Electrical Safety Testing: What is actually required?

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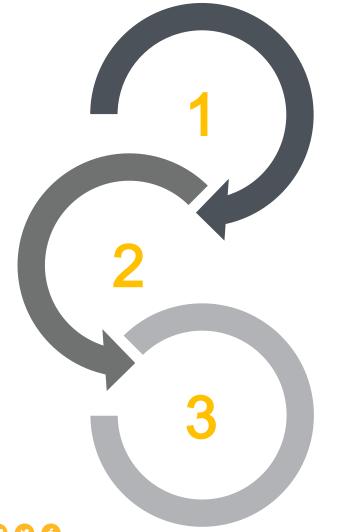
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What We Will Cover Today



Is Electrical Safety Testing still important to keeping patients and staff safe?

What has changed in NFPA 99?

Discussion of Alternative Maintenance Procedures



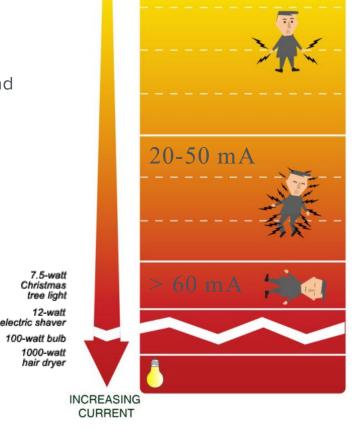
Nature and impact of electric shock

ELECTRIC SHOCK

Factors that determine the effect of electric shock on the human body:

- How much current is flowing through the body (measured in amperes and determined by voltage and resistance)
- The path of current through the body
- 3 How long the body is in the circuit





1-10 mA

Mild Shock

Trip setting for ground fault circuit interrupter

Muscle Contractions
Victim cannot let go

Severe Shock Breathing difficult -

possible respiratory arrest

Heart Stops pumping

Increasing probability of death

Enough current to light a 100 - watt bulb







Safety is key for electrical medical devices

Electric shock hazards in the hospital environment

Safety is important for all sorts of electrical devices, but it becomes **extra critical** when it comes to electrical *medical* devices

- Hospital beds
- Surrounding environment
- ECG leads
- TEE probes
- ... many other

The human body is especially susceptible to electrical shock when the skin is broken or open

Do you perform electrical safety tests annually on all your devices?





We must test medical devices for safety

Electrical safety analyzers are used in medical equipment maintenance to verify that electrical medical devices do not pose an electric shock to patients





- ✓ Design and validation testing →
- ✓ Type testing of the string of the stri
- ✓ Acceptance testing H
- ✓ Routine testing (PM) → OEM
- ✓ After service and repair testing











Standards help to define test procedures

Requirements for safety are prescribed by various **local** and **global** bodies, IEC being the most widely accepted

Which test code/standard is right for you?

IEC 60601-1

- Design Type Testing for medical device manufacturers;
- May be used for acceptance testing (incoming inspection)

NFPA 99 / IEC 62353

- Recurring testing;
- Post-repair testing

IEC 61010

 Design implementation and validation testing of the clinical laboratory device, but not during installation or routine testing of the medical device once installed















Point to Point Testing







Alternative Maintenance Testing Discussion







Changes to NFPA 99

Patient Care Vicinity & Spaces

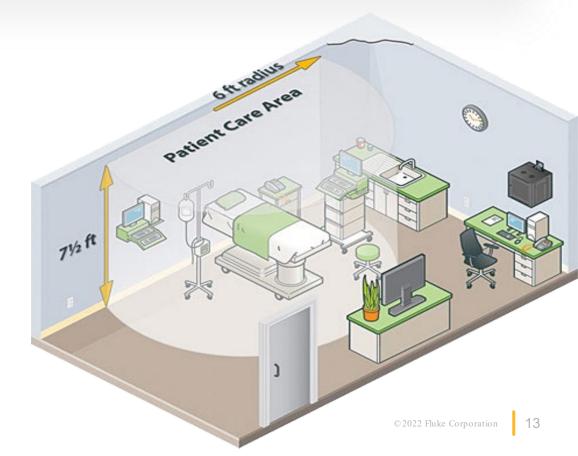
The terminology in these definitions has been changed in *two* distinct ways in previous editions.

The first is that the word room was changed to space in all instances. This reflects a change that was made in Chapter 6 to correlate with NFPA 70 and to reflect that, in a large room, there can be many different services being provided in different spaces. The idea of this change is to look at the risk in individual spaces within a room, rather than in the room as a whole.

Space is defined as:

A space within the location intended for patient care, extending 1.5 m ($^{\sim}$ 6 feet) beyond the normal location of the bed, table, etc that supports the patient during examination or treatment, and extending vertically 2.5 m ($^{\sim}$ 7.5 feet) above the floor.





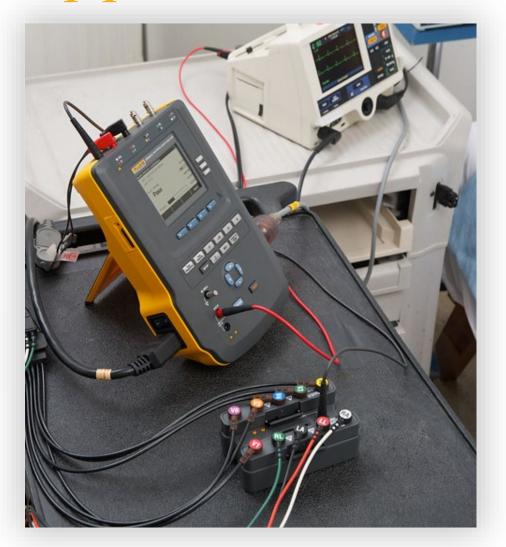




More than 5 Applied Parts?

Fluke Biomedical 12 10 Adapter



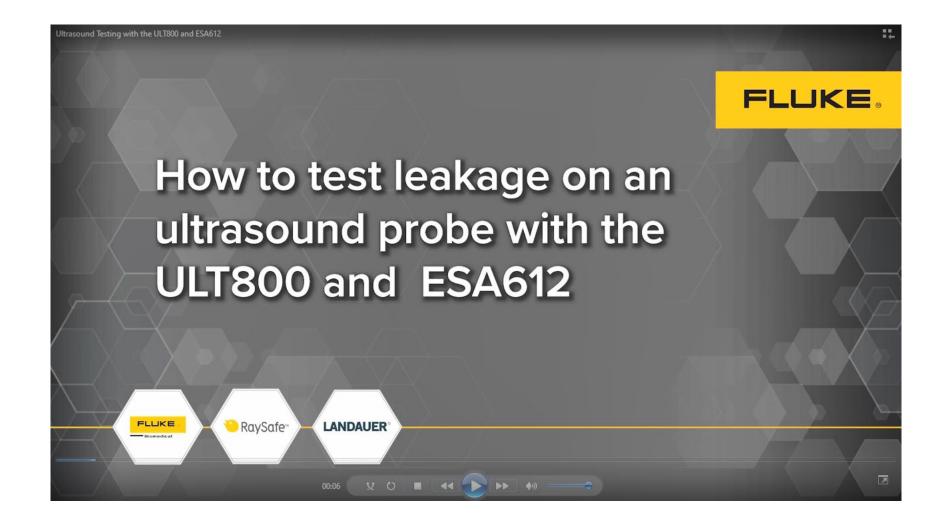






















Testing Ultrasound Transducers

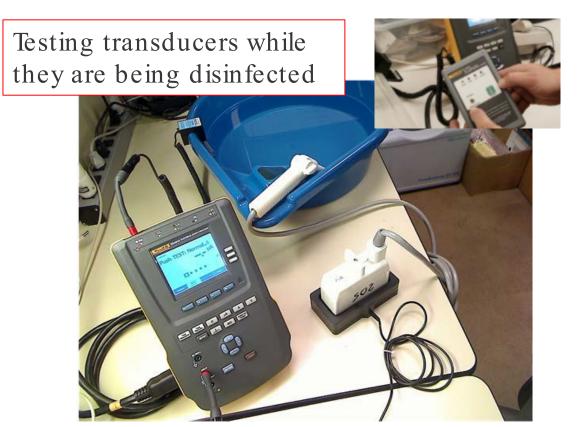
2 Different Testing Scenarios

Testing transducers while they are connected to their diagnostic ultrasound system

















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