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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition of IEC 60601-2-25, published in 1993 and the first edition of IEC 60601-2-51, published in 2003. This second edition of IEC 60601-2-25 constitutes a technical revision of both those standards.

The text of this particular standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
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Full information on the voting for the approval of this particular standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

In this standard, the following print types are used:

– Requirements and definitions: roman type.
– *Test specifications: italic type.*
– Informative material appearing outside of tables, such as notes, examples and references: in smaller type. Normative text of tables is also in a smaller type.
– TERMS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 3 OF THE GENERAL STANDARD, IN THIS PARTICULAR STANDARD OR AS NOTED: SMALL CAPITALS.

In referring to the structure of this standard, the term

– “clause” means one of the seventeen numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 7 includes subclauses 7.1, 7.2, etc.);
– “subclause” means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g. 7.1, 7.2 and 7.2.1 are all subclauses of Clause 7).

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

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

The verbal forms used in this standard conform to usage described in Annex H of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. For the purposes of this standard, the auxiliary verb:

– “shall” means that compliance with a requirement or a test is mandatory for compliance with this standard;
– “should” means that compliance with a requirement or a test is recommended but is not mandatory for compliance with this standard;
– “may” is used to describe a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test.

An asterisk (*) as the first character of a title or at the beginning of a paragraph or table title indicates that there is guidance or rationale related to that item in Annex AA.

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- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

This particular standard concerns the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT. It amends and supplements IEC 60601-1 (third edition, 2005): *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*, hereinafter referred to as the general standard.

This particular standard now includes the contents of the particular standard IEC 60601-2-51: *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-51: Particular requirements for the safety, including essential performance, of recording and analysing single channel and multichannel electrocardiographs.*

Updating the particular standards to refer to the third edition of the general standard provided the opportunity to merge the first editions of IEC 60601-2-25 and IEC 60601-2-51 into one standard. Reformatting and technical changes were both made.

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

A “General guidance and rationale” for the more important requirements of this particular standard is included in Annex AA. Knowledge of the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate 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, Annex AA 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 standard[1] applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 * Scope

Replacement:

This particular standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHS as defined in 201.3.63 intended by themselves or as a part of an ME SYSTEM, for the production of ECG REPORTS for diagnostic purposes, hereinafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

Not included within the scope of this particular standard are:

a) the part of ME EQUIPMENT that provides vectorcardiographic loops;

b) ambulatory electrocardiographic ME EQUIPMENT covered by IEC 60601-2-47 where not intended for obtaining ECG REPORTS for diagnostic purposes;

c) cardiac monitors covered by IEC 60601-2-27 where not intended for obtaining ECG REPORTS for diagnostic purposes.

NOTE 1 For example. ME EQUIPMENT includes:

a) direct-writing ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHS;

b) other ME EQUIPMENT that produce ECG REPORTS for diagnostic purposes, e.g. patient monitors, defibrillators, exercise testing devices;

c) ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHS having a display that is remote from the PATIENT (e.g. via phone lines, networks or storage media). These ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEMS are within the scope of this particular standard excluding transmission media.

NOTE 2 ME EQUIPMENT that provide selection between diagnostic and monitoring functions shall meet the requirements of the appropriate standard when configured for that function.

ME EQUIPMENT intended for use under extreme or uncontrolled environmental conditions outside the hospital environment or physician's office, such as in ambulances and air transport, shall comply with this particular standard. Additional standards may apply to ME EQUIPMENT for those environments of use.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular requirements for BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHS as defined in 201.3.63.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

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