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## Health informatics — Personal health data generated on a daily basis

*Informatique de santé — Données personnelles de santé générées sur  
une base journalière*

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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The increasing number of smart phones, mobile applications and remote monitoring devices combined with EHRs, patient portals and PHR systems enhance the patient's engagement in healthcare services. However, patient health data, which are constantly created, recorded, gathered or inferred have not yet been actively utilized at the point of care.

Specifically, un-coded data are too subjective and informal. In order to be applicable to clinical environment, ambiguity should be minimized or eliminated, and more precise. The health-related data should accurately convey the concept they are intended to deliver. The ISO/IEEE 11073 series and IHE-PCD Rosetta work are one of candidates to accomplish this goal. For health-related data to be reliably integrated into the process of diagnostic and therapeutic decision making, they should be quality-assured, trusted in accordance to accuracy of measurements.

In terms of safety and interoperability, AAMI/UL 2800 defined safety and related specifications of Medical Device (MD) interface to be labelled or declared as Interoperable Medical Device. The standard specifies MD interface characteristics to operate in safety conditions and focus on the mitigation of risk associated with interoperability within the Integrated Clinical Environment (ICE) and Interoperable Scenario (IS). It might be complementary to ISO/IEEE 11073-20601, particularly in mobile environments for improving care delivery, optimizing workflow and reducing ambiguity.

The Personal Connected Health Alliance (PCHAlliance) released the Continua Design Guidelines (CDGs) to enable the secure, private, reliable and accurate sharing of patient generated health data with healthcare providers, built-on HL7 FHIR®<sup>1)</sup> (Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources) specifications. The Continua Design Guidelines define an open, flexible framework for end-to-end interoperability and the convenient collection and exchange of clinical grade health data for improved health, wellness and disease management. They are built on existing open, international standards and specifications including ISO/IEEE deliverables, IEC deliverables, HL7 deliverables, USB and Bluetooth. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) recognizes the Continua Design Guidelines as an international standard for personal health systems and makes them available for global adoption in the several languages. Valuable tools and resources support product certification via the Continua Design Guidelines, including: the Continua Enabling Software Library (CESL), CODE for Healthcare and test tool development, representing millions of dollars worth of software development created by Continua to enable complete end-to-end functionality. PCHAlliance members have access to Continua Certified Experts (CCE), pre-market interoperability testing, Technical Operations Leads and brand support for Continua Certified products. PCHAlliance also participates in a series of events around the world to connect members with buyers, as well as Plugfests, Summits and an online Product Showcase highlighting Continua Certified products and services<sup>[18]</sup>.

Furthermore, Health-related data have in-depth relevance with IoT and related technologies because health-related data are usually created by IoT devices. In order to ensure quality and safety of Health-related data along with IoT, the Standard Development Organizations (SDOs) should collaborate with each other more effectively.

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1) FHIR® is an example of a suitable product available commercially. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO of this product.

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## 1 Scope

This document provides an environmental scan of common data elements that are captured through various modalities such as cell phones, smart phones, mobile applications and remote monitoring devices that are combined with EHRs, patient portals and PHR systems which can ultimately be applicable to a variety of healthcare service environments.

The Health-related data can be used to supplement existing clinical data, filling in gaps in information and providing a more comprehensive picture of ongoing patient healthcare.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### **assessment**

measurement, evaluation or judgment for a study variable pertaining to the status of a subject

### 3.2

#### **biometric**

use of specific attributes that reflect unique personal characteristics, such as a fingerprint, an eye blood-vessel print, or a voice print, to validate the identity of entities

### 3.3

#### **clinician**

health professional who delivers health services directly to a patient/client

### 3.4

#### **disorder**

alterations or attributes of the health status of an individual which might lead to distress, interference with daily activities, or contact with health

### 3.5

#### **experience**

facts, information and skills acquired through experience, reasoning or education

### 3.6

#### **personal health data**

personal data relevant to the health of an identified or identifiable natural person