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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2006. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical change with respect to the previous edition: the test method to determine SYSTEM LINEARITY has been updated to reflect the technical developments of RADIONUCLIDE CALIBRATORS.

The text of this Technical Report is based on the following documents:

Draft TR	Report on voting
62C/715/DTR	62C/727/RVDTR

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

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NUCLEAR MEDICINE INSTRUMENTATION – ROUTINE TESTS –

Part 4: Radionuclide calibrators

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61948 covers the ROUTINE TESTING of RADIONUCLIDE CALIBRATORS used in nuclear medicine. Such devices utilise ionisation chambers of the well type and a direct readout in units of ACTIVITY. Requirements and specific methods to determine performance parameters are described in IEC 61303. These methods are primarily designed for ACCEPTANCE TESTING.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC TR 60788:2004, *Medical electrical equipment – Glossary of defined terms*

IEC 61303:1994, *Medical electrical equipment – Radionuclide calibrators – Particular methods for describing performance*

3 Terms and definitions

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NOTE Defined terms are printed in small capital letters.

3.1
ACCEPTANCE TEST
test carried out after new equipment has been installed, or major modifications have been made to existing equipment, in order to verify compliance with contractual specifications

Note 1 to entry: During or immediately after ACCEPTANCE TEST, REFERENCE DATA are collected to be used as a standard for comparison with future ROUTINE TESTS.

[SOURCE: IEC TR 60788:2004, rm-70-01, modified –A note to entry has been added.]

3.2
BACKGROUND RESPONSE
reading of the instrument without intended RADIOACTIVE SOURCE

Note 1 to entry: The BACKGROUND RESPONSE is caused by external radiation fields, but in addition also by electronic noise and contamination.