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This second edition of IEC 60601-2-23 cancels and replaces the first edition published in 1993, and constitutes a technical revision. This second edition also covers the scope of IEC 60601-3-1 published in 1996.

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

FDIS	Report on voting
62D/335/FDIS	62D/345/RVD

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 3.

A bilingual version of this standard may be issued at a later date.

Appendix L forms an integral part of this Standard.

Annex AA is for information only.

In this Particular Standard, the following print types are used:

– requirements, compliance with which can be tested, and definitions: in roman type;

– notes, explanations, advice, instructions, general statements, exceptions and references: in smaller roman type;

– *test specifications: in italic type*;

– TERMS DEFINED IN CLAUSE 2 OF THE GENERAL STANDARD IEC 60601-1 OR THIS PARTICULAR STANDARD: SMALL CAPITALS.

The committee has decided that this publication remains valid until 2005. At this date, in accordance with the committee's decision, the publication will be

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- withdrawn;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

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SECTION ONE – GENERAL

The clauses and subclauses of the General Standard apply except as follows:

1 Scope and object

This clause of the General Standard applies except as follows:

*1.1 Scope

Addition:

This Particular Standard specifies requirements for the safety, including essential performance, of TRANSCUTANEOUS PARTIAL PRESSURE MONITORING EQUIPMENT, as defined in 2.101 and hereinafter referred to as EQUIPMENT, whether this EQUIPMENT is stand alone or part of a system.

It applies to transcutaneous monitors used with adults, children and neonates, and it includes the use of these devices in foetal monitoring during birth.

It does not apply to haemoglobin saturation oximeters or to devices applied to surfaces of the body other than the skin (for example conjunctiva, mucosa).

1.2 Object

Replacement:

The object of this Particular Standard is to establish particular requirements for the safety, including essential performance, of TRANSCUTANEOUS PARTIAL PRESSURE MONITORING EQUIPMENT as defined in 2.101.

1.3 Particular standards

Addition:

This Particular Standard amends and supplements a set of IEC publications consisting of:

IEC 60601-1:1988, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety*, amendment 1, amendment 2,

IEC 60601-1-2:1993, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety – 2. Collateral Standard: Electromagnetic compatibility – Requirements and tests* and

IEC 60601-1-4:1996, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for safety – 4. Collateral Standard: Programmable electrical medical systems.*