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essentielle des appareils d'électrochirurgie à courant haute fréquence et des  
accessoires d'électrochirurgie à courant haute fréquence**



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- refinement and additions to the defined terms;
- additional separation of the requirements for HF surgical equipment and HF surgical accessories;
- a new requirement for adult neutral electrodes to be contact quality monitoring neutral electrodes;
- new requirements for devices that have or use a high current mode.

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

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62D/1427/FDIS	62D/1442/RVD

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## INTRODUCTION

The minimum safety requirements specified in this particular standard are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of HIGH FREQUENCY SURGICAL EQUIPMENT.

This particular standard amends and supplements IEC 60601-1:2005 and Amendment 1:2012, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*, hereinafter referred to as the general standard (see 201.1.4).

The requirements are followed by specifications for the relevant tests.

A "Particular guidance and rationale" section giving some explanatory notes, where appropriate, about the more important requirements is included in Annex AA.

Clauses or subclauses for which there are explanatory notes in Annex AA are marked with an asterisk (\*).

It is considered that a 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, this annex does not form part of the requirements of this document.

## 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

#### 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 part of IEC 60601 applies to the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of HF SURGICAL EQUIPMENT and HF SURGICAL ACCESSORIES as defined in 201.3.224 and 201.3.223.

HF SURGICAL EQUIPMENT having a RATED OUTPUT POWER not exceeding 50 W (for example for micro-COAGULATION, or for use in dentistry or ophthalmology) is exempt from certain of the requirements of this particular standard. These exemptions are indicated in the relevant requirements.

##### 201.1.2 Object

*Replacement:*

The object of this particular standard is to establish particular BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE requirements for HF SURGICAL EQUIPMENT and HF SURGICAL ACCESSORIES as defined in 201.3.224 and 201.3.223.

##### 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.

IEC 60601-1-2:2014 and IEC 60601-1-8:2006 apply as modified in Clauses 202 and 208 respectively. IEC 60601-1-3, IEC 60601-1-10 and IEC 60601-1-11 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.

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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*.