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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee HE-003, Medical Electrical Equipment, to supersede AS/NZS 3200.1.2:2005, *Medical electrical equipment, Part 1.2: General requirements for safety—Collateral standard: Electromagnetic compatibility—Requirements and tests*.

The objective of this Standard is to specify general requirements and tests for the basic safety and essential performance of medical equipment (ME) and ME systems in the presence of electromagnetic disturbances and to electromagnetic disturbances emitted by ME equipment and systems.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from IEC 60601-1-2:2014, *Medical electrical equipment, Part 1-2: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance—Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic disturbances—Requirements and tests*.

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This fourth edition constitutes a collateral standard to IEC 60601-1: *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety and essential performance* hereafter referred to as the general standard.

The most significant changes with respect to the previous edition include the following modifications:

- specification of IMMUNITY TEST LEVELS according to the environments of INTENDED USE, categorized according to locations that are harmonized with IEC 60601-1-11: the professional healthcare facility environment, the HOME HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT and SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTS;
- specification of tests and test levels to improve the safety of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS when PORTABLE RF communications equipment is used closer to the MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT than was recommended based on the IMMUNITY TEST LEVELS that were specified in the third edition;
- specification of IMMUNITY tests and IMMUNITY TEST LEVELS according to the PORTS of the MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM;
- specification of IMMUNITY TEST LEVELS based on the reasonably foreseeable maximum level of ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCES in the environments of INTENDED USE, resulting in some IMMUNITY TEST LEVELS that are higher than in the previous edition; and
- better harmonization with the RISK concepts of BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE, including deletion of the defined term “life-supporting”;

and the following additions:

- guidance for determination of IMMUNITY TEST LEVELS for SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTS;
- guidance for adjustment of IMMUNITY TEST LEVELS when special considerations of mitigations or INTENDED USE are applicable;
- guidance on RISK MANAGEMENT for BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE with regard to ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCES; and
- guidance on identification of IMMUNITY pass/fail criteria.

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INTRODUCTION

The need for establishing specific standards for BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE with regard to ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCES for MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS is well recognized.

The requirements and tests specified by this collateral standard are generally applicable to MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS as defined in 3.63 and 3.64 in the general standard. For certain types of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, these requirements might need to be modified by the special requirements of a particular standard. Writers of particular standards are encouraged to refer to Annex D for guidance in the application of this collateral standard.

MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS are expected to provide their BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE without interfering with other equipment and systems in the ELECTROMAGNETIC ENVIRONMENTS in which they are intended by their MANUFACTURER to be used. The application of ELECTROMAGNETIC EMISSION standards is essential for the protection of:

- safety services;
- other MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS;
- non-ME EQUIPMENT (e.g. computers);
- telecommunications (e.g. radio/TV, telephone, radio-navigation).

Of even more importance, the application of ELECTROMAGNETIC IMMUNITY standards is essential to ensure safety of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS. To ensure safety, MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS are expected to provide their BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE in the ELECTROMAGNETIC ENVIRONMENTS of INTENDED USE throughout their EXPECTED SERVICE LIFE.

This collateral standard specifies IMMUNITY TEST LEVELS for safety for ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS intended by their MANUFACTURER for use in the professional healthcare facility environment or the HOME HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT. It recognizes that RF wireless communications equipment can no longer be prohibited from most PATIENT ENVIRONMENTS because in many cases it has become essential to the efficient provision of healthcare. This collateral standard also recognizes that, for certain SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTS, higher or lower IMMUNITY TEST LEVELS than those specified for the professional healthcare facility environment and the HOME HEALTHCARE ENVIRONMENT might be appropriate. This collateral standard provides guidance in determining appropriate IMMUNITY TEST LEVELS for SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTS.

The IMMUNITY TEST LEVELS specified for BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE are based on the reasonably foreseeable maximum of the ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCE phenomena in the applicable environments of INTENDED USE.

Not all ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCE phenomena are covered by this collateral standard, as it is not practical to do so. MANUFACTURERS of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS need to address this during their RISK ASSESSMENT and evaluate if other ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCE phenomena could make their product unsafe. This evaluation should be based on the environments of INTENDED USE and the reasonably foreseeable maximum levels of ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCES expected throughout the EXPECTED SERVICE LIFE.

This collateral standard recognizes that the MANUFACTURER has the responsibility to design and perform VERIFICATION of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS to meet the requirements of this collateral standard and to disclose information to the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION or OPERATOR so that the MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT or MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM will remain safe throughout its EXPECTED SERVICE LIFE.

This collateral standard provides guidance in incorporating considerations regarding ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCES into the RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS.

This collateral standard is based on existing IEC standards prepared by subcommittee 62A, technical committee 77 (ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY between electrical equipment including networks), ISO (International standards organization), and CISPR (International special committee on radio interference).

AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

Medical electrical equipment

Part 1.2:

**General requirements for basic safety and essential performance—
Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic disturbances—Requirements and tests****1 Scope, object and related standards****1.1 * Scope**

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT and MEDICAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS.

This collateral standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS in the presence of ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCES and to ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCES emitted by ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS.

BASIC SAFETY with regard to ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCES is applicable to all ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS.

1.2 Object

The object of this collateral standard is to specify general requirements and tests for BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE with regard to ELECTROMAGNETIC DISTURBANCES and for ELECTROMAGNETIC EMISSIONS of ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS. They are in addition to the requirements of the general standard and serve as the basis for particular standards.

1.3 Related standards**1.3.1 IEC 60601-1**

For ME EQUIPMENT and ME SYSTEMS, this collateral standard complements IEC 60601-1.

When referring to IEC 60601-1 or to this collateral standard, either individually or in combination, the following conventions are used:

- "the general standard" designates IEC 60601-1 alone (IEC 60601-1:2005+A1:2012);
- "this collateral standard" designates IEC 60601-1-2 alone;
- "this standard" designates the combination of the general standard and this collateral standard.

1.3.2 Particular standards

A requirement in a particular standard takes priority over the corresponding requirement in this collateral standard.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.