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essentielles des appareils chirurgicaux, esthétiques, thérapeutiques et de
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MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –**Part 2-22: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of surgical, cosmetic, therapeutic and diagnostic laser equipment**

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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) it takes account of IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60825-1:2014, which have been published since publication of the third edition;
- b) it addresses technical and safety issues which have arisen since publication of the third edition;

- c) the scope of this fourth edition differs from the scope of the third edition. It now includes CLASS 1C laser equipment, as defined in IEC 60825-1:2014, when the ENCLOSED LASER is CLASS 3B or 4;
- d) LED (light emitting diode) products are now excluded from this document as medical LED products may be covered by IEC 60601-2-57.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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76/580/CDV	76/610/RVC

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- “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.);
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- amended.

INTRODUCTION

This document amends and supplements IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*.

This document also refers to IEC 60825-1:2014. The requirements of this document are the minimum that need to be complied with, in order to achieve a reasonable level of safety and reliability during operation and application of medical laser equipment.

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. Understanding the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of this document but will, in due course, expedite any revisions necessitated by changes in clinical practice or by developments in technology.

MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

Part 2-22: Particular requirements for basic safety and essential performance of surgical, cosmetic, therapeutic and diagnostic laser equipment

201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard¹ applies, except as follows:

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This part of IEC 60601 applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of laser equipment for surgical, therapeutic, medical diagnostic, cosmetic or veterinary applications, intended for use on humans or animals, classified as LASER PRODUCT of CLASS 1C where the ENCLOSED LASER is of CLASS 3B or 4, or CLASS 3B, or CLASS 4.

MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS which incorporate lasers as sources of energy being transferred to the PATIENT or animal and where the lasers are specified as above, are referred to as “laser equipment” in this document.

NOTE 1 LASER PRODUCTS for these applications classified as a Class 1, Class 1M, CLASS 2, Class 2M or CLASS 3R LASER PRODUCT, are covered by IEC 60825-1:2014 and by the general standard.

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 to ME EQUIPMENT and to ME SYSTEMS, as relevant.

Hazards inherent in the intended physiological function of laser equipment within the scope of this document are not covered by specific requirements in this document except in 7.2.13, Physiological effects, of the general standard.

NOTE 2 See also 4.2, RISK MANAGEMENT process, of the general standard.

NOTE 3 If the laser equipment is CLASS 1C according to IEC 60825-1:2014 and is used as a laser appliance in a household, it is covered by IEC 60335-2-113:2016.

201.1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this document is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for the safety of surgical, cosmetic, therapeutic and diagnostic laser equipment.

201.1.3 Collateral standards

Addition:

This document refers to those applicable collateral standards that are listed in Clause 2 of the general standard and Clause 201.2 of this document.

¹ In this document, “the general standard” means IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012.