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The main changes are as follows:

— the scope has been expanded to include endoscopic systems and there are therefore significant changes throughout.

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Certain surgical, diagnostic, and therapeutic techniques can generate noxious airborne contaminants (*plume*) as by-products, particularly from procedures that include the cutting, ablation, cauterization, or mechanical manipulation of target tissue by energy-based devices such as lasers, *electrosurgery* generators, broadband light sources, and ultrasonic instruments. Energy-based contact with articles such as tubing, swabs, and skin preparation solutions can produce additional chemicals. This document was developed in response to awareness of the potential hazards to patients and staff of *plume* generated by these techniques in healthcare settings.

Plume can contain a variety of contaminants: airborne chemicals, particulates, ultrafine particles, aerosols, gases, vapours, volatile organic compounds, tissue fragments, cellular material and blood-borne pathogens, posing a hazard to exposed persons. Additionally, *plume* reduces the clinician's ability to clearly see the operative field, resulting in unsafe operating conditions.

This document specifies requirements for systems for evacuation of *plume* generated in healthcare facilities. It is intended for those persons involved in the design, construction, inspection, and operation of healthcare facilities. Those persons involved in the design, manufacture, installation, testing, and use of equipment and components for *plume evacuation systems* should also be aware of the contents of this document.

This document provides the information needed to capture, filter, and remove surgical plume.

The objectives of this document are to ensure the following:

a) continuous extraction at specified pressures and flows;

b) use of suitable materials for all components of the system;

c) provision of monitoring indicators and alarm systems;

d) correct rating of filtration systems;

e) correct indication of filter life;

f) correct marking and labelling;

g) electrical and environmental testing;

h) correct installation;

i) testing, commissioning, and certification;

j) provision of guidance on operational management;

k) appropriate *manufacturer's* instructions for use, training, service, and maintenance.