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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 14708-3:2008), which has been technically revised.

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Introduction

This document specifies particular requirements for active implantable medical devices intended for electrical stimulation of the central or peripheral nervous system, to provide basic assurance of safety for both patients and users. It amends and supplements ISO 14708-1:2014, hereinafter referred to as ISO 14708-1.

The requirements of this document take priority over those of ISO 14708-1.

Devices that use electricity to stimulate the nervous system are commonly called “neurostimulators.” They produce controlled electrical pulses that are delivered through electrodes in contact with a specific target area. Whether or not a neurostimulator is totally or partially implantable, a lead or extension is usually required to convey stimulation pulses from a form of pulse generator to the electrodes, although newer forms of devices might not utilize leads or extensions. An external programmer might be used to adjust device parameters.

Currently, several types of neurostimulators exist for treating the central or peripheral nervous system. This document is intended to apply to these neurostimulator types regardless of therapy.

This document is relevant to all parts and accessories of implantable neurostimulators, including programmers, software, and technical manuals. Not all parts or accessories might be intended to be totally or partially implanted, but there is a need to specify some requirements of non-implantable parts and accessories if they could affect the safety or performance intended by the manufacturer.

Not included in the scope of this document are non-implantable medical devices, such as external neurostimulators and RF-coupled neurostimulators, even though such devices might have implantable parts, because they are covered under the IEC 60601-1 series of standards.

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