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## INTRODUCTION

An increasing number of MEDICAL DEVICES are designed to exchange information electronically with other equipment in the user environment, including other MEDICAL DEVICES. Such information is frequently exchanged through an information technology network (IT-NETWORK) that also transfers data of a more general nature.

At the same time, IT-NETWORKS are becoming increasingly vital to the clinical environment and are now required to carry increasingly diverse traffic, ranging from life-critical patient data requiring immediate delivery and response, to general corporate operations data and to email containing potential malicious content (e.g. viruses).

For many jurisdictions, design and production of MEDICAL DEVICES is subject to regulation, and to standards recognized by the regulators. Traditionally, regulators direct their attention to MEDICAL DEVICE manufacturers, by requiring design features and by requiring a documented PROCESS for design and manufacturing. MEDICAL DEVICES cannot be placed on the market in these jurisdictions without evidence that those requirements have been met.

The use of the MEDICAL DEVICES by clinical staff is also subject to regulation. Members of clinical staff have to be appropriately trained and qualified, and are increasingly subject to defined PROCESSES designed to protect patients from unacceptable RISK.

In contrast, the incorporation of MEDICAL DEVICES into IT-NETWORKS in the clinical environment is a less regulated area. IEC 60601-1:2005 [1]<sup>1)</sup> requires MEDICAL DEVICE manufacturers to include some information in ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS if the MEDICAL DEVICE is intended to be connected to an IT-NETWORK. Standards are also in place covering common information technology activities including planning, design and maintenance of IT-NETWORKS, for instance ISO 20000-1:2005 [9]. However, until the publication of this standard, no standard addressed how MEDICAL DEVICES can be connected to IT-NETWORKS, including general-purpose IT-NETWORKS, to achieve INTEROPERABILITY without compromising the organization and delivery of health care in terms of SAFETY, EFFECTIVENESS, and DATA AND SYSTEM SECURITY.

There remain a number of potential problems associated with the incorporation of MEDICAL DEVICES into IT-NETWORKS, including:

- lack of consideration for RISK from use of IT-NETWORKS during evaluation of clinical RISK;
- lack of support from manufacturers of MEDICAL DEVICES for the incorporation of their products into IT-NETWORKS, (e.g. the unavailability or inadequacy of information provided by the manufacturer to the OPERATOR of the IT-NETWORK);
- incorrect operation or degraded performance (e.g. incompatibility or improper configuration) resulting from combining MEDICAL DEVICES and other equipment on the same IT-NETWORK;
- incorrect operation resulting from combining MEDICAL DEVICE SOFTWARE and other software applications (e.g. open email systems or computer games) in the same IT-NETWORK;
- lack of security controls on many MEDICAL DEVICES; and
- the conflict between the need for strict change control of MEDICAL DEVICES and the need for rapid response to the threat of cyberattack.

When these problems manifest themselves, unintended consequences frequently follow.

This standard is addressed to RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATIONS, to manufacturers of MEDICAL DEVICES, and to providers of other information technology.

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1) Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

This standard adopts the following principles as a basis for its normative and informative sections:

- The incorporation or removal of a MEDICAL DEVICE or other components in an IT-NETWORK is a task which requires design of the action; this might be out of the control of the manufacturer of the MEDICAL DEVICE.
- RISK MANAGEMENT should be used before the incorporation of a MEDICAL DEVICE into an IT-NETWORK takes place, and for any changes during the entire life cycle of the resulting MEDICAL IT-NETWORK, to avoid unacceptable RISKS, including possible RISK to patients, resulting from the incorporation of the MEDICAL DEVICE into the IT-NETWORK. Many things are part of a RISK decision, such as liability, cost, or impact on mission. These should be considered in determining acceptable RISK in addition to the requirements described in this standard.
- Aspects of removal, maintenance, change or modification of equipment, items or components should be addressed adequately in addition to the incorporation of MEDICAL DEVICES.
- The manufacturer of the MEDICAL DEVICE is responsible for RISK MANAGEMENT of the MEDICAL DEVICE during the design, implementation, and manufacturing of the MEDICAL DEVICE. This standard does not cover the RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS for the MEDICAL DEVICE.
- The manufacturer of a MEDICAL DEVICE intended to be incorporated into an IT-NETWORK might need to provide information about the MEDICAL DEVICE that is necessary to allow the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION to manage RISK according to this standard. This information can include, as part of the ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS, instructions specifically addressed to the person who incorporates a MEDICAL DEVICE into an IT-NETWORK.
- Such ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS should convey instructions about how to incorporate the MEDICAL DEVICE into the IT-NETWORK, how the MEDICAL DEVICE transfers information over the IT-NETWORK, and the minimum IT-NETWORK characteristics necessary to enable the INTENDED USE of the MEDICAL DEVICE when it is incorporated into the IT-NETWORK. The ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS should warn of possible hazardous situations associated with failure or disruptions of the IT-NETWORK, and the misuse of the IT-NETWORK connection or of the information that is transferred over the IT-NETWORK.
- RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENTS can establish roles and responsibilities among those engaged in the incorporation of a MEDICAL DEVICE into an IT-NETWORK, all aspects of the life cycle of the resulting MEDICAL IT-NETWORK and all activities that form part of that life cycle.
- The RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION is required to appoint people to certain roles defined in this standard. This standard defines the responsibilities of those roles. The most important of those roles is the MEDICAL IT-NETWORK RISK MANAGER. This role can be assigned to someone within the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION or to an external contractor.
- The MEDICAL IT-NETWORK RISK MANAGER is responsible for ensuring that RISK MANAGEMENT is included during the PROCESSES of:
  - planning and design of new incorporations of MEDICAL DEVICES or changes to such incorporations;
  - putting the MEDICAL IT-NETWORK into use and the consequent use of the MEDICAL IT-NETWORK; and
  - CHANGE-RELEASE MANAGEMENT and change management of the IT-NETWORK during the IT-NETWORK'S entire life cycle.
- RISK MANAGEMENT should be applied to address the following KEY PROPERTIES appropriate for the IT-NETWORK incorporating a MEDICAL DEVICE:
  - SAFETY (freedom from unacceptable RISK of physical injury or damage to the health of people or damage to property or the environment);
  - EFFECTIVENESS (ability to produce the intended result for the patient and the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION); and

- DATA AND SYSTEM SECURITY (an operational state of a MEDICAL IT-NETWORK in which information assets (data and systems) are reasonably protected from degradation of confidentiality, integrity, and availability).

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