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## **Foreword to *Acoustic Output Measurement Standard for Diagnostic Ultrasound Equipment, Revision 3***

This is the initial revision of the 1998 *Acoustic Output Measurement Standard for Diagnostic Ultrasound Equipment*. The most noteworthy change in this document is the revision of Appendix A, Statistical Considerations. Included in this revised appendix are discussions of the one-sided tolerance limit for normal distributions, Type A and Type B uncertainty specifications, and multiple console/transducer combinations for a particular model, all topics that were not addressed in the previous version. In addition, minor notational and typographical corrections were made to the standard.

Special thanks for this revision go to the Output Standards Subcommittee (OSS), a joint AIUM/NEMA task group formed by the AIUM Technical Standards Committee. In particular, Marvin Ziskin is thanked for his spearheading the revision of Appendix A. The current co-chairs of the OSS are Paul Carson and Mark Schafer. The previous co-chairs were Gerald Harris and Charles Hottinger. Past and current subcommittee members, in addition to the past and current co-chairs, are John Abbott, Paul Biggins, Chris Bohl, Barbara Campbell, Anupam Dattamajumdar, David Dea, Richard Eaton, Peter Edmonds, Jim Gessert, Peng Jiang, Peter Lewin, Michael Macdonald, Ernest Madsen, Dennis Mendoza, Kathy Meschisen, Kurt Sandstrom, Paul Smolenski, Terry Sweeney, Jinxing Tan, Tat-Jin Teo, Kai Thomenius, Junru Wu, Jim Zagzebski, Qian Zhang, and Marvin Ziskin.

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## **Foreword to the *Acoustic Output Measurement Standard for Diagnostic Ultrasound Equipment*, May 1998**

In 1996, the decision was made to break the measurement and labeling parts of the *Acoustic Output Measurement and Labeling Standard for Diagnostic Ultrasound Equipment* (AIUM, 1993) into two separate documents. The resulting measurements standard, the *Acoustic Output Measurement Standard for Diagnostic Ultrasound Equipment*, is now fully harmonized with and identical to its sister NEMA document, the *Acoustic Output Measurement Standard for Diagnostic Ultrasound Equipment (UD 2), Revision 2*. The new labeling document, the *Acoustic Output Labeling Standard for Diagnostic Ultrasound Equipment* (AIUM 1998), has been substantially changed, with the original labeling requirements being replaced by the labeling specified in the FDA's 510(k) Guideline (FDA 1997) and, optionally, the labeling specified in IEC 1157 (IEC 1992a). As of this writing, the International Electrotechnical Commission, Technical Committee 87, is developing additional standards for ultrasonic output measurement, calibration, and labeling. Their efforts have been helpful in the development of this document. Relevant IEC standards should be consulted for further technical information as they become available.

User needs have been considered throughout the development of this publication. Proposed or recommended revisions should be submitted to:

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Revisions have been included which make the standard consistent with the NEMA UD-2 (as noted above) and *The AIUM/NEMA Standard for Real-Time Display of Thermal and Mechanical Acoustic Output Indices on Diagnostic Ultrasound Equipment*, (AIUM/NEMA, 1998).

A few improvements are reflected here which represent changes in all three of the documents. Members of the AIUM/NEMA Harmonization Task Group performing this revision were:

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The amended requirements supersede those of all previous revisions of the standard.

## **Foreword to the *Acoustic Output Measurement and Labeling Standard for Diagnostic Ultrasound Equipment*, 1993, Revision 1**

In July 1993, the *Acoustic Output Measurement and Labeling Standard for Diagnostic Ultrasound Equipment* was amended. The primary purposes of the amendments are to (1) introduce harmonized requirements into both the AIUM publication *Acoustic Output Measurement and Labeling Standard for Diagnostic Ultrasound Equipment* and the National Electrical Manufacturers Association's (NEMA) *Acoustic Output Measurement Standard for Diagnostic Ultrasound Equipment* (UD 2), so that they are technically equivalent with regard to measurement procedures; (2) introduce those improved measurement practices developed for the *Standard for Real-Time Display of Thermal and Mechanical Acoustic Output Indices on Diagnostic Ultrasound Equipment* (UD 3) (Output Display Standard) into this standard, so that it represents the latest thoughts on measurement practices; and (3) expand the coverage of the standard to the extent that generic measurement procedures necessary to support the Output Display Standard are included.

The amended requirements supersede those of the original edition.

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