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The IEEE 11073 Point-of-Care Medical Device Communication Standards enable communication between health IT elements in a HEALTH IT SYSTEM including MEDICAL DEVICES. They provide automatic and detailed electronic data capture of patient vital signs information and device operational data. The primary goals are to:

- Provide real-time plug-and-play interoperability for MEDICAL DEVICES. “Real-time” means that data from multiple MEDICAL DEVICES can be retrieved, temporally correlated, displayed, and processed in fractions of a second. “Plug-and-play” means that there are no recurring configuration steps necessary to enable data exchange between MEDICAL DEVICES.
- Facilitate the efficient and effective exchange of vital signs and MEDICAL DEVICE data acquired at the PoC in all health care environments. “Efficient and effective exchange of MEDICAL DEVICE data” means that data captured at the PoC, e.g., patient vital signs, can be received, parsed, and interpreted by different types of applications without the loss of safety-critical information.

The IEEE 11073 Point-of-Care Medical Device Communication Standards are targeted at surgical as well as acute and continuous care devices, such as patient monitors, ventilators, infusion pumps, ECG devices, endoscopic camera systems, insufflators, dissectors, etc. They build a family of standards that can be bound to one another to provide optimized connectivity for devices at the PoC.

Within the context of the ISO/IEEE 11073 family of standards for Point-of-Care Medical Device Communication, this standard defines the requirements for SDC METRIC PARTICIPANTs in an SDC SYSTEM that comprises an IT NETWORK of MEDICAL DEVICES to enable safe and secure contribution to SYSTEM FUNCTIONs based on the exchange of METRIC information.

Examples of such SYSTEM FUNCTIONs are remote display, calculation of derived parameters based on METRIC information, and partial automation of diagnosis and therapy, such as changing settings based on received METRIC information.

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Part 10701: Point-of-Care Medical Device Communication—Metric Provisioning by Participants in a Service-Oriented Device Connectivity (SDC) System

1. Overview

1.1 Scope

This standard specifies a set of Participant Key Purposes (PKPs) pertaining to metric data exchange for the Service-oriented Device Connectivity (SDC) series of standards. PKPs are role-based sets of requirements for products in order to support safe, effective, and secure interoperability in medical IT networks at point-of-care environments such as the intensive care unit (ICU), operating room (OR) or other acute care settings. This standard specifies both product development process and technical requirements.

1.2 Word usage

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The word *should* indicates that among several possibilities one is recommended as particularly suitable, without mentioning or excluding others; or that a certain course of action is preferred but not necessarily required (*should* equals *is recommended that*).

The word *may* is used to indicate a course of action permissible within the limits of the standard (*may* equals *is permitted to*).

The word *can* is used for statements of possibility and capability, whether material, physical, or causal (*can* equals *is able to*).

1.3 Service-oriented Device Connectivity standards

The SDC STANDARDS are a subset of the IEEE 11073 standards and define requirements for MEDICAL DEVICES and other participants that exchange physiological or technical information or enable external control while being operated in an IT NETWORK.

The SDC STANDARDS comprise the specification of a domain and message model (IEEE Std 11073-10207) and transport technology (IEEE Std 11073-20702) that form a service-oriented MEDICAL DEVICE architecture (IEEE Std 11073-20701).³ These SDC core standards constitute the technical building blocks for foundational, structural, and semantic MEDICAL DEVICE interoperability over secure data transmission. The SDC PKP STANDARDS (see 1.4) and particular SDC Device Specializations address additional levels.

1.4 Participant key purposes

MEDICAL DEVICES that offer a communication interface as specified by the SDC STANDARDS can be integrated into a HEALTH IT SYSTEM on behalf of the SYSTEM OWNER, establishing an SDC SYSTEM to be used by the HEALTHCARE DELIVERY ORGANIZATION.

¹ The use of the word *must* is deprecated and cannot be used when stating mandatory requirements; *must* is used only to describe unavoidable situations.

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The SYSTEM FUNCTIONs made available in an SDC SYSTEM depend on the individual SYSTEM FUNCTION CONTRIBUTIONs of its BICEPS PARTICIPANTs. Accordingly, the MANUFACTURER of a BICEPS SERVICE PROVIDER can only specify its intended SYSTEM FUNCTION CONTRIBUTIONs, whereas the MANUFACTURER of a BICEPS SERVICE CONSUMER can specify the intended SYSTEM FUNCTIONs as well as the SYSTEM FUNCTION CONTRIBUTIONs required from BICEPS SERVICE PROVIDERs in the SDC SYSTEM.

But to verify the safety, effectiveness, and security of these SYSTEM FUNCTIONs, only implementing the communication protocol based on the SDC STANDARDs is not sufficient. The safety, effectiveness, and security of the SDC SYSTEM is based on allocating responsibilities to the individual BICEPS PARTICIPANTs according to the requirements of the SDC PARTICIPANT KEY PURPOSEs (PKPs) they assume.

The responsibility for the individual products as BICEPS PARTICIPANTs in an SDC SYSTEM remains with the MANUFACTURERs whereas the SYSTEM OWNER is responsible for integration of the products into a HEALTH IT SYSTEM and the ADMINISTRATOR is responsible for operation and maintenance of the HEALTH IT SYSTEM (see ISO 81001-1:2021, Clause 4.5 [B11]).⁴ In addition, the SYSTEM OWNER and ADMINISTRATOR take the responsibilities placed on them by declarations in the ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION of the individual products that are to be integrated, e.g., pertaining to configuration, IT NETWORK bandwidth, etc.

The SDC PKP Standards specify the allocation of responsibilities and allow for MANUFACTURERs to have certain expectations about BICEPS PARTICIPANTs from other MANUFACTURERs. Conformity to SDC PKP Standards and indication of this conformity creates confidence in these expectations and enables MANUFACTURERs to take the responsibilities for SYSTEM FUNCTION CONTRIBUTIONs of their BICEPS PARTICIPANTs in an SDC SYSTEM. These responsibilities pertain to technical design, implementation, verification, validation, RISK MANAGEMENT, USABILITY ENGINEERING, and labeling of BICEPS PARTICIPANTs.

This standard defines the SDC METRIC PROVIDER and SDC METRIC CONSUMER PKPs, which comprise requirements regarding METRICs and device components, i.e., CHANNELs, VMDs, and MDSs. Conformity to these PKPs supports safe, effective, and secure exchange of METRIC data between SDC METRIC PARTICIPANTs in an SDC SYSTEM.

2. Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document (i.e., they must be understood and used, so each referenced document is cited in text and its relationship to this document is explained). For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments or corrigenda) applies.

IEEE Std 11073-10101TM, Health informatics—Point-of-care medical device communication—Part 10101: Nomenclature.^{5, 6}

IEEE Std 11073-10207TM, Health informatics—Point-of-care medical device communication—Part 10207: Domain Information and Service Model for Service-Oriented Point-of-Care Medical Device Communication.

IEEE Std 11073-10700TM, Health Informatics—Device Interoperability—Part 10700: Point-of-Care Medical Device Communication—Standard for Base Requirements for Participants in a Service-Oriented Device Connectivity (SDC) System.

3. Definitions, acronyms, and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply. The *IEEE Standards Dictionary Online* should be consulted for terms not defined in this clause.⁷

⁴ The numbers in brackets correspond to those of the bibliography in Annex F.

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⁶ IEEE publications are available from The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (<https://standards.ieee.org/>).

⁷ *IEEE Standards Dictionary Online* is available at: <http://dictionary.ieee.org>. An IEEE Account is required for access to the dictionary, and one can be created at no charge on the dictionary sign-in page.