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### Scope and Field of Application

Total Body Photography (TBP) aims to image a person's entire skin surface. TBP is predominantly used for sequential screening for skin cancer diagnosis, in particular melanoma, but can also be used for the assessment of inflammatory skin diseases such as psoriasis. TBP may improve the accuracy of skin cancer diagnosis while reducing the number of biopsies of benign skin lesions.

TBP uses visible light imaging. TBP may be 2D or 3D. Camera movement may be manual or automatic. Image acquisition typically occurs with the patient in different positions. Multiple regional images are acquired to image entire skin surface. TBP is often used in combination with dermoscopy.

This supplement introduces TBP Regional Image Information Object Definition (IOD) for imaging of a skin region.

**Changes to NEMA Standards Publication PS 3.2****Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM)****Part 2: Conformance**

*Item: Add to table A.1-2 categorizing SOP Classes:*

The SOP Classes are categorized as follows:

**Table A.1-2 UID VALUES**

UID Value	UID Name	Category
1.2.840.10008.xxxx	TBP Regional Image IOD	Transfer

**Changes to NEMA Standards Publication PS 3.3**  
**Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM)**  
**Part 3: Information Object Definitions**

*Amend PS3.3 Section A.1.4 Overview of the Composite IOD Module Content to include new IODs.*

*Add to PS3.3*

**A.X.X TBP Regional Image IOD**

**A.X.X.1 TBP Regional Image IOD Description**

The TBP Regional Image IOD specifies images that are acquired using visible light imaging. TBP regional images are acquired of an area or region of the skin surface. Multiple regional images are acquired during a TBP skin examination for coverage of the entire skin surface. The TBP Regional Image IOD proposed Information Object Definition (IOD) is an extension of the existing Visible Light (VL) Photographic Image IOD.

**A.X.X.2 TBP Regional Image IOD Description Entity-Relationship Model**

The TBP Regional Image IOD uses the DICOM Composite IOD Entity-Relationship Information Model defined in Section A1.2, with only the Image IE below the Series IE.

**A.X.X.3 TBP Regional Image IOD Module Table**

**Table A.X.X.3-1 TBP REGIONAL IMAGE IOD MODULES**

IE	Module	Reference	Usage
Patient	Patient	C.7.1.1	M
	Clinical Trial Subject	C.7.1.3	U
Study	General Study	C.7.2.1	M
	Patient Study	C.7.2.2	U

	Clinical Trial Study	C.7.2.3	U
Series	General Series	C.7.3.1	M
	Clinical Trial Series	C.7.3.2	U
Frame of Reference	Frame of Reference	C.7.4.1	M
Equipment	General Equipment	C.7.5.1	M
	Enhanced General Equipment	C.7.5.2	M
	VL Photographic Equipment	C.8.12.10	U
Acquisition	General Acquisition	C.7.10.1	M
Image	General Image	C.7.6.1	M
	General Reference	C.12.4	U
	Image Pixel	C.7.6.3	M
	Image Plane	C.7.6.2	U
	TBP Regional Image Module	C.X.X	M
	VL Image	C.8.12.1	M
	VL Photographic Acquisition	C.8.12.11	U
	VL Photographic Equipment	C.8.12.10	U
	VL Image Calibration	C.X.Y	U
	Overlay Plane	C.9.2	U
	Acquisition Context	C.7.6.14	U
	ICC Profile	C.11.15	U
	SOP Common	C.12.1	M
	Common Instance Reference	C.12.2	U

#### A.X.X.4 Total Body Photography IOD Content Constraints

##### A.X.X.4.1 Modality

The value of Modality (0008,0060) shall be XC.

##### A.X.X.4.2 Acquisition Context Module

The Defined TID for Acquisition Context Sequence (0040,0555) is TID 8300 “Skin Imaging Acquisition Context”.

##### A.X.X.4.3 Referenced Image Sequence

In TBP the Referenced Image Sequence (0008,1140) may be used to identify the SOP instance of a Dermoscopic, or Visible Light image correlated to the TBP regional image. The Purpose of Reference Code Sequence (0040,A170) shall have the value (121311, DCM, “Localizer”).

##### A.X.X.4.4 Anatomic Region Sequence

For Anatomic Region Sequence (0008,2218) BCID 4029 “Dermatology Anatomic Site” may be used. For Anatomic Region Modifier Sequence (0008,2220) BCID 245 “Laterality with Median” may be used.

## C.8.12 VL Modules and Functional Group Macros

Add the following new subsection in PS3.3 C.8

### C.8.12.X VL Image Calibration Module

This section describes VL Image Calibration Module. This module contains photogrammetry attributes that can calibrate photographic images.

Table C8.12.X-1 contains IOD Attributes that describe photogrammetry calibration.

**Table C8.12.X Image Calibration Module Attributes**

Attribute	Tag	Type	Attribute Description
<b>&gt;Photogrammetric Lens Sequence</b>	(ggg1.eee1)	1	<p><b>Describes a lens and its connected sensor.</b></p> <p><b>One or more Items shall be present.</b></p> <p><b>The first Sequence Item must define the main lens.</b></p>
<b>&gt;&gt;Horizontal and Vertical Focal Length in Pixel Units</b>	(ggg1.eee2)	1	<b>Horizontal focal length Fx followed by the vertical focal length Fy in pixel</b>

			<b>units as defined by the underlying camera model (e.g., pinhole model).</b>
<b>&gt;&gt;Principal Point Coordinates</b>	<b>(ggg1.eee3)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>The intersection of the optical ray through the center of the image plane. Values are stored as pixel coordinates Cx followed by Cy.</b>
<b>&gt;&gt;Lens Distortion Parameters (Radial)</b>	<b>(ggg1.eee4)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Dimensionless polynomial parameters that describe radial lens distortion in the VL image given by three parameters in the order k1, k2 and k3.</b> $x_{distorted} = x(1 + k_1 r^2 + k_2 r^4 + k_3 r^6)$ $y_{distorted} = y(1 + k_1 r^2 + k_2 r^4 + k_3 r^6)$ <b>(x, y) = undistorted image coordinates, r = radius as Euclidean distance to image center</b>
<b>&gt;&gt;Lens Distortion Parameters (Tangential)</b>	<b>(ggg1.eee5)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Dimensionless polynomial parameters that describe tangential lens distortion in the VL image given by the two parameters p1 followed by p2.</b> $x_{distorted} = x + [2p_1 xy + p_2(r^2 + 2x^2)]$ $y_{distorted} = y + [p_1(r^2 + 2y^2) + 2p_2 xy]$ <b>(x, y) = undistorted image coordinates, r = radius as Euclidean distance to image center</b>
<b>&gt;&gt;Relative Camera Translation</b>	<b>(ggg1.eee6)</b>	<b>1C</b>	<b>Translation vector between the subsequent camera position relative to the first camera.</b>  <b>Required if Number of Frames (0028,0008) has a value greater than 1.</b>
<b>&gt;&gt;Relative Camera Orientation</b>	<b>(ggg1.eee7)</b>	<b>1C</b>	<b>Relative camera orientation with respect to the first camera.</b>  <b>Required if Number of Frames (0028,0008) has a value greater than 1.</b>  <b>The orientation is represented as a 3x3 rotation matrix, which transforms the subsequent camera after the translation is applied.</b>

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66 Modify PS3.3 C.8 Modality Specific Modules

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**C.8.12.10 VL Photographic Equipment Module****Table C.8.12.10-1. VL Photographic Equipment Module Attributes**

Attribute Name	Tag	Type	Attribute Description
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<b>Focus Breathing</b>	<b>(0016, eee1)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b><u>Lens characteristic where a geometric change in field-of-view occurs when changing focus distance.</u></b>  <b><u>Enumerated Values:</u></b>  <b><u>YES</u></b>  <b><u>NO</u></b>

**C.8.12.11 VL Photographic Acquisition Module****Table C.8.12.11-1. VL Photographic Acquisition Module Attributes**

Attribute Name	Tag	Type	Attribute Description
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<b>Focus Distance</b>	<b>(0016, eee2)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b><u>Distance between the lens and the subject at which the image is sharply focused in meters.</u></b>
<b>Viewpoint LookAt Point</b>	<b>(0070, 1604)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b><u>The direction in which the camera is pointing using a 3D vector.</u></b>
<b>Viewpoint Up Direction</b>	<b>(0070, 1605)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b><u>The direction which is up for the camera using a 3D vecgor.</u></b>

Add the following new subsection in PS3.3 C.8

### C.8.X.X TBP Regional Image Module

Table C.8.X.X-1 specifies the Attributes that describe total body photography regional images.

**Table C.8.X.X-1. TBP Regional Image Module Attributes**

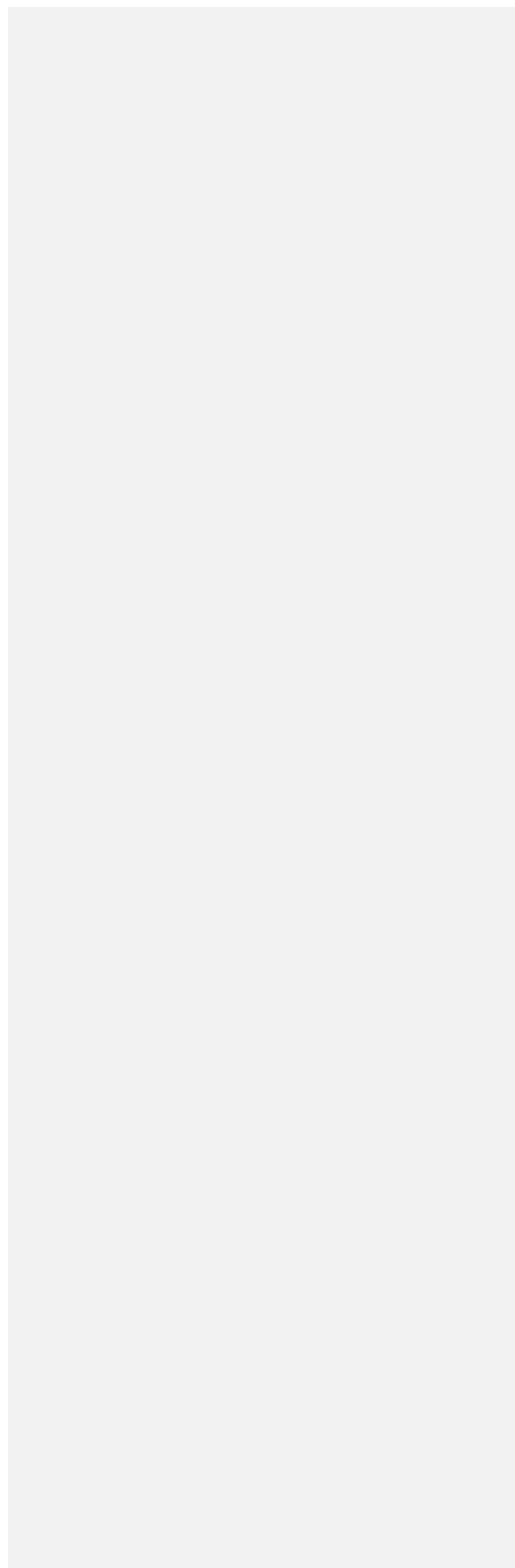
Attribute Name	Tag	Type	Attribute Description
Recognizable Visual Features	(0028,0302)	1	Indicates whether or not the image contains sufficiently recognizable visual features to allow the image or a reconstruction from a set of images to identify the Patient.  Enumerated Values:  YES NO
Light Source Polarization	(0016,1001)	2	Polarization of the dermoscope light source.  Enumerated Values:  POLARIZED  NON_POLARIZED
Emitter Color Temperature	(0016,1002)	2	Color temperature of dermoscope light source in Kelvin.
Partial View	(0028,1350)	3	Indicates whether this image is a partial view, that is a subset of a single view of a skin lesion.  Enumerated Values:  YES  NO  If this Attribute is absent, then the image may or may not be a partial view.
Partial View Description	(0028,1351)	3	Free text description of the portion of the skin surface captured in a partial view image.

**Changes to NEMA Standards Publication PS 3.6****Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM)****Part 6: Data Dictionary***Add to PS3.6 Annex A*

UID Value	UID NAME	UID TYPE	Part
1.2.840.10008.xxx	TBP Regional Image IOD	SOP Class	PS3.4

*Add to PS3.6 the following Data Elements to Section 6, Registry of DICOM data elements:*

Tag	Name	Keyword	VR	VM
(ggg1,eee1)	Photogrammetric Lens Sequence	PhotogrammetricLensSequence	SQ	1-n
(ggg1,eee2)	Horizontal and Vertical Focal Length in Pixel Units	HorizontalandVerticalFocalLengthinPixel Units	FL	2
(ggg1,eee3)	Principal Point Coordinates	PrincipalPointCoordinates	FL	2
(ggg1,eee4)	Lens Distortion Parameters (Radial)	LensDistortionRadial	FL	1-n
(ggg1,eee5)	Lens Distortion Parameters (Tangential)	LensDistortionTangential	DS	1-n
(ggg1,eee6)	Relative Camera Translation	RelativeCameraTranslation	FL	3
(ggg1,eee7)	Relative Camera Orientation	RelativeCameraOrientation	FL	9
(0016,eee1)	Lens Breathing	LensBreathing	CS	1
(0016,eee2)	Focus Distance	FocusDistance	FL	1



94 **Changes to NEMA Standards Publication PS 3.17**  
95 **Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM)**  
96 **Part 17: Explanatory Information**

97 *Add to PS3.17 Annex XXXX*

99 **Annex XXXX 2D Total Body Photography (Informative)**

100 **XXXX.1 Basic Structred Display IOD for visualization of images withing a 2D TBP**  
101 **imaging examination**

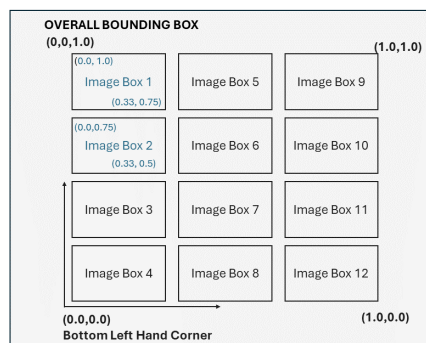
102 TBP regional images within a 2D TBP imaging examination are typically displayed in a matrix format  
103 which each acquisition position (e.g. anterior, right side, posterior left side) displayed as in columns and  
104 the rows being in corresponding head-to-toe. (See Figure XXXX.1-1). A Basic Structured Display IOD  
105 may be used to encode a specific layout and intended display of images within an imaging study. The  
106 Basic Structured Display IOD as a scope limited to the display on a single screen.



107 **Figure XXXX.1 -1 Display of 2D TBP imaging study**  
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110 The [Basic Structured Display IOD module table](#) included a Structured Display Image Box. Figure XXX.1-2  
111 is a graphical representation of the Structured Display Image Box module.  
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**Figure XXX.1 -2 Representation of a Structed Display Image Box used to display Figure XXX.1-1**

Table XXX.1-1 is an example encoding of the Structured Display Image Box (Figure XXX.1-2). Image annotations via referenced Presentation State objects and simple text labels on the screen, e.g., for image box labeling or study identification can also be encoded using the Basic Structured Display IOD.

**Table XXX.1-1 Example encoding of the Structured Display Image Box (Figure XXX.1-2)**

Attribute	Tag	Type	Description	Value
Structured Display Image Box Sequence	(0072,0422)	1		
Item	(FFFE,E000)			
>Display Environmental Spatial Position	(0072,0108)	1	Top Left-Hand Corner and Bottom Right-Hand Corner of the Image Box relative the OVERALL BOUNDING BOX	0.0\1.0\ 0.33\ 0.75
>Image Box Number	(0072,0108)	1	An integer that is unique across all Items of the Structured Display Image Box Sequence (0072,0422) that identifies the Image Box.	1
>Image Box Layout Type	(0072,0304)	1		TILED

>Image Box Tile Horizontal Dimension	(0072,0306)	1C	Positive integer defining the horizontal Image Box tile dimension; the number of columns.  Required if (0072,0304) = TILED	4000
>Image Box Tile Horizontal Dimension	(0072,0306)	1C	Positive integer defining the horizontal Image Box tile dimension; the number of rows.  Required if (0072,0304) = TILED	3000
>Referenced Image Sequence	(008,1140)	2C	SOP instance of the image to be displayed in Image Box 1	1.2.3.450.789.2212234577
>Referenced Presentation State Sequence	(008,9237)	2C	SOP instance of Softcopy Presentation State	
Item Delimitation Item	(FFFE,E00D)			
Item	(FFFE,E000)			
>Display Environmental Spatial Position	(0072,0108)	1	Top Left-Hand Corner and Bottom Right Hand Corner of the Image Box relative the OVERALL BOUNDING BOX	0.0\0.75\0.33\0.5
>Image Box Number	(0072,0108)	1	An integer that is unique across all Items of the Structured Display Image Box Sequence (0072,0422) that identifies the Image Box.	2
>Image Box Layout Type	(0072,0304)	1		TILED
>Image Box Tile Horizontal Dimension	(0072,0306)	1C	Positive integer defining the horizontal Image Box tile dimension; the number of columns.  Required if (0072,0304) = TILED	4000

>Image Box Tile Horizontal Dimension	(0072,0306)	1C	Positive integer defining the horizontal Image Box tile dimension; the number of rows.  Required if (0072,0304) = TILED	3000
>Referenced Image Sequence	(008,1140)	2C	SOP instance of the image to be displayed in Image Box 1	1.2.3.450.789.222369874
>Referenced Presentation State Sequence	(008,9237)	2C	SOP instance of Softcopy Presentation State	
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123 **XXXX.2 Series Organization**

124 It is recommended that each TBP regional image acquired as part of 2TBP imaging examination is a  
 125 encoded in the same series. Dermoscopic or Visible Light macroscopic images within the imaging study  
 126 are in a different series to the regional images.

127 **XXXX.3 Camera Orientation**

128 The orientation of the camera can be described using two 3D vectors. The first is the Camera View Vector  
 129 (i.e., the direction in which the camera is pointing) denoted as ( $view_x$ ,  $view_y$ ,  $view_z$ ) in the figure below.  
 130 This is encoded in Viewpoint LookAt Point (0070,1604) attribute.

131 The second is the camera up vector (i.e., the direction which is up for the camera) denoted by as ( $up_x$ ,  
 132  $up_y$ ,  $up_z$ ) in the diagram and encoded in Viewpoint Up Direction (0070,1605)



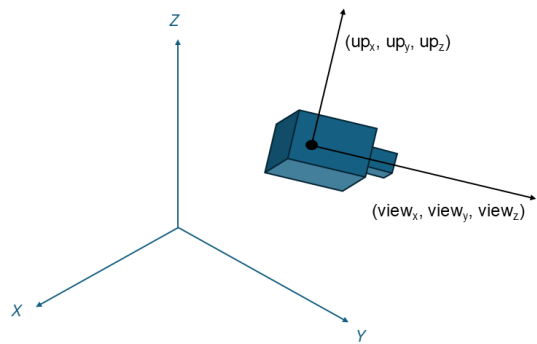


Figure XXXX.3 -1 Camera position vectors

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