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**SECTION 1  
INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 Scope**

This Conformance Statement specifies the manner in which the GEMnet Archive Manager (ARM) complies with the DICOM Standard (NEMA PS3). This document is written in conformance with DICOM Part 2 (PS3.2). It details the Information Objects, Service Classes, Transfer Syntaxes, network technologies, and roles and operations of the ARM for DICOM standard interactions.

It is assumed that readers of this document are familiar with the DICOM Standard and with the terminology and concepts used in that Standard.

The DICOM Standard contains many optional components. This document allows the reader to determine which specific parts of the DICOM Standard the ARM supports. It also allows the reader to determine whether and to what extent communications might be supported between the ARM and another entity, which may implement a different set of DICOM components.

**1.2 Applicable Documents**

**1.2.1 DICOM Documents**

NEMA PS3 Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM)

**1.2.2 Industry Standards Documents**

IEEE Std 802 Local and Metropolitan Area Networks  
ATMF LANE ATM Forum Local Area Network Emulation Specification  
ATMF UNI ATM Forum User Network Interface

**1.2.3 Internet Engineering Task Force Documents**

RFC 791 Internet Protocol (IP)  
RFC 793 Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)  
RFC 1042 Transmission of IP Datagrams over IEEE 802 Networks  
RFC 1577 Classical IP and ARP over ATM

**1.3 Functional Overview and Use of DICOM**

The Archive Manager (ARM) is a combined hardware and software platform which provides high performance short term and archival storage for digital medical images. It provides immediate high speed access to images in active review (recently stored or retrieved), and automatic long term archival mass storage for permanent image retention. The ARM provides associated services for managing and retrieving the stored images, including automatic retrieval from mass storage libraries.

The ARM is designed for the high performance requirements of X-ray modalities, specifically X-ray angiography, with real-time data rates of 7.5-MB/s and uncompressed data volumes of up to 1500 MB per study.

The ARM is an open system, with all its interfaces defined by international and industry standards. DICOM is the fundamental standard through which the ARM communicates with other devices. DICOM protocols are used for sending image data to the ARM for storage and archiving, for querying the image database, and for retrieving images.

#### 1.4 Organization of This Document

This document follows the general outline of Conformance Statements specified in DICOM Part 2. However, the numbering of sections may be slightly different, as allowed by the standard.

#### 1.5 Caveats

The use of this Conformance Statement, in conjunction with the DICOM Standard and the Conformance Statements of other equipment, is intended to facilitate open system interoperation with the ARM. However, these documents by themselves are not sufficient to ensure that system operation will be successful or will meet the user's needs. Among the issues which the potential user must consider are:

- Interchange Semantics – The DICOM Standard in general does not specify the higher level semantics associated with image data interchange. For example, an application which receives an image via the DICOM protocol is not constrained as to what it does with it – it may store it to disk, display it, or process the pixel data – with exactly the same protocol interface with the sender. The DICOM image sender has no way of explicitly specifying or determining the “meaning” of the image transaction or the concomitant action of the receiver, which might even vary over time dependent on the state of the system. Construction of a DICOM-based system requires careful selection of components and their functions as claimed in their conformance statements.
- Network Design – Implementation of a high performance network infrastructure and its lower level protocols is not trivial. The network requirements and design are beyond the scope of this document and of the DICOM Standard.
- Clinical Validation – A medical imaging system constructed of components supplied by multiple vendors must be validated as a whole before any clinical use (diagnosis or treatment) is performed. Issues such as end-to-end image quality, especially when the acquisition and display systems are from different manufacturers, must be evaluated.
- Application Interaction – Although a standard such as DICOM enables interoperability of equipment from diverse manufacturers, it does not fully constrain the manner in which functions are implemented. There may be functional interactions between applications, fully conformant to the Standard, which nevertheless limit the effectiveness of total system operation and which would not be apparent from their conformance statements. Indeed, one application's implementation may inhibit another from performing its functions altogether. The range of possible interactions between devices should be tested before a system is declared operational.
- Performance – The DICOM Standard focuses on functionality, not performance. Achieving the requisite performance for a particular clinical function, especially with high data rates or volumes, is a system issue beyond the scope of this document and of the DICOM Standard.

- Evolution – The DICOM Standard will continue to evolve to meet the growing requirements of the medical imaging community. GE Medical Systems is an active participant in the continuing development of DICOM. The ARM will incorporate new features based on evolution of the DICOM Standard, and other connected devices may need to be similarly updated.

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**SECTION 2**  
**IMPLEMENTATION MODEL**

**2.1 Application Data Flow Diagram**

Illustration 1 is a graphical depiction of the relationships between the Archive Manager Application Entity (ARM AE) and various Real-World Activities, as interrelated by DICOM.

ILLUSTRATION 1  
APPLICATION DATA FLOW DIAGRAM

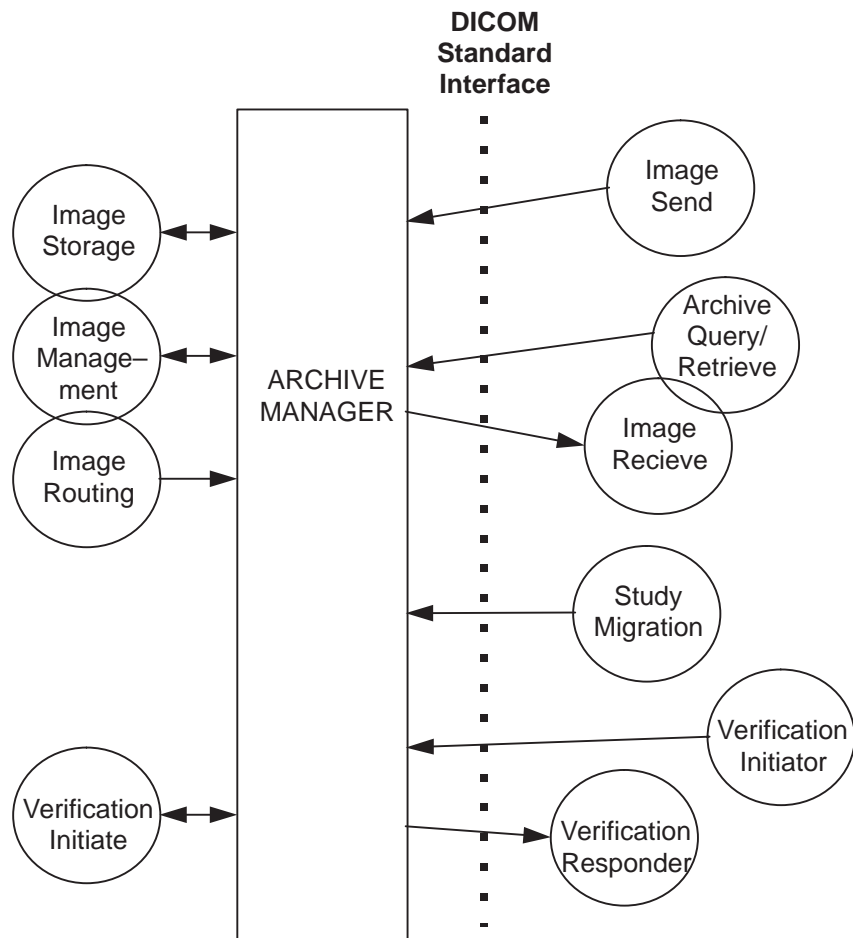


Image Send is an activity which sends one or more images to the ARM to be archived. Image Storage, Image Management, and Image Routing are local automatic activities triggered by the DICOM transfer of images to the ARM for archive.

Study Migration is an external activity which notifies the ARM of a potential future request for image data, permitting the ARM to stage that data for rapid access. This activity is supported by the local Image Management activity.



Archive Query/Retrieve and Image Receive are activities by which an external user can identify images stored by the ARM, and can retrieve specific images or sets of images. The ARM initiates the return DICOM Association to the external Image Receive activity for the transfer of the retrieved images. These activities are also supported by the local Image Storage and Image Management activities.

The Image Routing activity also interacts with the external Image Receive activity for the automatic transfer of archived images.

An external Verification Initiator activity may use a DICOM Association to verify the ability of the ARM AE to respond to DICOM messages. A similar internal Verification Initiate activity initiated by an ARM operator causes the ARM AE to establish an Association to another Verification Responder AE and verify that it can respond to DICOM messages.

## 2.2 Functional Definition of AEs

The Archive Manager contains one Application Entity. It provides a general archival storage service for medical images, in particular X-ray angiographic and related secondary capture images, and associated services for managing and retrieving those images.

Standard DICOM network communications is used to send images to the ARM for storage (Storage Service), to query the ARM for information about stored images (Query Service), and to retrieve stored images (Retrieve and Storage Services). The ARM initiates and responds to DICOM echo requests (Verification Service).

The ARM uses extensions to standard DICOM services (in conformance with the the DICOM Standard) to provide additional system functionality. The ARM supports retrieval of image icons and storage related attributes as part of the query response (Standard Extended Query Service). It also supports remote image staging requests (Private Migration Service).

## 2.3 Sequencing of Real World Activities

The only sequencing constraints are those which arise from the required existence of data prior to its access (e.g., images must be archived prior to their access through the Query/Retrieve activity).

**SECTION 3  
ARM AE SPECIFICATIONS**

There is only one DICOM Application Entity in the Archive Manager, the ARM AE.

**3.1 Implementation Identifying Information**

The AE Title used by the ARM AE is set in a configuration file. This permits multiple Archive Managers to coexist on the same network with distinct naming. The default AE Title is “arm”.

The ARM AE uses an Implementation UID identifying the class of GEMS Archive Manager products:

Implementation UID	1.2.840.113708.794.1.1.2.0
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**3.2 Network Conformance**

The ARM AE provides Standard Conformance to the following DICOM SOP Classes as an SCU:

Service Class	Service–Object Pair Class	SOP Class Unique ID
Verification	Echo	1.2.840.10008.1.1
Storage	X–ray Angiography	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.12.1
	Secondary Capture	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.7

The ARM AE provides Standard Conformance to the following DICOM SOP Classes as an SCP:

Service Class	Service–Object Pair Class	SOP Class Unique ID
Verification	Echo	1.2.840.10008.1.1
Storage	X–ray Angiography	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.12.1
	Secondary Capture	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.7
Query/Retrieve	Study Root FIND	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.2.2.1
	Study Root MOVE	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.2.2.2

The ARM AE provides Standard Extended Conformance to the supported DICOM Storage SOP Classes as an SCU and SCP, to the extent that the Image Information Object sources add Type 3 data elements to the objects. The ARM AE does not validate or delete supplementary data elements within the information objects stored in and retrieved from its image storage.

The ARM AE provides Standard Extended Conformance to the DICOM Query/Retrieve SOP Classes as an SCP, in accordance with Section 5.1.2.

The ARM AE provides Conformance to the following Private SOP Class as an SCP, in accordance with Section 5.1.3:

Service–Object Pair Class	SOP Class Unique ID
Migration	1.2.840.113619.4.10

**3.2.1 Association Establishment Policies**

**3.2.1.1 General**

The ARM AE initiates and accepts Associations only under the standard DICOM Application Context Name (ACN):

Application Context Name	1.2.840.10008.3.1.1.1
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The ARM AE proposes a Maximum Length Protocol Data Unit (PDU) during Association establishment as follows:

Maximum Length PDU	32,768 bytes
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**3.2.1.2 Number of Associations**

The ARM AE supports a varying number of simultaneous Associations, depending on the product model:

Product Model	Number of Simultaneous Associations Accepted	Number of Simultaneous Associations Initiated
DCR-2000	32	32

Within these limits, the ARM AE does not restrict the number of simultaneous Associations from or to any single other AE.

**3.2.1.3 Asynchronous Nature**

Asynchronous Operations are not supported by the ARM AE.

**3.2.2 Association Initiation**

The ARM AE initiates the establishment of an association in two cases of real-world activity:

- to verify the responsiveness of a remote Application Entity, and
- to handle the storage sub-operations in response to a retrieval request.

**3.2.2.1 Verification**

**3.2.2.1.1 Associated Real-World Activity**

The ARM AE will establish an Association upon initiation by a local operator to verify the ability of a remote Application Entity to respond to DICOM messages (Verification Initiate Real-World Activity).

**3.2.2.1.2 Proposed Presentation Contexts**

The ARM AE will propose a single Presentation Context for the association as shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1  
PROPOSED PRESENTATION CONTEXTS FOR ARM AE VERIFICATION

Abstract Syntax		Transfer Syntax		Role	Extended Negotiation
Name	UID	Name List	UID List		
Verification	1.2.840.10008.1.1	Implicit VR Little Endian	1.2.840.10008.1.2	SCU	None

**3.2.2.1.2.1 Specific Conformance Statement for Verification SOP Class**

The ARM conforms to the definition of an SCU of the Verification SOP Class in Accordance with the DICOM standard.

**3.2.2.1.3 Association Termination**

The ARM AE will terminate the association upon receipt of the C-ECHO-RSP message.

**3.2.2.2 Image Send**

**3.2.2.2.1 Associated Real-World Activity**

The ARM AE will establish an Association in response to a Retrieve SOP Class (MOVE) request received from the Query/Retrieve Real-World Activity, or in response to a directive from the Image Routing Real-World Activity. The target Real-World Activity is an external Image Receive.

**3.2.2.2.2 Proposed Presentation Contexts**

The ARM AE will propose Presentation Contexts, each with a single Transfer Syntax, for all supported combinations of Abstract and Transfer Syntax, as shown in Table 2. All combinations will be proposed on each Association, regardless of the specific Abstract Syntax of the SOP Instances which are to be transmitted.

TABLE 2  
PROPOSED PRESENTATION CONTEXTS FOR ARM AE IMAGE SEND

Abstract Syntax		Transfer Syntax		Role	Extended Negotiation
Name	UID	Name List	UID List		
X-ray Angiographic Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4. 1.1.12.1	Explicit VR Big Endian, Implicit VR Little Endian	1.2.840.10008.1.2.2, 1.2.840.10008.1.2	SCU	None
Secondary Capture Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4. 1.1.7	Explicit VR Big Endian, Implicit VR Little Endian	1.2.840.10008.1.2.2, 1.2.840.10008.1.2	SCU	None

**3.2.2.2.1 Specific Conformance Statement for Storage SOP Classes**

The ARM as an SCU of the Storage SOP Classes records any unsuccessful C-STORE operations in an error log, and places the SOP Instance in a Retry List for manually initiated retry of the C-STORE. The ARM takes no action upon the receipt of a C-STORE successful or warning response status.

The ARM does not support Storage SOP Class Extended Negotiation.

Image objects transferred under the Storage SOP Classes may have optional Type 3 data elements as implemented by the sources of those images, and included in the image objects archived in the ARM.

**3.2.2.2.3 Association Termination**

The ARM AE will use a single Association for all storage sub-operations of a C-MOVE retrieval. It will terminate the association upon receipt of the C-STORE-RSP message for the last image requested.

Upon command from a local user at the ARM, the ARM AE will abnormally terminate the Association, and all pending storage sub-operations will be canceled.

**3.2.3 Association Acceptance Policy**

The ARM AE will accept an Association at any time, consistent with the maximum number of Associations described in Section 3.2.1.2.

The ARM AE accepts the establishment of an association in these cases of real-world activity:

- to support a remote Application Entity verifying the responsiveness of the ARM AE,
- to receive images for archive from a remote AE,
- to support a remote image staging (migration) request, and
- to handle query/retrieval requests from a remote AE against the ARM archive image storage.

The ARM AE may terminate an Association (A-ABORT) if there is no activity for a parameterized length of time.

**3.2.3.1 Verification**

**3.2.3.1.1 Associated Real-World Activity**

The ARM AE will accept an Association from a remote Application Entity to verify the ability of the ARM AE to respond to DICOM messages (Verification Initiator Real-World Activity).

**3.2.3.1.2 Acceptable Presentation Contexts**

The ARM AE will accept a single Presentation Context for the Verification activity as shown in Table 3. A single Association may be used both for this activity and for any of the other activities for which the ARM AE is the Association Acceptor.

TABLE 3  
ACCEPTABLE PRESENTATION CONTEXTS FOR ARM AE VERIFICATION

Abstract Syntax		Transfer Syntax		Role	Extended Negotiation
Name	UID	Name List	UID List		
Verification	1.2.840.10008.1.1	Implicit VR Little Endian	1.2.840.10008.1.2	SCU	None

**3.2.3.1.2.1 Specific Conformance Statement for Verification SOP Class**

The ARM conforms to the definition of an SCP of the Verification SOP Class in accordance with the DICOM standard.

**3.2.3.1.3 Presentation Context Acceptance Criteria**

The ARM AE will unconditionally accept a Presentation Context for the Verification association.

**3.2.3.1.4 Transfer Syntax Selection Policies**

Only a single Transfer Syntax is acceptable, the DICOM Default Transfer Syntax.

**3.2.3.2 Archive Storage**

**3.2.3.2.1 Associated Real-World Activity**

The ARM AE will accept an Association from a remote Application Entity to transfer images to the ARM AE for archival storage. This Association supports the Real-World Activity Image Send.

**3.2.3.2.2 Acceptable Presentation Contexts**

The ARM AE will accept multiple Presentation Contexts for the Archive Storage activity as shown in Table 4. A single Association may be used both for this activity and for any of the other activities for which the ARM AE is the Association Acceptor.

TABLE 4  
ACCEPTABLE PRESENTATION CONTEXTS FOR ARM AE STORAGE

Abstract Syntax		Transfer Syntax		Role	Extended Negotiation
Name	UID	Name List	UID List		
X-ray Angiographic Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.12.1	Explicit VR Big Endian, Implicit VR Little Endian	1.2.840.10008.1.2.2, 1.2.840.10008.1.2	SCP	None
Secondary Capture Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.7	Explicit VR Big Endian, Implicit VR Little Endian	1.2.840.10008.1.2.2, 1.2.840.10008.1.2	SCP	None

**3.2.3.2.2.1 Specific Conformance Statement for Storage SOP Classes**

The ARM provides Level 2 (Full) conformance as an SCP of the Storage SOP Classes. All received Attributes are stored and may be subsequently accessed, including Private and other Type 3 Attributes included in Standard Extended SOP Instances.

Stored SOP Instances may be accessed using the DICOM standard Query/Retrieve SOP Classes (see Section 3.2.3.3). Stored SOP Instances may be accessed from the local user interface for transmission to another network node.

Stored SOP Instances are permanently accessible (long term archive).

The ARM will return an unsuccessful or warning C-STORE response in accordance with Table 5. In all error cases, the SOP Instance is not stored, and the source system must retransmit the image.

TABLE 5  
UNSUCCESSFUL/WARNING STORAGE RESPONSES

Response Code	Meaning	Corrective Action
A703	Out of Resources (database update error)	Correct hardware or software fault in ARM
A704	Out of Resources (file formatting error)	Correct hardware or software fault in ARM
A705	Out of Resources (memory allocation error)	Correct hardware or software fault in ARM
A710	Out of Resources (disk full)	Force data migration to secondary storage, and allow system to reclaim disk space
A712	Out of Resources (file system error)	Correct hardware or software fault in ARM
A907	Data Set does not match SOP Class (required elements missing)	Correct error in source system
C001	Cannot Understand (error parsing input image object)	Correct error in source system, or hardware or software fault in ARM
C002	Cannot Understand (pixel data length does not correspond to pixel data attributes)	Correct error in source system
C006	Cannot Understand (SOP class not negotiated)	Correct error in source system
C111	Cannot Understand (duplicate image SOP Instance UID)	If the image stored in the ARM is to be replaced, a service engineer can override the rejection of duplicate objects

The ARM performs no automatic coercion of any Attribute values within the stored SOP Instances. However, the attribute values returned in the Query Service for the stored SOP Instances may differ from the values actually in the stored SOP Instances, as described in Section 3.2.3.3.2.1.

**3.2.3.2.3 Presentation Context Acceptance Criteria**

The ARM AE will accept the Presentation Contexts for the SOP Classes associated with Archive Storage only if a minimum amount of storage space (default 500 MB) is available on the online disk. If such space is not available, the ARM will return a Result/Reason “No-reason (provider rejection)” for all Presentation Contexts proposed for Storage SOP Classes.

**3.2.3.2.4 Transfer Syntax Selection Policies**

Within each Presentation Context, the first proposed Transfer Syntax which is supported by the ARM will be accepted.



**3.2.3.3 Query/Retrieve**

**3.2.3.3.1 Associated Real-World Activity**

The ARM AE will accept an Association from a remote Application Entity to query the ARM for information about stored images, and/or to retrieve images from the ARM AE archival storage. This Association supports the Archive Query/Retrieve Real-World Activity.

**3.2.3.3.2 Acceptable Presentation Contexts**

The ARM AE will accept multiple Presentation Contexts for the Archive Query/Retrieve activity as shown in Table 6. A single Association may be used both for this activity and for any of the other activities for which the ARM AE is the Association Acceptor.

TABLE 6  
ACCEPTABLE PRESENTATION CONTEXTS FOR ARM AE QUERY/RETRIEVE

Abstract Syntax		Transfer Syntax		Role	Extended Negotiation
Name	UID	Name List	UID List		
Study Root FIND	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.2.2.1	Explicit VR Big Endian, Implicit VR Little Endian	1.2.840.10008.1.2.2, 1.2.840.10008.1.2	SCP	None
Study Root MOVE	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.2.2.2	Explicit VR Big Endian, Implicit VR Little Endian	1.2.840.10008.1.2.2, 1.2.840.10008.1.2	SCP	None

**3.2.3.3.2.1 Specific Conformance Statement for Query (C-FIND) SOP Classes**

The ARM conforms to the definition of an SCP of the Query (C-FIND) Service in accordance with the DICOM standard. The ARM supports queries against the Study Root Information Model.

The ARM does not support Priority processing. The ARM does not support Relational-queries.

The attribute values returned by the ARM AE in the Query Service for the stored SOP Instances may differ from the values actually in the stored SOP Instances in the following ways:

- Attributes with Value Representation PN are truncated to a maximum total length of 64 bytes, although multiple values are supported within that total length limit;
- Modality is truncated to a maximum of four bytes;
- Referenced Image Sequence is truncated to a maximum of one Item; and
- All Study level Query/Retrieve Attributes other than automatically generated values, may be modified by a user at the ARM (without changing the values in the stored SOP Instance).

In the following Tables, the values in the Matching column have these meanings:

Matching Value	Meaning
U/M	Unique Key / Key Matching supported
M	Key Matching supported
E	Key Existence supported (no matching)

The ARM supports queries at the STUDY level in the Study Root FIND SOP Class using the keys in Table 7.

TABLE 7  
STUDY LEVEL KEYS FOR STUDY ROOT QUERY

Attribute	Tag	Matching
Study Instance UID	(0020,000D)	U/M
Study Date	(0008,0020)	M
Study Time	(0008,0030)	M
Accession Number	(0008,0050)	M
Referring Physician's Name	(0008,0090)	M
Physician of Record	(0008,1048)	E
Performing Physician's Name	(0008,1050)	M
Patient ID	(0010,0020)	M
Patient's Name	(0010,0010)	M
Study ID	(0020,0010)	M
Study Description	(0008,1030)	E
Patient's Birth Date	(0010,0030)	E
Patient's Sex	(0010,0040)	E
Number of Study Related Images	(0020,1208)	E
Study Status	(0032,000A)	E
Modalities in Study	(0008,0061)	M
Private Creator	(0087,00xx)	M
Media Location	(0087,xx20)	E
Estimated Retrieve Time	(0087,xx50)	E

The ARM supports Range Matching for Study Date and Study Time as independent keys. That is, if both date range and time range are specified in the Request Identifier, the matching studies' dates will be strictly within the requested key date range, and their times will be strictly within the requested key time range. The ARM does not treat the combination of specified matching ranges in these two fields as a datetime range (study datetime between date1time1 and date2time2).

The ARM supports Performing Physician’s Name as a matching attribute at the Study level, even though it is formally defined in the DICOM Information Model as an attribute at the Series level.

At the Study level, the ARM recognizes and returns the Private Key Attributes Media Location (0087,xx20) and Estimated Retrieve Time (0087,xx50) in accordance with the Extension to the Standard C-FIND SOP Classes as described in Section 5.1.2.

The ARM supports queries at the SERIES level using the keys in Table 8.

TABLE 8  
SERIES LEVEL KEYS FOR QUERY

Attribute	Tag	Matching
Modality	(0008,0060)	U/M
Series Instance UID	(0020,000E)	M
Series Number	(0020,0011)	M

The ARM supports queries at the IMAGE level using the keys in Table 9.

TABLE 9  
IMAGE LEVEL KEYS FOR QUERY

Attribute	Tag	Matching
SOP Instance UID	(0008,0018)	U/M
Image Number	(0020,0013)	M
SOP Class UID	(0008,0016)	E
Referenced Image Sequence	(0008,1140)	E
Positioner Primary Angle	(0018,1510)	E
Positioner Secondary Angle	(0018,1511)	E
Number of Frames	(0028,0008)	E
Private Creator	(0087,00xx)	M
Media Type	(0087,xx10)	E
Media Location	(0087,xx20)	E
Storage Media ID	(0088,0130)	E
Icon Key Sequence	(0088,0200)	E
Image Type	(0008,0008)	E
Image Comments	(0020,4000)	E

At the Image level, the ARM recognizes and returns the Private Key Attributes Media Type (0087,xx10) and Media Location (0087,xx20) in accordance with the Extension to the Standard C-FIND SOP Classes as described in Section 5.1.2.

The ARM does not support Sequence Matching for the Referenced Image Sequence attribute. If this Sequence is requested in an IMAGE level C-FIND Identifier with a single zero-length Item, the ARM supports Universal Matching, and returns zero or one Items for the Sequence in accordance with Table 10

TABLE 10  
REFERENCED IMAGE SEQUENCE ITEM ATTRIBUTES

Attribute	Tag
Referenced Image Sequence	(0008,1140)
>SOP Class UID	(0008,1150)
>SOP Instance UID	(0008,1155)

The ARM does not support Sequence Matching for the Icon Key Sequence attribute. If this Sequence is requested in an IMAGE level C-FIND Identifier with a single zero-length Item, the ARM supports Universal Matching, and returns zero or one Items for the Sequence in accordance with Table 11.

TABLE 11  
ICON KEY SEQUENCE ITEM ATTRIBUTES

Attribute	Tag
Icon Key Sequence	(0088,0200)
>Samples per Pixel	(0028,0002)
>Photometric Interpretation	(0028,0004)
>Rows	(0028,0010)
>Columns	(0028,0011)
>Bits Allocated	(0028,0100)
>Bits Stored	(0028,0101)
>High Bit	(0028,0102)
>Pixel Representation	(0028,0103)
>Pixel Data	(7FE0,0010)

The C-FIND Response Identifier returned by the ARM may include the attributes shown in Table 12 under the conditions indicated.

TABLE 12  
OTHER RESPONSE IDENTIFIER ATTRIBUTES

Attribute	Tag	Conditions
Specific Character Set	(0008,0005)	If used in input images
Retrieve AE Title	(0008,0054)	Always returned

The ARM AE will return status in the C-FIND response in accordance with the DICOM standard. In particular, the ARM will return Refused or Failed status responses in accordance with Table 13.

TABLE 13  
C-FIND REFUSED/FAILED STATUS RESPONSES

Response Code	Meaning	Conditions
A700	Out of Resources	maximum number of responses returned
A900	Identifier does not match SOP Class (improper query level value)	Query level value not defined for SOP Class
C001	Unable to Process (error parsing identifier)	Hardware or software fault in ARM, or invalid input
C003	Unable to Process (internal ARM error)	Hardware or software fault in ARM
C004	Unable to Process (ARM database error)	Hardware or software fault in ARM
C006	Unable to Process (SOP class not negotiated)	Hardware or software fault in ARM
C902	Unable to Process (missing required study UID or patient ID)	Required higher level UID missing
C906	Unable to Process (improper attribute in identifier for SOP class)	Attributes for another query level present

The ARM AE limits the maximum number of Query responses returned with status of Pending (response code FF00 or FF01) to the value of a parameter set in a configuration file. The default Maximum Number of Query Responses value is 200. After the maximum number of Pending responses, the ARM AE returns a response with status Refused – Out of Resources (response code A700).

**3.2.3.3.2 Specific Conformance Statement for Retrieve (C-MOVE) SOP Classes**

The ARM conforms to the definition of an SCP of the Retrieve (C-MOVE) Service in accordance with the DICOM standard. The ARM supports retrievals against the Study Root Information Model.

The ARM does not support Priority processing. The ARM does not support Relational-retrieves.

The ARM uses the Storage SOP Classes defined in Section 3.2.2.2 to support the C-STORE sub-operations of the Retrieve SOP Classes.

If the Destination AE Title in the C-MOVE request is the ARM AE Title, the ARM will move the requested images to its online disk (staging) for rapid subsequent retrieval via another C-MOVE.

**3.2.3.3.3 Presentation Context Acceptance Criteria**

There are no special criteria for accepting Query/Retrieve Presentation Contexts.

**3.2.3.3.4 Transfer Syntax Selection Policies**

Within each Presentation Context, the first proposed Transfer Syntax which is supported by the ARM will be accepted.

**3.2.3.4 Study Migration**

**3.2.3.4.1 Associated Real-World Activity**

The ARM AE will accept an Association from a remote Application Entity to send the ARM requests to manage the storage of studies. This Association supports the external Real-World Activity Study Migration, and is supported by the internal Image Management Real-World Activity.

**3.2.3.4.2 Acceptable Presentation Contexts**

The ARM AE will accept one Presentation Context for the Study Migration activity as shown in Table 14. A single Association may be used both for this activity and for any of the other activities for which the ARM AE is the Association Acceptor.

TABLE 14  
ACCEPTABLE PRESENTATION CONTEXTS FOR ARM AE STUDY MIGRATION

Abstract Syntax		Transfer Syntax		Role	Extended Negotiation
Name	UID	Name List	UID List		
Migration	1.2.840.113619.4.10	Explicit VR Big Endian,	1.2.840.10008.1.2.2,	SCP	None
		Implicit VR Little Endian	1.2.840.10008.1.2		

**3.2.3.4.2.1 Specific Conformance Statement for Migration SOP Class**

The ARM conforms to the definition of an SCP of the Migration SOP Class in accordance with the definition in Section 5.1.3.

The ARM supports Migration N-ACTION Action Type ID (0000,1008) value 1 (Migrate to Online) only. Other values of this ID in the N-ACTION request will result in N-ACTION response status 0135H (No Such Action).

The ARM supports Migration N-ACTION Query/Retrieve Level attribute (0008,0052) value "STUDY" only. Other values of this attribute in the N-ACTION request will result in N-ACTION response status 0115H (Invalid Argument Value).

**3.2.3.4.3 Presentation Context Acceptance Criteria**

There are no special criteria for accepting Study Migration Presentation Contexts.

**3.2.3.4.4 Transfer Syntax Selection Policies**

Within each Presentation Context, the first proposed Transfer Syntax which is supported by the ARM will be accepted.

**SECTION 4  
COMMUNICATION PROFILE****4.1 Supported Communication Stacks**

The ARM provides TCP/IP Network Communication Support as defined in Part 8 of the DICOM Standard.

**4.2 TCP/IP Stack**

The ARM posts its TCP connection Open on the standard DICOM TCP Port 104, as defined in RFC-1700, and on port 4006.

**4.2.1 Reserved****4.2.2 Physical Media Support****4.2.2.1 ATM**

The ARM supports an Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) network interface using OC-3c multimode fiber. It supports Classical IP over AAL5 in accordance with RFC-1577 and signaling in accordance with ATM Forum UNI 3.1.

**SECTION 5  
EXTENSIONS / SPECIALIZATIONS / PRIVATIZATIONS**

**5.1 Standard Extended/Specialized/Private SOPs**

**5.1.1 Standard Extended Storage SOP Classes**

The ARM AE provides Standard Extended Conformance to the supported DICOM Storage SOP Classes as an SCU and SCP. The Standard SOP Classes are Extended in that the Image Information Object sources may add Type 3 data elements to the objects; the ARM AE does not validate or delete these supplementary data elements within the information objects stored in and retrieved from its image storage.

**5.1.2 Standard Extended Query SOP Class**

The ARM AE provides Standard Extended Conformance to the supported DICOM Query SOP Classes as an SCP. The extension occurs in two respects – support for the Icon Key attribute, and support for private attributes.

**5.1.2.1 Icon Key Attribute**

The ARM AE supports the Icon Key Sequence attribute (0088,0200), as defined in DICOM Supplement 1, as a Query SOP Class key attribute at the IMAGE level.

**5.1.2.2 Private Key Attributes**

The ARM AE supports the private key attributes, as shown in Table 15, as Query SOP Class key attributes at the IMAGE level.

TABLE 15  
PRIVATE QUERY KEY ATTRIBUTES

Attribute	Tag	VR	VM	Notes
Private Data Element Creator	(0087,00xx)	LO	1	Enumerated value: 1.2.840.113708.794.1.1.2.0
Media Type	(0087,xx10)	CS	1	Defined terms: DISK – image is on magnetic disk DLT – image is on DLT tape
Media Location	(0087,xx20)	CS	1	Defined terms: ONLINE – media is 1st tier magnetic disk LIBRARY – media is in automatic disk or tape library (jukebox) OFFLINE – media must be manually loaded into system
Estimated Retrieve Time	(0087,xx50)	IS	1	Estimated Retrieve Time in seconds; –1 indicates item is OFFLINE and time cannot be estimated

**5.1.3 Migration SOP Class**

The ARM AE provides the Migration Service Class as an SCP, as described in Annex D.

**5.2 Private Transfer Syntaxes**

The ARM supports no Private Transfer Syntaxes.



**SECTION 6  
CONFIGURATION****6.1 AE Title/Presentation Address Mapping**

The ARM AE resolves addresses of other applications and entities using a Network Stations table. The Network Stations table is maintained on the ARM by a system administrator using the ARM graphical user interface.

**6.2 Auto-Routing**

The ARM AE routes received images to other applications based on an Auto-Routing table. The Auto-Routing table is maintained on the ARM by a system administrator using the ARM graphical user interface.

**6.3 Configurable Parameters**

The following DICOM-related parameters are configurable by a field service engineer:

- Archive Manager Application Entity Title
- Association Inactivity Abort Timeout Period
- Enable Auto-Routing
- C-STORE Retry Count and Retry Interval
- Enable Full Message Validation
- Maximum Number of Query Responses
- Enable Case-Insensitive Query
- Minimum available disk capacity to accept Association

**SECTION 7**  
**SUPPORT OF EXTENDED CHARACTER SETS**

The ARM AE supports one Specific Character Set attribute (0008,0005) per patient. It will set the attribute value based on the first instance of the attribute among images received for archive for a patient, and if set will return it will all query responses for that patient (including subsidiary level queries).

The ARM AE supports local display of 8-bit characters using a single character set; the default is the Latin alphabet supplementary set No.1 (ISO 8859-1). Characters are displayed using this character set without regard to the selection of alternate sets in the Specific Character Set attribute.

**ANNEX D  
 MIGRATION SERVICE CLASS**

The Migration Service Class allows for the request of the migration of SOP Instances from one storage level to another.

The Request Migration service allows the SCU to command the SCP to move a copy of a set of SOP Instances to a specified storage level (e.g. migrate to on-line, etc.). The scope of this service is a complete study. It includes unique identification information for the study (Study Instance UID) plus the destination storage level. A successful response to this request conveys that the SCP has successfully received the request, but does not indicate that the migration has taken place.

The migration levels are defined as follows:

1. On-Line; the fastest level of accessibility for the SCP
2. Off-line, corresponds to data outside of the repository of the SCP but its existence is tracked by the SCP. This information needs to be manually loaded for access.
3. Near-line; corresponds to data inside the repository of the SCP and is accessed automatically and slower than the on-line storage (possibly a juke box).

**D.1 DIMSE Service Groups**

The DIMSE-N Services shown in Table 16 are applicable to the Migration SOP Class. The DIMSE-N Services and Protocol are specified in PS 3.7.

TABLE 16  
 MIGRATION DIMSE SERVICE GROUPS

DIMSE Service Element	Usage SCU/SCP
N-ACTION	M/M

**D.2 Operations**

**D.2.1 Action Information**

The DICOM AEs which claim conformance to this SOP Class as an SCU and/or an SCP shall support the Action Types and Action Information as specified in Table 17. The Attribute definitions shall be as specified in DICOM, unless otherwise defined.

The Query/Retrieve Level attribute conveys the information model level for which the migration is to occur.

TABLE 17  
REQUEST MIGRATION – ACTION INFORMATION

Action Type Name	Action Type ID	Attribute	Tag	Req. Type SCU/SCP	Attribute Description
Migrate to On-line	1	Transaction UID	(0008,1195)	-/1	
		Query/Retrieve level	(0008,0052)	1/1	The level being requested for migration. It shall be set to STUDY
		Study Instance UID	(0020,000D)	1/1	
Migrate to Near-line	2	Transaction UID	(0008,1195)	1/1	
		Query/Retrieve level	(0008,0052)	1/1	The level being requested for migration. It shall be set to STUDY
		Study Instance UID	(0020,000D)	1/1	

**D.2.2 Service Class User Behavior**

The SCU shall use the N-ACTION primitive to request the SCP to migrate a set of SOP Instances to a specified storage level as defined in Table 17. The SCU shall supply the Transaction UID to uniquely identify each migration request.

The N-ACTION primitive shall contain the well-known Migration SOP Instance UID in its Requested SOP Instance UID parameter.

**Note:** In the usage described here, there is no explicit creation of a SOP Instance upon which an N-ACTION primitive may operate. Instead, the N-ACTION primitive operates upon a constant well-known SOP Instance. This SOP Instance is conceptually created during startup of each Application.

**D.2.3 Service Class Provider Behavior**

The SCP shall return, via the N-ACTION response primitive, the N-ACTION Response Status Code applicable to the associated request. A success status conveys that the SCP has successfully received the request and assumes responsibility for the request. A failure status conveys that the SCP is not processing the request.

No Service Class specific status values are defined for the N-ACTION Service. See PS 3.7 for the general response status codes.

**D.3 Migration SOP Class UID and SOP Instance UID**

The Migration SOP Class UID shall have the value “1.2.840.113619.4.10”. The well-known Migration SOP Instance UID shall have the value “1.2.840.113619.7.2”.





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