within the IEC 60601-1 series. Those projects were all completed and the amendments published in 2020.

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## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 2-20: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of infant transport incubators

#### 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 IEC 60601 applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATOR equipment, as defined in 201.3.208, also referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to ME EQUIPMENT only, or to ME SYSTEMS only, the title and content of that clause or subclause will say so. If that is not the case, the clause or subclause applies both to ME EQUIPMENT and to ME SYSTEMS, as relevant.

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEMS within the scope of this document are not covered by specific requirements in this document, except in 7.2.13 and 8.4.1 of the general standard.

NOTE See also 4.2 of the general standard.

This particular standard specifies safety requirements for INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATORS, but alternate methods of compliance with a specific clause, by demonstrating equivalent safety, will not be judged as non-compliant, if the MANUFACTURER has demonstrated in his RISK MANAGEMENT FILE that the RISK presented by the HAZARD has been found to be of an acceptable level when weighed against the benefit of treatment from the device.

This particular standard does not apply to:

- devices supplying heat via BLANKETS, PADS or MATTRESSES in medical use; for information, see IEC 60601-2-35 [1]<sup>2</sup>;
- INFANT INCUBATORS which are not INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATOR; for information see IEC 60601-2-19 [2];
- INFANT RADIANT WARMERS; for information, see IEC 60601-2-21 [3];
- INFANT PHOTOTHERAPY; for information, see IEC 60601-2-50 [4].

##### 201.1.2 Object

*Replacement:*

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for INFANT TRANSPORT INCUBATORS as defined in 201.3.208, which minimize HAZARDS to the PATIENT and OPERATOR, and to specify tests by which compliance with the requirements can be verified.

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<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*.

<sup>2</sup> Figures between square brackets refer to the Bibliography.