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The following changes have been made relative to the previously published PS3 2015b release of the standard, by incorporating the changes specified in the supplements and correction items.

The Final Text of all applied Supplements and Correction Proposals is available at <ftp://medical.nema.org/medical/dicom/final/>

Production Notes

The DocBook XML files are the source format, and all other formats are rendered from it.

The PDF format is rendered from the DocBook XML, and remains the "official" (authoritative) form of the standard. The PDF contains hyperlinks to sections, figures and tables both within and between parts (which in the latter case work if you are reading the PDF in a tool that supports linking to other parts).

The two HTML formats are provided for the convenience of those who find them easier to navigate within a browser, and though the appearance and organization is different, the content is the same. One form consists of entire parts in one very large HTML page, and the other consist of chunks of sections with navigation elements. Both forms are hyper-linked within and between parts. The figures in the HTML are SVG, so a browser that supports SVG is required (most contemporary browsers do).

All paragraphs (`<p/>` elements) in the HTML files of this release, are uniquely identified with a hypertext anchor (`<a/>` element), each of which has an `id` attribute (derived from the source DocBook `<para/>` element `xml:id` attribute). These unique identifiers will remain stable in subsequent releases, so they may be reliably used as the persistent targets of hyperlinks relative to the current release base URL, and are more specific than the existing anchors for entire sections or tables. Unlike the section and table anchors, there is no semantic significance to the syntax of the identifiers (i.e., they are UUIDs, rather than being derived from the section or table numbering pattern). Subsequent releases will add new identifiers for new paragraphs and text split out of existing paragraphs into new paragraphs, and will, if possible, empty, rather than entirely remove, existing paragraphs that are retired (in order to avoid dead links).

The DOCX (for Word) and ODT (for OpenOffice or LibreOffice) formats are provided for the convenience of future Supplement and CP editors. Their main claim to fame is that they exist at all, and though they are viewable and editable, they are lacking many features of the Word source of previous release, for example the use of styles for section headings. They do contain embedded hyperlinks, and these are also present in the table of contents, even though the page numbers rendered in the table of contents may be meaningless. To reiterate, the intent of these files is to provide a source to cut and past into new Word documents, and not to be functional documents in their own right. Since Word does not support SVG, all figures embedded in the DOCX files have been rasterized to a fixed resolution and are adequate for position only and are not editable and are not intended to be a substitute for the SVG figures.

The rendering pipeline used to produce these files is available but requires some expertise to use it. It is not supported. To achieve quality rendering, the use of some commercial tools was necessary, to supplement the many open source tools that were also used. Oxygen (commercial) was used as the XML editor since it supports a WYSIWG authoring mode. OpenOffice (open source) was used as the equation editor. The DocBook (open source, version docbook-xsl-ns-1.78.1) style sheets were used to create the HTML and intermediate FO form used to create the PDF and DOCX. MathML equations were converted to SVG using pMML2SVG (open source, version pMML2SVG-0.8.5). RenderX XEP (commercial) was used to produce the PDF, and XMLmind FO-Converter (commercial) was used to produce the DOCX. The difference files were produced using DeltaXML DocBook Compare (commercial).

Some characteristics of the DocBook XML may be of interest to those performing automated processing or extraction:

- Zero width spaces (U+200B) are used in some places to allow long words (such as PS3.6 keywords) to break within table columns and avoid tables becoming too wide to fit on a page. These need to be filtered out before using these words literally.
- Enumerated values and defined terms are formalized in PS3.3 as DocBook `variablelist` elements with a title identifying them as such, to facilitate their automated detection and extraction.
- Template and context group tables in PS 3.16 are preceded by `variablelist` elements defining whether or not they are extensible, etc., again to enable automated extraction.
- Hyperlinks (`xref` and `link` elements) are used extensively but may obscure the identifier of what is being linked to from the perspective of automated extraction. It may be useful to consult the `olink targetdb` files that are included in the package to "look up" the target of such links, rather than reinventing this mechanism, which is used by the DocBook stylesheets for cross-document linking. E.g., one can look up "sect_TID_300" in "output/html/targetdb/PS3_16_target.db" to determine that it has a "number" of "TID 300" and a "ttl" of "Measurement", etc.

Changes to Parts

General Changes

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PS3.1

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PS3.2

- CP 1411

PS3.3

- Correct error in Table C.8-27 X-Ray Acquisition Module that replaced Exposure in μ As (0018,1153) with Exposure in mAs (0018,9332), inadvertently introduced between 2011 and 2013 releases
- Correct error in Equation C.7.6.2.1-1, should be Pz not Px, inadvertently introduced between 2011 and 2013 releases
- Sup 180
- Sup 186
- CP 812
- CP 1321
- CP 1322 (with placeholder replacement figure from Word export)
- CP 1402
- CP 1411
- CP 1436
- CP 1437
- CP 1438
- CP 1439
- CP 1440

PS3.4

- Fill in missing DCM code for Enhanced Multi-frame Conversion Equipment as already defined in PS3.16.
- Use consistent spelling of CANCELED (rather than CANCELLED) for defined term, and use single 'l' in text throughout (except for cancellation, which has two 'l's in the text and attribute names).
- Sup 186
- CP 934
- CP 1442 (fixed more instances of * in Table CC.2.5-2c; Retrieve Location UID row had already been removed by CP 1350 incorporated in 2014c)
- CP 1443

PS3.5

- Include some missing changes related to the addition of OD VR in CP 1261 (not incorporated properly in previous releases)
- Add missing mention of UC and UR in captions and headings (related to CPs 1031, 1324)
- Make note about maximum length of UC, UR and UT minus two not one, since required to be even (to be consistent with normative text in table).
- Sup 180
- CP 1411

PS3.6

- Correct Table A-3 hyperlinks to consistently link to CID sections not tables (was mixed).
- Add UIDs for missing context groups.
- Sup 180
- Sup 186
- CP 1321
- CP 1322
- CP 1402
- CP 1411
- CP 1438

PS3.7

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PS3.8

- Correct spelling of parameter
- Correct Figure 9-1 to match Table 9-11 (error in number of reserved bytes after Protocol Version introduced during redrawing of figure in SVG for 2013)

PS3.10

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PS3.11

- Sup 180

PS3.12

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PS3.14

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PS3.15

- CP 1321
- CP 1322
- CP 1411
- CP 1438

PS3.16

- Correct transposed digits in one occurrence of Finding Site (incorrect G-C03E to correct G-C0E3).
- Correct IEC61217 (was incorrectly entered as IEC6127 when CP1430 incorporated).
- Add placeholder for definition for IVOCT code (was not defined in Sup 151).
- CP 1322
- CP 1413
- CP 1416

PS3.17

- Use final text codes in Annex QQQ from CP1391 that had not been merged when Sup 172 incorporated

PS3.18

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PS3.19

- Correct inconsistency in Relax NG Compact schema for the Abstract Multi-Dimensional Image Model compared with table (UNSIGNED_CHAR8 should be UNSIGNED_INT8, UUID should be bulkDataUUID, sampleNumber should be indexWithinDimension (also in Figure A.2.4-1), Origin and DirectionCosines index may be 0, Irregular origin is attribute not element)
- Correct numberOfSamples, idNumber, content of DataAt, capitalization of datatype, form of coordinates (xCoord not X_coord) in Figure A.2.4-1
- Correct delimiter in DICOM MIME Type

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Supplements Incorporated

Sup 180 MPEG-4 AVC/H.264 Transfer Syntax

Sup 186 Extensible SR Storage SOP Class

Correction Items Incorporated

CP 812 Clarification that Pixel Padding Value is a raw value before any transformations

CP 934 Fix Inconsistency of C-FIND only Number of Patient Related XXX attributes

CP 1321 Add Telecom Addresses

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- CP 1322** Add Consulting Physician
 - CP 1402** Add UI Value Representation to Hanging Protocol Selector attributes
 - CP 1411** Add attributes describing safe or unsafe private elements
 - CP 1413** Add LOINC and UCUM license terms
 - CP 1416** Update to use SNOMED codes
 - CP 1436** Clarification Of Verification Control Point Meterset
 - CP 1437** Clarification of Beam Dose Scope
 - CP 1438** Omitted Beams Sequence In BDI
 - CP 1439** Clarification of RT Image Position
 - CP 1440** Correct HL7 CX component name references
 - CP 1442** Typos in UPS specification
 - CP 1443** Additional N-GET Service for UPS Push