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1 Scope

This technical report provides background information for users of IEC 62359 to understand the relative merits of several of the potential replacements for the thermal index (TI) as described in IEC 60601-2-37 and IEC 62359.

The report discusses:

- parameters related to thermal aspects of diagnostic ultrasonic fields;
- methods for the determination of an exposure parameter relating to temperature rise in theoretical tissue-equivalent models, resulting from absorption of ultrasound.

The report is intended to be used by:

- those involved in the development and maintenance of IEC 62359;
- manufacturers of medical electrical equipment for risk assessment;
- health care regulatory authorities, test houses and other organizations responsible for implementing standards for medical electrical equipment.

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.

IEC 60601-2-37:2007, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-37: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of ultrasonic medical diagnostic and monitoring equipment*

IEC 62127-1:2007, *Ultrasonics – Hydrophones – Part 1: Measurement and characterization of medical ultrasonic fields up to 40 MHz*

IEC 62127-2, *Ultrasonics – Hydrophones – Part 2: Calibration for ultrasonic fields up to 40 MHz*

IEC 62359:2010, *Ultrasonics – Field characterization – Test methods for the determination of thermal and mechanical indices related to medical diagnostic ultrasonic fields*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this technical report, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60601-2-37, IEC 62127-1, IEC 62127-2 and IEC 62359, some of which are repeated below for convenience, and the following terms and definitions apply.

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acoustic absorption coefficient

μ

quantity intended to account for loss of ultrasonic energy to tissue at a specified point by mechanisms other than scattering