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

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- TERMS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 3 OF THE GENERAL STANDARD, IN THIS PARTICULAR STANDARD OR AS NOTED: SMALL CAPITALS.

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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

This particular standard concerns the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC MONITORING 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.

The aim of this third edition is to bring this particular standard up to date with reference to the third edition of the general standard through reformatting and technical changes.

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. It is considered that 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, 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 standard¹⁾ applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 *Scope

Replacement:

This particular standard applies to BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC (ECG) MONITORING EQUIPMENT as defined in 201.3.63 and hereinafter also referred to as ME EQUIPMENT. This particular standard applies to ME EQUIPMENT used in a hospital environment as well as when used outside the hospital environment, such as in ambulances and air transport. This particular standard also applies to ECG telemetry systems used in a hospital environment.

ME EQUIPMENT intended for use under extreme or uncontrolled environmental conditions outside the hospital environment, 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.

This standard is not applicable to electrocardiographic monitors for home use. However, MANUFACTURERS should consider using relevant clauses of this standard as appropriate for their INTENDED USE.

Ambulatory ("Holter") monitors, fetal heart rate monitoring, pulse plethysmographic devices, and other ECG recording equipment are outside the scope of this particular standard.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this particular standard is to establish BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC (ECG) MONITORING EQUIPMENT as defined in 201.3.63.

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 and IEC 60601-1-8:2006 apply as modified in Clauses 202 and 208 respectively. 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, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*