# Imaging Informatics DICOM

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#### SCOPE

- Why I can't we use internet technology like the browser, (Facebook, twitter) to share medical images instead of PACS
- Why is it important to know about technical stuff in my career.

Prior to Establishing standards for data communication, every vendor spoke a different "language."

#### Interoperability

In ter op er a bil i ty (n) The ability of two or more systems or components to exchange information and to use the information that has been exchanged.

- IEEE Computer Dictionary

"Use" has many connotations

#### Messaging



## Reliable transport of a composed unit of information from one system to another

• Example: DICOM Network Storage Service



#### Workflow



### Interaction among multiple users and systems (actors) to achieve a specific task

• Example: IHE Image Enabled Office Workflow



#### DICOM

- Digital Imaging and Communication in Medicine
- is a standard for handling, storing, printing, and transmitting information in medical imaging. It includes a file format definition and a network communications protocol.

#### Standard Definition of "Standard"

Document, established by consensus and approved by a recognized body, that provides, **for common and repeated use**, rules, guidelines or characteristics for activities or their results, aimed at the achievement of the optimum degree of order in a given context.

ISO/IEC Guide 2:2004 Standardization and related activities -- General vocabulary



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International Organization for Standardization



Commission Electrotechnique Internationale International Electrotechnical Commission Международная Электротехническая Комиссия

The essence of standards – amortize the cost of design over many implementations



	Country	PolyScience Plug Designation	
	USA (120 VAC)	B or C	
Plea	European, standard (240 VAC)	E	12
	USA (230 VAC)	D	
9	Argentine, Australia, New Zealand	A	G
	United Kingdom, Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, Ireland, Malaysia, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, UAE, Vietnam, Zambia, Zimbabwe	Р	1
	China (similar to A but polarity is reversed)	Y	63
	Argentina (similar to A but with different pin lengths)	G	C.F.
	Korea	к	1
	India, Pakistan, South Africa	м	
	Israel	R	M.
	Chile, Italy, Syria	s	Sec.
	Denmark, Bangladesh	т	0
	Switzerland	z	C.





- American College of Radiology (ACR)
- National Electrical Manufacturer's Association (NEMA)



#### What is the Goal ?

The goals of DICOM are to achieve compatibility and to improve workflow efficiency between imaging systems and other information systems in healthcare environments worldwide.



#### History

- I983 ACR-NEMA establishes committee
- 1985 First ACR-NEMA standards published
- 1988 Follow up standards (ACR-NEMA 2.0)
- I993 DICOM Version 3.0 published
- Version 3.0 is "DICOM 3.0" and is updated every year (there is no DICOM 3.1, etc)

#### Where does it come from ?

DICOM Standards Committee 1-Vendors – Agfa, Boston Scientific, Camtronics, Carl Zeiss Meditec, Dejarnette, Dynamic Imaging, Eastman Kodak, ETIAM, Fuji, GE, Hologic, IBM, Konica, Matrixview, McKesson, MEDIS, Merge, Philips, RadPharm, R2, Sectra, Siemens, Sony, **3DHISTECH**, Toshiba

#### ICOM Standards Committee

2- Users – American Academy of Opthamology, ACC, ACR, American College of Veterinary Radiology, American Dental Association, College of American Pathologists, Deutsche Roentgengesellschaft, European Society of Cardiology, HIMSS, Medical Image Standards Association of Taiwan, Societa Italiana di Radiologia Medica, SIIM (SCAR), Societe Francaise de Radiologie

#### 26 DICOMWorking Groups

- WG-01 Cardiac and Vascular Information
- WG-02 Projection Radiography
- WG-03 Nuclear Medicine
- WG-11 Display Function Standard
- WG-21 CT
- WG-22 Dentistry

#### DICOM Standards address 5 areas of functionality

 Transmission and persistence of complete objects (such as images, waveforms and documents),

- Query and retrieval of such objects,
- Performance of specific actions (such as printing images on film),
- Workflow management (support of worklists and status information)
- Quality and consistency of image appearance (both for display and print)."

Transmissions and Objects but NOT architecture or function

### DICOM TAGS

- Group, Element
- Even number
- Odd number
- Chapter 6
- Mobile Phone image

#### DICOM CONFORMANCE STATEMENT

#### 2.2.1 DICOM Server AE Specification

This Application Entity provides Standard Conformance to the following DICOM v3.0 SOP Classes as an SCU:

SOP Class Name (SCU)	SOP Class UID
CT Image Information Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.2
MR Image Information Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.4
Secondary Capture image storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.7
Standalone Overlay storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.8
Study Root Query/Retrieve - FIND	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.2.2.1
Study Root Query/Retrieve - MOVE	1.2.840.10000.5.1.4.1.2.2.2
Verification ( Echo )	1.2.840.10008.1.1

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Standalone Overlay storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.8
Study Root Query/Retrieve - FIND	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.2.2.1
Study Root Query/Retrieve - MOVE	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.2.2.2

#### **DICOM Service Classes**

- Network image management
- Network image interpretation management
- Network print management
- Imaging procedure management
- Off-line storage media management











### Why can't









#### Take home message

- DICOM is a standard file type and protocol.
- Dicom conformance statement. What the modality or software can do and how much interoperability.
- Dicom file type contain:
- Pixel data
- Header file (DICOM tages, eg, patient demographic data, modality parameters)

DICOMIZER software can change image files into DICOM standard.e.g of image files (JPEG, TIFF, GIF, SVG, PDF)

#### Workflow Example



#### • HIS -> RIS -> PACS

#### HIS

- Name
- Age
- Gender
- Address
- Marital status
- DM, HTN, Genetic disease

# RIS (radiology information system)

- CT
- MRI
- I US
- Xray
- NM
- IR

#### RIS

- Room assignment
- Once procedure is finished
- Assign a radiologist for reporting
- Radiologist will report the case:
- By using template
- Voice recognition.

Radiologist sign and approve the report

 $\rightarrow$  HIS