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safety and essential performance of
ventilatory support equipment for
ventilatory impairment**

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ventilatoire en cas de trouble ventilatoire*

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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 80601-2-79:2018), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- alignment with IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, IEC 60601-1-2:2014+AMD1:2020 IEC 60601-1-6:2010+AMD1:2013+AMD2:2020 and IEC 60601-1-8:2006+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020;
- clarified *maximum limited pressure* requirements;
- clarified high *airway pressure alarm condition* requirements; and
- harmonization with ISO 20417, where appropriate.

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Introduction

This document specifies requirements for *ventilatory support equipment* that is intended for use in the *home healthcare environment* for *patients* who are not dependent on *ventilation* for their life support. *Ventilatory support equipment* is frequently used in locations where *supply mains* is not reliable. *Ventilatory support equipment* is often supervised by non-healthcare personnel (*lay operators*) with varying levels of training. *Ventilatory support equipment* conforming with this document can be used elsewhere (i.e. in healthcare facilities).

Ventilatory support is often used for *patients* who have stable ventilatory needs. This document addresses *patients* who have significant respiratory dysfunction resulting in an abnormality of a sufficient degree to be noticeable by the *patient*. This is best characterized by *lung* functions not worse than^[35]:

- $FEV_1/FVC^1 < 70 \%$; or
- $50 \% \leq FEV_1 < 80 \%$ predicted

where

FEV_1 is the forced expiratory volume in 1 s, and

FVC is the forced vital capacity.

Examples of diseases that require *ventilation* support are:

- mild to moderate Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD);
- mild to moderate neuromuscular/ amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS);
- obese *patients* Obese Hypoventilation Syndrome (OHS);
- Cheyne–Stokes respiration (CSR/CSA).

CSR/CSA is an abnormal pattern of breathing characterized by progressively deeper and sometimes faster breathing, followed by a gradual decrease that results in a temporary stop in breathing called an apnoea. The pattern repeats, with each cycle usually taking 30 s to 2 min.

Cardiac *patients* with CSR/CSA might be breathless without having significant reduction in FEV_1 . Reducing the work of breathing can help normalize their breathing.

This *ventilatory support equipment* is intended for *patients* who are spontaneously breathing and do not require *ventilation* for life support or intermittent periods of *ventilation* to maintain vital signs. *Ventilatory support equipment* intended for this group of *patients* typically does not require *physiological alarm conditions* as no *essential performance* exists. These *patients* can gain adequate relief from fatigue related to the work of breathing by using *ventilatory support equipment* during the night and while taking breaks during the day. This can enable a *patient* with *ventilatory impairment* to continue to move about and participate in the activities of daily living. *Non-transit-operable ventilatory support equipment* that provides ventilatory support at the bedside and beside a chair or other resting place should be adequate in this application.

In this document, the following print types are used:

- requirements and definitions: roman type;
- terms defined in *Clause 3* of the general standard², in this document or as noted: italic type; and

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- “clause” means one of the five numbered divisions within the table of contents, inclusive of all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 201 includes subclauses 201.7, 201.8); and
- “subclause” means a numbered subdivision of a clause (e.g. 201.7, 201.8 and 201.9 are all subclauses of Clause 201).

References to clauses within this document are preceded by the term “Clause” followed by the clause number. References to subclauses within this particular document are by number only.

In this document, the conjunctive “or” is used as an “inclusive or” so a statement is true if any combination of the conditions is true.

For the purposes of this document, the auxiliary verb:

- “shall” indicates a requirement;
- “should” indicates a recommendation;
- “may” indicates a permission;
- “can” indicates a possibility or capability; and
- “must” is used to express an external constraint.

Annex C contains a guide to the *marking* and labelling requirements in this document.

Annex D contains a summary of the *symbols* referenced in this document.

Requirements in this document have been decomposed so that each requirement is uniquely delineated. This is done to support automated requirements tracking.

² The general standard is IEC 60601-1:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2020, Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance.