

Supplement XXX

NEUROPHYSIOLOGY WAVEFORMS

DICOM WORKING GROUP 32

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Introducing Working Group 32

ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

Introducing Working Group 32

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Where Members come from ...

- Medical
 - German Society of Clinical Neurophysiology and Functional Imaging
- Academic
 - Austrian Institute of Technology
 - Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich
 - Universidad de la República (Uruguay)
- Industry
 - Canon, CortexXus, Moberg, Neuralynx, Nihon Khoden, Persyst, Philips

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Ultimate goal is

- a comprehensive, standard-based digital platform for neurophysiology in the patient care setting

New specification should

- Leverage the existing and growing ecosystem of DICOM-capable systems in use in healthcare institutions
- Leverage standards already in use in the neurophysiology industry

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Short-term objectives:

- New IOD(s) for storing neurophysiology data in PACS or VNA
 - Direct association with the patient
 - Together with related objects such as video or ECG
 - Keeping data synchronized
- Gap analysis of existing DICOM Standard with respect to potential neurophysiology requirements (e.g. waveform compression)
- Identify and establish relationship to other DICOM Working Groups currently responsible for related features
- Priorities for the identified gaps

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How this happened:

- IFCN Task Force in 2018
 - “Common Standard Format for Neurophysiology Data Exchange”
- In Vienna some research projects were initiated:
 - Using DICOM Waveforms for EEG and Sleep Studies
 - Proofed EHR integration, EEG analysis algorithms running on DICOM Waveforms
- Clear vote of the IFCN Task Force for DICOM
- Kickoff for Working Group 32 in Dec. 2018

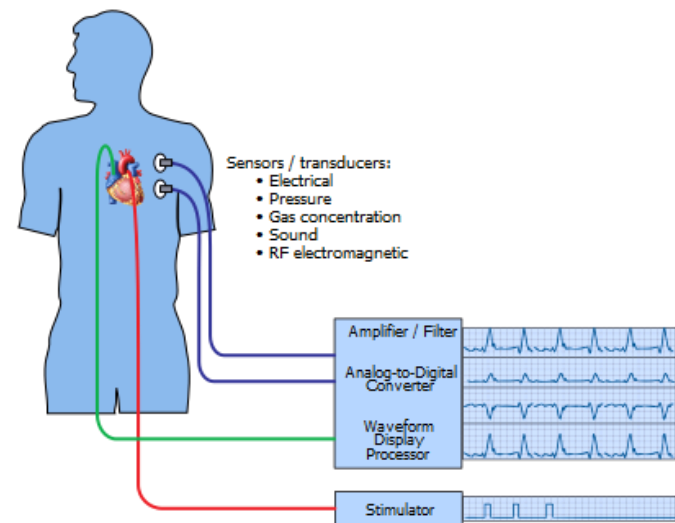
Neurophysiology Waveforms

EXTENDING DICOM WAVEFORMS TO NEW DOMAINS

DICOM Waveforms

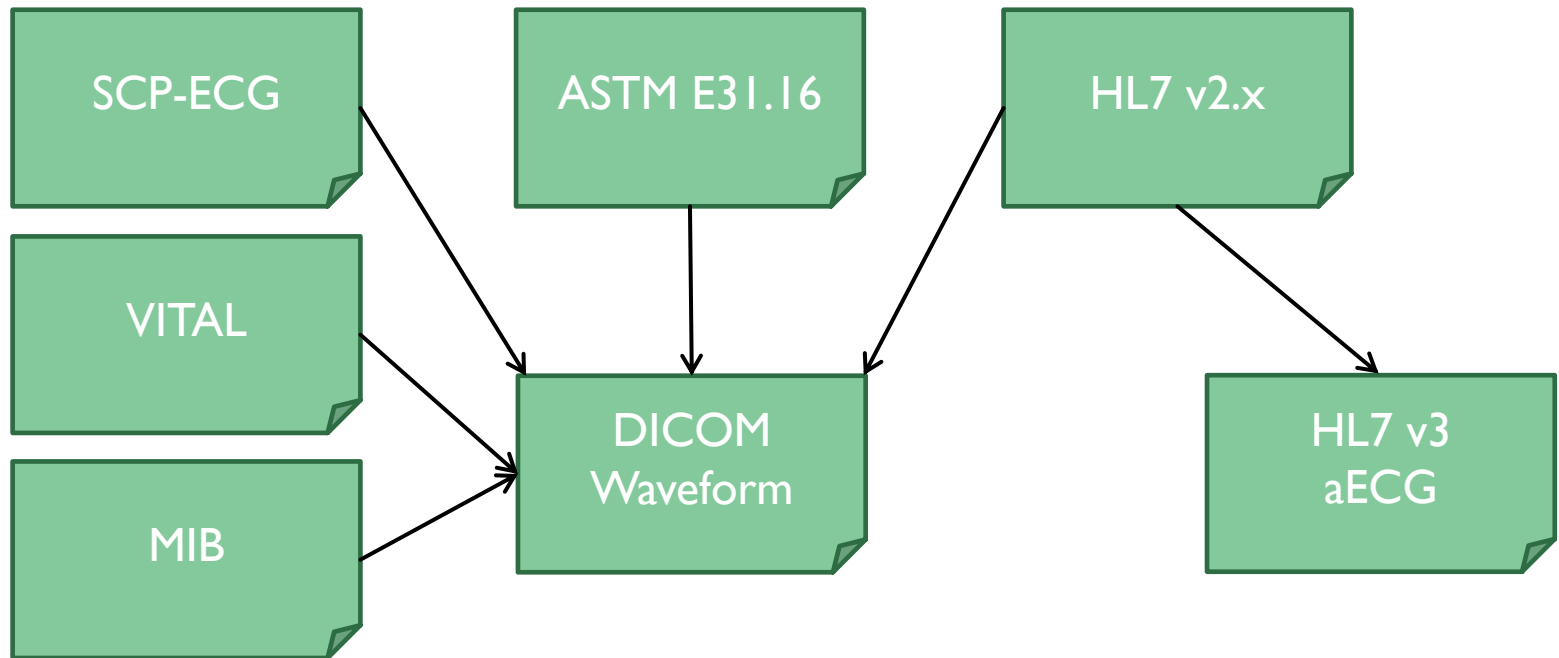
DICOM Support since 2000

- Audio: 2 SOP Classes
- ECG: 3 SOP Classes
 - 12-lead, General ECG, Ambulatory
- Arterial Pulse Waveform
- Respiratory Waveform
- Basic Cardiac Electrophysiology
- Hemodynamic



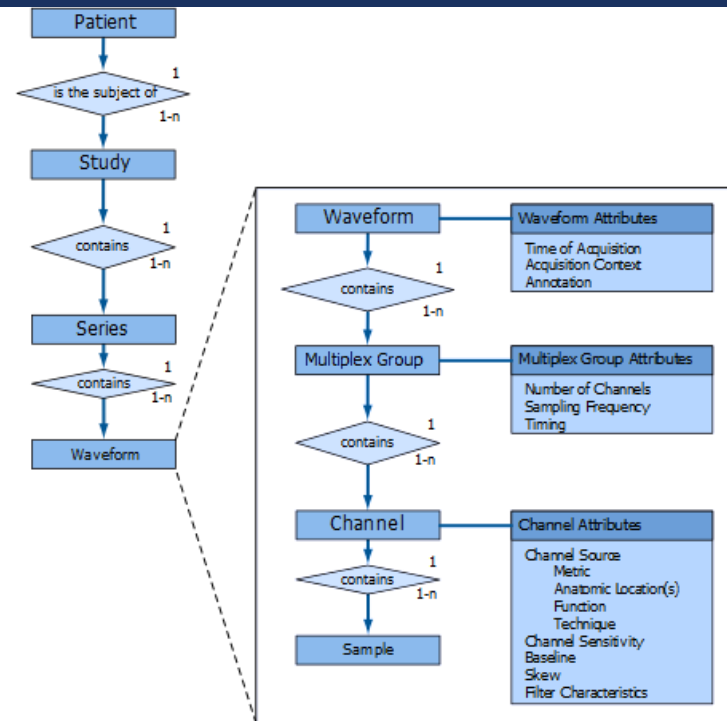
DICOM PS3.17 Fig. C.4-I.

DICOM Waveforms



DICOM Waveforms

- **Waveform Attributes**
 - Acquisition Time
 - Acquisition Context
 - Annotations
- **Channel Multiplexing**
- **Channel Attributes**
 - Channel Source
 - Scaling
 - Calibration
 - Filter
- **Sample Values**



Clinical Scenarios

Scenario	Recording	Indication
Routine EEG	Scalp EEG	Encephalography, epilepsy
EEG-Video-Monitoring	Scalp EEG	Seizure characterization, presurgical epilepsy evaluation
EEG-Video Monitoring – intracranial	Implanted electrodes	presurgical epilepsy evaluation
Longterm EEG Monitoring	Scalp EEG	Encephalography, epilepsy, ICU
Polysomnography	Scalp EEG, EMG, EOG + additional	Sleep disorders
High-density EEG	More Electrodes, req. 3D localization	
EEG-fMRI	Sync.Acquisition of EEG and MRI	

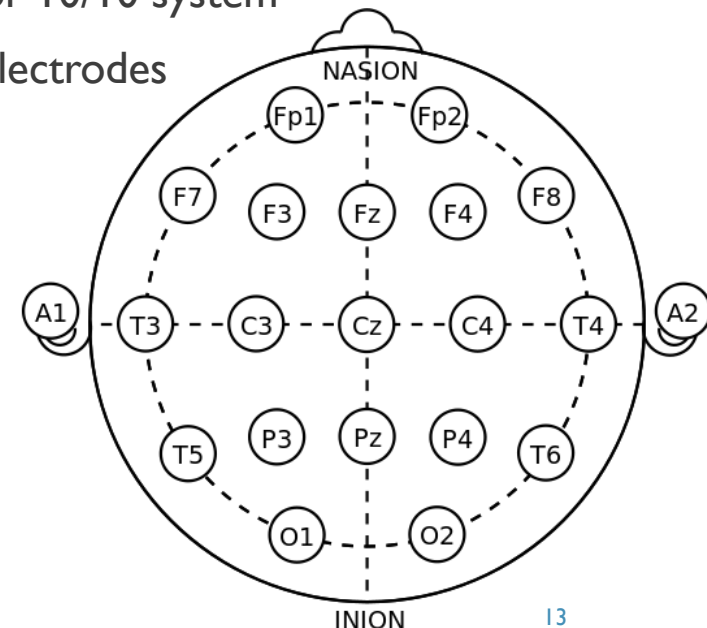
Routine Scalp EEG

Properties

- Electrode positions according the international 10/20 or 10/10 system
- Maybe alternative setting using a cap instead of single electrodes
- Up to 32 channels, sampling frequency up to 1024 Hz
- Additionally recorded: single ECG channel

Nomenclature: ISO IEEE 11073 10101

- Leads
 - A.8.4 Sites for EEG-electrode placement on the head
- Annotations

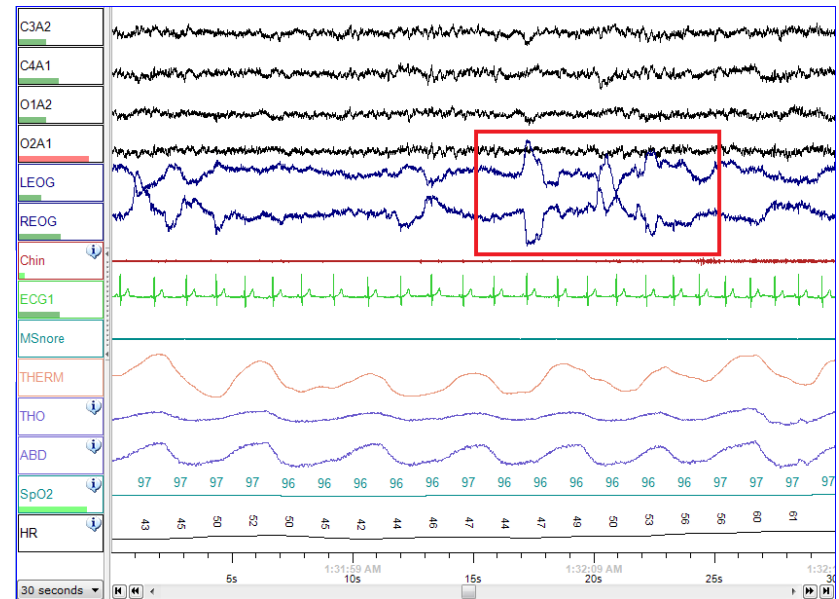


Polysomnography

Multimodal recording:

- Additionally required:
 - EMG (activity of skeletal muscles)
 - EOG (eye activity)
- Reuse of existing objects:
 - Video
 - arterial pulse waveform (pulse oximetry)
 - sound recordings

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Why this makes sense

- Compatible to / reuse of existing objects
 - ECG, pulse oximetry, respiratory, video and synchronization
 - Probably methods to spatially align with imaging in case of intracranial recording
- No silos: data will be semantically interoperable in terms of
 - Locations, annotations, and acquisition context
- Integration to clinical infrastructure
 - PACS, VNA, EHR, ...

Still in Discussion

- Final Set of Objects
- Missing nomenclatures
- Some technical topics like impedance measure, photic stimulation, etc.
- Waveform Compression Algorithms