



# Global Health Informatics Standards for Patient Safety

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*What's happening in the  
world ?*

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## What's happening in the world?

- Aged Population
- Chronic diseases care
- Dispersed medical records
- Popular physical fitness activities
- Preventable medical errors
- Technological advancement – pull
  - Evidence based medicine
  - Individual based medicine
  - e-Health
  - u-Health

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## Medical Error

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### Estimated annual mortality:

Air travel deaths	300
AIDS	16,500
Breast cancer	43,000
Highway fatalities	43,500
Preventable medical errors <i>(1 jet crash/day)</i>	<b>44,000 - 98,000</b>

### Costs of Preventable Medical Errors: ***US\$29 billion/year overall***

[1999 Institute of Medicine (IOM) Report]

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## Issues

- Health care industry is not taking advantage of IT
- EHR/data should be shared, data should be integrated.
- Protect person's privacy and security of system
- Shareable EHR should be readily available at point of care and time of care, public health setting and national policy making

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## ***New Paradigm of Health Informatics***

**“Connection and Integration”**

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## New Paradigm

- Consumer focused healthcare
  - empowerment : self govern
  - connect healthcare : integrated records
  - integrate care information
  - safety and risk management
  - quality of care information
  - consumer health information
  - consumer health education

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## New Paradigm (2)

- Health Informatics
  - lifelong health/care records : interoperable
  - clinical decision support system
  - knowledge management system
  - care process enhancement : workflow  
quality and  
reimbursement

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## New Systems Needed

- Integrated and comprehensive EHR/EHRS
  - data capture : documents, bio-signals, images, sound, etc
  - data integration
  - data filing
  - data viewing
  - data sharing
  - messaging and communication
  - workflow and process management

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## New Systems Needed (2)

- Anytime, anywhere, any line, any device
  - web based, wired and wireless
  - portable
  - eHealth, uHealth
  - telehealth
- Decision support
- Knowledge management

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## Electronic Health Records

- EHR and EHRS
  - Institutional EHRS
  - Sharable EHRS
  - Public Health or Population EHRS
  - Personal EHRS

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## *Global Interoperable EHRS Development*

*“Examples”*

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*“Health-connect” in Australia*  
*“Infoway” in Canada*  
*“Connect for Health; NPfIT” in UK*  
*“NHIN” in USA*  
*“National EHR” in Japan*  
*“e-Health and EHR” in Korea*  
*“e-Health” in Malaysia*  
*“NHII” in Taiwan*

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## ***Global Health Informatics Standards Development***

***“Interoperable EHRs”***

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## Why standards ?

- Need of interoperability among different health information systems and medical devices and host computer(s) for :
  - EHRS
  - Easy development and deployment of interfaces
  - Reduction of costs

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## Interoperability

- Interoperability : ability of two or more system or components to **exchange information** and to **use the information** that has been exchanged.

source : IEEE Standard Computer Dictionary : A  
Compilation of IEEE Standard Computer  
Glossaries, IEEE, 1990

**Functional interoperability**

**Semantic interoperability**

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## Interoperability (2)

- Interoperability
  - Functional interoperability  
Message format and content
  - Semantic interoperability  
Terms (SNOMED-CT, LOINC) and units
- Vision : PnP (Plug and Play)

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## What is Standard ?

### ISO definition

“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”

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## Influential Party

- User
- Industry, Vendor
- Standards Developing Organizations(SDO)
- Government
- ISO – one of major SDOs

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## Global SDOs

ISO (International Organization for Standardization) – **Health informatics in general**  
IEC (International Electrical Commission) – **Computer**  
ITU (International Telecommunication Union) – **Telecom.**  
HL7 (Health Level 7) – **EHR, Messaging and Commu.**  
UN/EDIFACT (UN/EDI Finance, Administration, Commerce and Transportation) – **EDI**  
UN/CEFACT(UN/Center for Electronic FACT) – **XML**  
and OASIS **ebXML**

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## Global SDOs(2)

DICOM (Digitized Image Communication in Medicine)

- Medical image

IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers)

- Network and Device Communication

CEN (Committee for European Normalisation) – as ISO

OMG (Object Management Group) – UML, CORBA

WHO – Classification of diseases (ICD)

SNOMED (Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine)

LOINC (Logical Object Identifier Nomenclature Codes)

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## Standards Conformance Testing Organizations

IHE (Integration of Healthcare Enterprise) –

“Connect-a-thone” demonstration of interoperability

XDS-Rad., Lab., Cardiol., Eyecare, Patientcare

Device, Patientcare Coordination, IT Infrastructure

HIMSS (Health Information Management Systems Society) – CCHIT Project

CCHIT=Commission on Certification of Health Information Technology

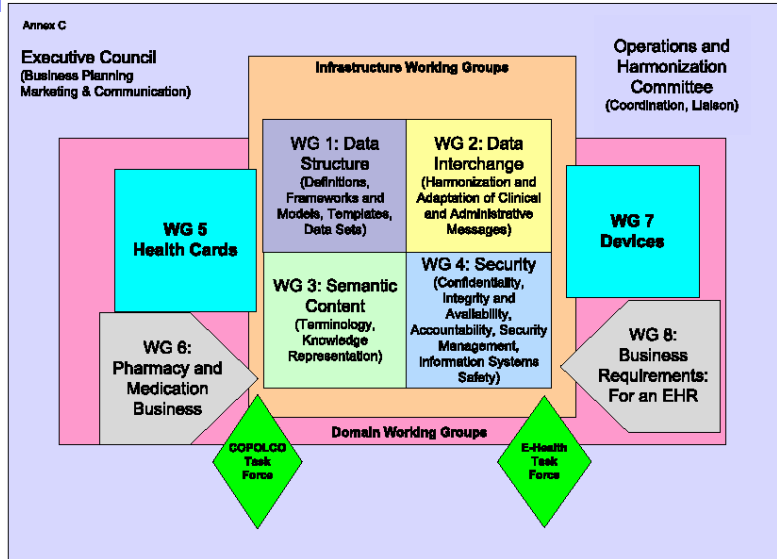
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# ISO/TC 215, Health Informatics



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## SDOs Working Together

CEN/TC 251, Health Informatics

Health Level 7

DICOM

IHE

WHO

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## Health Level Seven (HL7)

V2.5 Messaging

V3.0

Reference Information Model (RIM)

Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) R2

Arden Syntax

Clinical Context Object Working group  
(CCOW)

EHR Functionality (DSTU)

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## Health Level Seven (HL7)

Common Terminology Services R1

Structured Product Labeling

Individual Case Safety Report

Electronic Submission of Stability Data

Annotated ECG for Clinical Trial  
submissions

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## **GHTF Risk Management Push**

- After 9.11 event Global Harmonization Task Force (GHTF) requested all global SDOs should develop standards for risk management.
- All port safety with airlines and shipping risk management against terrorism

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## GHTF Risk Management Push (2)

- ISO/TC 215, Health Informatics looked at patient safety issues
  - accurate data/information transmission
  - medical device data safety
  - system security and privacy protection
  - bioterrorism alert

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## Patient Safety

- Assuring interoperability
  - Data structure
  - Terminology and coding
  - Messaging and communication
  - Medical device interoperability
- Security and privacy protection
- Conformance
- Testing - QoS

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## Patient Safety (2)

- ISO/TR 21730 Health informatics - Use of mobile wireless communication and computing technology in healthcare facilities - Recommendations for electromagnetic compatibility with medical devices
- ISO/TC 215/WG4 TR Health Informatics – Measures for assuring patient safety of health information program

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## ***Point-of-Care Medical Device Informatics & Interoperability***

### ***Key Concepts***

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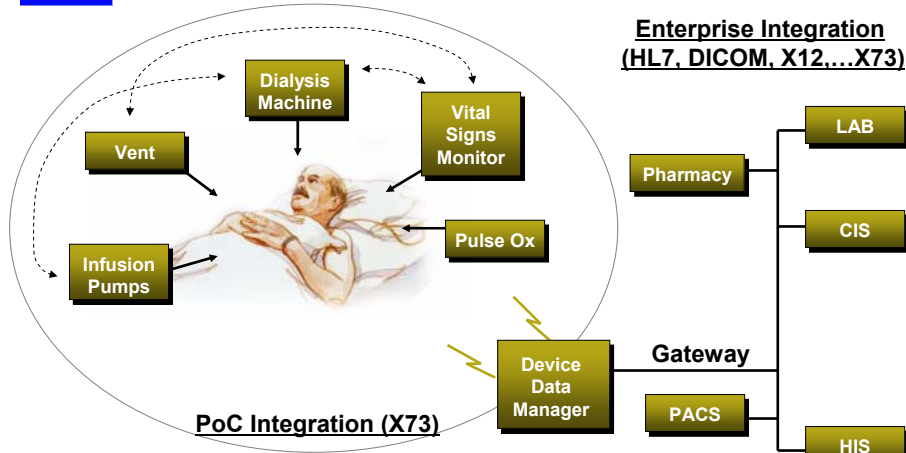
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## PoC MDI<sup>2</sup> Key Concepts



**Multi-vendor environment**

**Requires both semantic & technical interoperability**

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## PoC MDI<sup>2</sup> Key Concepts

**Specifically which devices are we looking at?**

*Vital signs monitors*

*Infusion pumps*

*Ventilators*

*Dialysis devices (acute & chronic)*

*Implantable cardiac devices*

*Glucometers*

*Blood gas analyzers*

*Pulse oximeters*

*... (hospital beds?)*

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## PoC MDI<sup>2</sup> Key Concepts

PoC integration characterized by...

- ✓ Real-time (milliseconds to seconds)
- ✓ Device-to-device “peer” interoperability
- ✓ Device external control...local & remote
- ✓ Regulated environment – *Direct Patient Safety concerns!*
- ✓ High precision semantics – greater than at clinical level
- ✓ Resource sensitive (memory/bandwidth/processor/...)



## PoC MDI<sup>2</sup> Key Concepts

Key Benefits of device interoperability:

- **Heterogeneity** – Multiple manufacturers + multiple device modalities coexisting over a shared infrastructure
- **Semantic Interoperability** (comparability) – shared terminology and data models, interpret data based on the clinical context, compare information from different healthcare facilities, and interrogate systems across enterprises and regions.
- **Real-Time Availability** – ability to provide data in a time frame appropriate to the physiologic function being measured, displayed or affected (controlled).



## PoC MDI<sup>2</sup> Key Concepts

### Innovation from interoperability...

- ✓ *Smart alarms / alarm management systems*
- ✓ *OR Dashboards*
- ✓ *Acute dialysis “fluids management”*
- ✓ *Smart Pumps / ADE Detection & Intervention*
- ✓ *Mobile patient monitoring / Remote viewing*
- ✓ *Anesthesia record data mining*
- ✓ *Shared Infrastructure (Security, QoS, Services...)*
- ✓ *Home monitoring (wellness ... chronic)*
- ✓ *EHR / PHR Integration!*

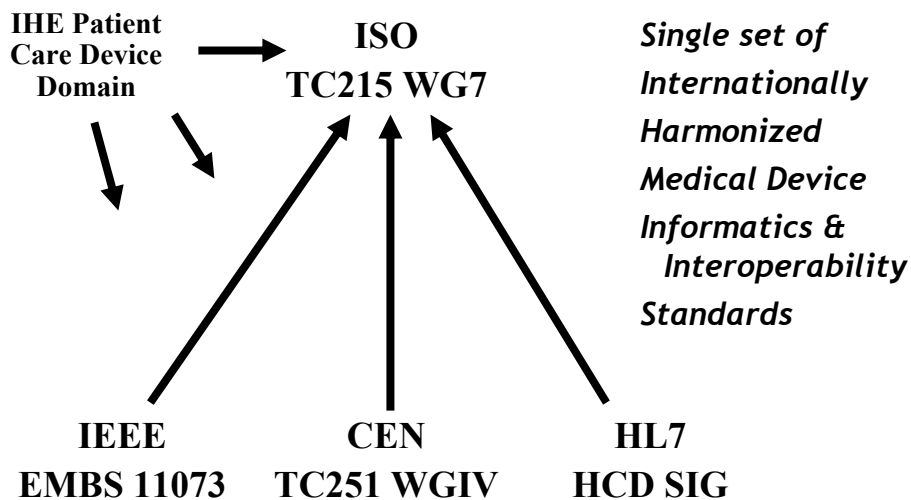
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## PoC MDI<sup>2</sup> Organizations



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## Point of Care Device Interface - Working Trends

- Multiple devices and multiple vendors
- ISO/TC215 WG7, IEEE X73, CEN/TC251 WG IV and HL7 Health Care Device SIG develop and harmonize standards together
- Terminology maybe SNOMED-CT, LOINC and ??

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## PoC MDI<sup>2</sup> X73 Standards

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1xxxx

Device Data & Services

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2xxxx

General Application Services

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3xxxx

Transport & Physical Layers

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5xxxx

Internetworking Support

11073-  
6xxxx

Application Gateways

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***Point-of-Care  
Medical Device Informatics &  
Interoperability***

***Networked Medical Device  
Risk Management***

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***Global Health Informatics  
SDOs Agreement***

***CEN/TC 251  
ISO/TC 215  
HL7***

***Signed agreement on Oct. 11, 2006 in  
Geneva, Switzerland***

***“One context one standard and one test”***

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# Q & A

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