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Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- alignment with IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, IEC 60601-1-2:2014+AMD1:2020 IEC 60601-1-6:2010+AMD1:2013+AMD2:2020 and IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020.
- added requirements for the display legibility for *operators* wearing personal protective equipment;
- added requirements for display during calibration of gas monitors;
- clarified *maximum limited pressure* requirements;
- clarified high *airway pressure alarm condition* requirements;
- added requirements for *ventilator system recovery*;

- added requirements and definitions for *cybersecurity*; and
- harmonization with ISO 20417, where appropriate.

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Introduction

In referring to the structure of this document, the term

- “clause” means one of the four numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 201 includes subclauses 201.7, 201.8, etc.);
- “subclause” means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g. 201.7, 201.8 and 201.12 are all subclauses of Clause 201).

References to clauses within this document are preceded by the term “Clause” followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this document are by number only.

In this document, the conjunctive “or” is used as an “inclusive or” so a statement is true if any combination of the conditions is true.

In this document, the following verbal forms are used:

- “shall” indicates a requirement;
- “should” indicates a recommendation;
- “may” indicates a permission;
- “can” is used to describe a possibility or capability.

Annex C contains a guide to the *marking* and labelling requirements in this document.

Annex D contains a summary of the *symbols* referenced in this document.

Requirements in this document have been decomposed so that each requirement is uniquely delineated. This is done to support automated requirements tracking.

Medical electrical equipment —

Part 2-12:

Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of critical care ventilators

201.1 Scope, object and related standards

IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, Clause 1 applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

NOTE 1 There is guidance or rationale for this subclause contained in Clause AA.2.

This document applies to the *basic safety* and *essential performance* of a critical care *ventilator* in combination with its *accessories*, hereafter referred to as *ME equipment*:

- intended for use in an environment that provides specialized care for *patients* whose conditions can be life-threatening and who can require comprehensive care and constant monitoring in a *professional healthcare facility*;

NOTE 2 For the purposes of this document, such an environment is referred to as a critical care environment. *Ventilators* for this environment are considered life-sustaining.

NOTE 3 For the purposes of this document, such a critical care *ventilator* can provide ventilation during transport within a *professional healthcare facility* (i.e. be a *transit-operable ventilator*).

NOTE 4 A critical care *ventilator* intended for use in transport within a *professional healthcare facility* is not considered as an *emergency medical services environment ventilator*.

- intended to be operated by a *healthcare professional operator*; and
- intended for those *patients* who need differing levels of support from *artificial ventilation* including for *ventilator-dependent patients*.

A critical care *ventilator* is not considered to use a *physiologic closed-loop-control system* unless it uses a physiological *patient* variable to adjust the *artificial ventilation* therapy settings.

This document is also applicable to those *accessories* intended by their *manufacturer* to be connected to a *ventilator breathing system*, or to a *ventilator*, where the characteristics of those *accessories* can affect the *basic safety* or *essential performance* of the *ventilator*.

NOTE 5 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 IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 7.2.13 and 8.4.1.

NOTE 6 Additional information can be found in IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, 4.2.

This document is not applicable to *ME equipment* or an *ME system* operating in a *ventilator-operational mode* solely intended for *patients* who are not dependent on *artificial ventilation*.

NOTE 7 A critical care *ventilator*, when operating in such a *ventilator-operational mode*, is not considered life-sustaining.

This document is not applicable to *ME equipment* that is intended solely to augment the ventilation of spontaneously breathing *patients* within a *professional healthcare facility*.

This document does not specify the requirements for:

NOTE 8 See ISO/TR 21954 for guidance on the selection of the appropriate *ventilator* for a given *patient*.

- *ventilators* or *accessories* intended for anaesthetic applications, which are given in ISO 80601-2-13;
- *ventilators* or *accessories* intended for the *emergency medical services environment*, which are given in ISO 80601-2-84;
- *ventilators* or *accessories* intended for *ventilator-dependent patients* in the *home healthcare environment*, which are given in ISO 80601-2-72;
- *ventilators* or *accessories* intended for home-care ventilatory support devices, which are given in ISO 80601-2-79 and ISO 80601-2-80;
- obstructive sleep apnoea therapy *ME equipment*, which are given in ISO 80601-2-70;
- *continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) ME equipment*.
- high-frequency *ventilators*, which are given in ISO 80601-2-87;

NOTE 9 A critical care *ventilator* can incorporate high-frequency jet or high-frequency oscillatory *ventilator-operational modes*.

- respiratory high-flow therapy equipment, which are given in ISO 80601-2-90;

NOTE 10 A critical care *ventilator* can incorporate high-flow therapy operational mode, but such a mode is only for spontaneously breathing *patients*.

- oxygen therapy constant flow *ME equipment*; and
- cuirass or “iron-lung” ventilation equipment.