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**Medical electrical equipment –  
Part 2-43: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance  
of X-ray equipment for interventional procedures**

**Appareils électromédicaux –  
Partie 2-43: Exigences particulières pour la sécurité de base et les performances  
essentielles des appareils à rayonnement X lors d'interventions**



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**This Final version does not show where the technical content is modified by amendment 1. A separate Redline version with all changes highlighted is available in this publication.**

International standard IEC 60601-2-43 has been prepared by IEC subcommittee 62B: Diagnostic imaging equipment, of IEC technical committee 62: Electrical equipment in medical practice.

This second edition constitutes a technical revision.

This particular standard has been revised to provide a complete set of safety requirements for X-RAY EQUIPMENT for RADIOSCOPICALLY GUIDED INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES, based on the third edition of IEC 60601-1 and relevant collaterals. The present edition is extended to become a system standard for X-RAY EQUIPMENT designed for the use during interventional procedures using X-ray imaging, whether of prolonged or normal duration.

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

In this standard, the following print types are used:

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- *Test specifications: italic type.*
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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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- “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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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.

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- withdrawn,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

## INTRODUCTION

X-RAY EQUIPMENT for RADIOSCOPICALLY GUIDED INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES may subject PATIENTS and OPERATORS to higher levels of RADIATION than those which normally prevail during diagnostic X-ray imaging procedures. One consequence for the PATIENT may be the occurrence of deterministic injury when procedures involve the delivery of substantial amounts of RADIATION to localized areas. Another consequence can be an increased RISK of stochastic effects, such as cancer. These health concerns apply also to the OPERATOR. In addition, for this particular type of equipment, there is a need for availability of critical functions with minimal periods of loss.

Interventional procedures of the type envisaged are well established in clinical fields such as:

- invasive cardiology;
- interventional RADIOLOGY;
- interventional neuroradiology.

These procedures also include many newly developing and emerging applications in a wide range of medical and surgical specialities.

NOTE Attention is drawn to the existence of legislation in some countries concerning RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION, which may not align with the provisions of this standard.

## INTRODUCTION to the Amendment

The purpose of this first amendment to IEC 60601-2-43:2010 is to introduce changes as follows:

- refer to IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and its applicable collateral standards;
- refer to IEC 60601-2-54:2009 and IEC 60601-2-54:2009/AMD1:2015 and consequent subclause adaptations;
- include a requirement to have a maximum time of 10 min to recover all functions after a recoverable failure in 201.4.101;
- include several aspects from IEC 61910-1:2014 and remove the reference to IEC PAS 61910-1:2007 in 201.4.102;
- include an alternative way of testing in 201.11.6.5.103;
- include a clarification for tableside controls in 201.12.4.106.

In addition, a number of technical errors have been corrected.

## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

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#### 201.1 Scope, object and related standards

Clause 1 of the general standard<sup>1)</sup> applies, except as follows:

##### 201.1.1 \* Scope

*Replacement:*

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of X-RAY EQUIPMENT declared by the MANUFACTURER to be suitable for RADIOSCOPICALLY GUIDED INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES, hereafter referred to as INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT. Its scope excludes, in particular:

- equipment for RADIOTHERAPY;
- equipment for COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY;
- ACCESSORIES intended to be introduced into the PATIENT;
- mammographic X-RAY EQUIPMENT;
- dental X-RAY EQUIPMENT.

NOTE 1 Examples of RADIOSCOPICALLY GUIDED INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES, for which the use of INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT complying with this standard is recommended, are given in Annex AA.

NOTE 2 Specific requirements for magnetic navigation devices, and for the use of INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT in an operating room environment were not considered in this particular standard; therefore no specific requirements have been developed for these devices or uses. In any case, such devices or uses remain under the general clause requirements.

NOTE 3 INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT when used in cross-sectional imaging mode (sometimes described as CT-like mode or cone-beam CT) is covered by this particular standard and not by IEC 60601-2-44 [2]<sup>2)</sup>. Additional requirements for operation in CT-like mode or cone-beam CT were not considered in the present standard.

INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT declared by the MANUFACTURER to be suitable for RADIOSCOPICALLY GUIDED INTERVENTIONAL PROCEDURES, which does not include a PATIENT SUPPORT as part of the system, is exempt from the PATIENT SUPPORT provisions of this standard.

If a clause or subclause is specifically intended to be applicable to INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY 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 INTERVENTIONAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT and to ME SYSTEMS, as relevant.

NOTE 4 See also 4.2 of the general standard.

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1) The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*.

2) Figures in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.