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*Medical electrical equipment –*

*Part 2-46: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of operating tables*

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### Normative references to international publications with their corresponding European publications

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NOTE 1 Where an International Publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

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*The Annex ZA of EN 60601-1:2006 is applicable, except as follows:*

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>EN/HD</u>	<u>Year</u>
<i>Replacement</i>				
IEC 60601-1-2	2014	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1-2:EN 60601-1-2 General requirements for basic safety and essential performance - Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic disturbances - Requirements and tests		2015
IEC 60601-1-3	2008	Medical electrical equipment - Part 1-3:EN 60601-1-3 General requirements for basic safety and essential performance - Collateral Standard: Radiation protection in diagnostic X-ray equipment		2008
			+EN 60601-1-2010 3:2008/corrigendum Mar. 2010	
			+A11	2016
<i>Addition</i>				
IEC 60601-2-2	-	Medical electrical equipment - Part 2-2:EN IEC 60601-2-2 - Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of high frequency surgical equipment and high frequency surgical accessories		-
IEC 60601-2-43	-	Medical electrical equipment - Part 2-43:EN 60601-2-43 - Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of X-ray equipment for interventional procedures		-
			+AC	2014

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## INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

**MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –****Part 2-46: Particular requirements for the basic safety  
and essential performance of operating tables**

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

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62D/1365/FDIS	62D/1371/RVD

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

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- “clause” means one of the 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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- “should” means that compliance with a requirement or a test is recommended but is not mandatory for compliance with this standard;
- “may” is used to describe a permissible way to achieve compliance with a requirement or test.

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.

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The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC website under "<http://webstore.iec.ch>" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

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



## INTRODUCTION

This particular standard concerns the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of OPERATING TABLES. It amends and supplements IEC 60601-1 (third edition, 2005) and its Amendment 1 (IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012), 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.

## MEDICAL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT –

### Part 2-46: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of operating tables

#### 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 particular standard specifies safety requirements for OPERATING TABLES, whether or not having electrical parts, including TRANSPORTERS, used for the transportation of the OPERATING TABLE top to or from the base or pedestal of an OPERATING TABLE with detachable OPERATING TABLE top.

NOTE See also 4.2 of the General Standard.

This particular standard does not apply to

- dental PATIENT chairs;
- examination chairs and couches;
- PATIENT-supporting systems of diagnostic and therapeutic devices; (see IEC 60601-2-43)
- OPERATING TABLE heating blankets; (see IEC 80601-2-35)
- PATIENT transfer equipment;
- delivery tables and beds;
- medical beds; (see IEC 60601-2-52)
- field tables.

If OPERATING TABLES will be used in combination with diagnostic and/or therapeutic devices the relevant requirements of each related particular standard are also applicable.

##### 201.1.2 Object

*Replacement:*

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for OPERATING TABLES as defined in 201.3.201.

##### 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.

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

IEC 60601-1-2 and IEC 60601-1-3 apply as modified in Clauses 202 and 203 respectively. IEC 60601-1-8, IEC 60601-1-10, IEC 60601-1-11 and IEC 60601-1-12 do not apply. All other published collateral standards in the IEC 60601-1 series apply as published.

#### **201.1.4 Particular standards**

##### *Replacement:*

In the IEC 60601 series, particular standards may modify, replace or delete requirements contained in the general standard and collateral standards as appropriate for the particular ME EQUIPMENT under consideration, and may add other BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements.

A requirement of a particular standard takes priority over the general standard.

For brevity, IEC 60601-1 is referred to in this particular standard as the general standard. Collateral standards are referred to by their document number.

The numbering of clauses and subclauses of this particular standard corresponds to that of the general standard with the prefix "201" (e.g. 201.1 in this standard addresses the content of Clause 1 of the general standard) or applicable collateral standard with the prefix "20x" where x is the final digit(s) of the collateral standard document number (e.g. 202.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-2 collateral standard, 203.4 in this particular standard addresses the content of Clause 4 of the IEC 60601-1-3 collateral standard, etc.). The changes to the text of the general standard are specified by the use of the following words:

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Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of the general standard are numbered starting from 201.101. However, due to the fact that definitions in the general standard are numbered 3.1 through 3.147, additional definitions in this standard are numbered beginning from 201.3.201. Additional annexes are lettered AA, BB, etc., and additional items aa), bb), etc.

Subclauses, figures or tables which are additional to those of a collateral standard are numbered starting from 20x, where "x" is the number of the collateral standard, e.g. 202 for IEC 60601-1-2, 203 for IEC 60601-1-3, etc.

The term "this standard" is used to make reference to the general standard, any applicable collateral standards and this particular standard taken together.

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## 201.2 Normative references

Clause 2 of the general standard applies, except as follows:

*Replacement:*

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*

IEC 60601-1-3:2008, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1-3: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance – Collateral standard: Radiation protection in diagnostic X-ray equipment*

IEC 60601-1-3:2008/AMD1:2013<sup>2</sup>

*Addition:*

IEC 60601-2-2, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-2: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of high frequency surgical equipment and high frequency surgical accessories*

IEC 60601-2-43, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-43: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of X-ray equipment for interventional procedures*

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<sup>2</sup> There exists a consolidated edition 2.1, which includes IEC 60601-1-3:2008 and its Amendment 1 (2013).