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This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee HE-003, Medical Electrical Equipment, to supersede AS/NZS 3200.2.5—2002, *Medical electrical equipment, Part 2.5: Particular requirements for safety—Ultrasonic physiotherapy equipment* (IEC 60601-2-5:2000, MOD).

After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to apply to the basic safety and essential performance of ultrasonic physiotherapy equipment employing a single plane unfocused circular transducer per treatment head, producing static beams perpendicular to the face of the treatment head.. This Standard can also be applied to ultrasonic physiotherapy equipment used for compensation or alleviation of disease, injury or disability.

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications, and has been reproduced from, IEC 60601-2-5:2009 (ED 3.0), *Medical electrical equipment, — Part 2-5: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of ultrasonic physiotherapy equipment*. Appendix ZZ lists the variations to IEC 60601-2-5:2009 (ED 3.0) for the application of this Standard in Australia.

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FOREWORD

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2000. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

The numbering was revised to agree with IEC 60601-1:2005 (third edition). Beyond this, essential performance characteristics are defined in 201.4.3.101, guidance on maintenance is added in 201.7.9.2.1, a new requirement regarding dielectric withstand was added in 201.8.8.3. The clause on transducer surface temperature rise, 201.11, has been modified to allow for simulated use conditions. Measurements of ultrasound-related parameters are now referenced to IEC 61689:2007 (second edition). The most important change in the ultrasound-related parameters is the definition of EFFECTIVE RADIATING AREA, 201.3.207. This change will also affect the value of the EFFECTIVE INTENSITY and its uncertainty.

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

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

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.

In referring to the structure of this standard, the term

- “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.);
- “subclause” means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g. 7.1, 7.2 and 7.2.1 are all subclauses of Clause 7).

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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- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

In this particular standard, safety and performance requirements additional to those in the general standard are specified for ULTRASONIC PHYSIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT.

This particular standard takes into account IEC 61689.

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

A rationale for the more important requirements, where appropriate, is given in Annex AA. It is considered that a knowledge of the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of the particular standard but will, in due course, expedite any revision necessitated by changes in clinical practice or as a result of developments in technology. However this annex does not form part of the requirements of this standard.

The clauses and subclauses which have corresponding rationale statements are marked with an asterisk * after their number.

MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

Part 2-5: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of ultrasonic physiotherapy equipment

201.1 Scope, object and related standards

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

201.1.1 Scope

Replacement:

This International Standard applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ULTRASONIC PHYSIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT as defined in 201.3.216, hereafter referred to as ME EQUIPMENT.

This standard only relates to ULTRASONIC PHYSIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT employing a single plane unfocused circular transducer per TREATMENT HEAD, producing static beams perpendicular to the face of the TREATMENT HEAD.

This standard can also be applied to ULTRASONIC PHYSIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT used for compensation or alleviation of disease, injury or disability.

In the case of combined EQUIPMENT (e.g. EQUIPMENT additionally provided with a function or an APPLIED PART for electrical stimulation) such EQUIPMENT shall also comply with any particular standard specifying safety requirements for the additional function.

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 both to ME EQUIPMENT and to ME SYSTEMS, as relevant.

HAZARDS inherent in the intended physiological function of ME EQUIPMENT or ME SYSTEMS within the scope of this standard are not covered by specific requirements in this standard except in 7.2.13 and 8.4.1 of the general standard.

NOTE 1 See also 4.2 of the general standard.

This particular standard does not apply to:

- EQUIPMENT in which a tool is driven by ULTRASOUND (for example EQUIPMENT used in surgery or dentistry);
- EQUIPMENT in which focused ULTRASOUND pulse waves are used to destroy conglomerates such as stones in the kidneys or the bladder (lithotripters) (for information refer to IEC 60601-2-36);
- ULTRASONIC PHYSIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT in which focused ultrasound pulse waves are used.

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