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Universal Viewer zero footprint client
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DICOM CONFORMANCE STATEMENT

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CONFORMANCE STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The Universal Viewer zero footprint client is a viewing application that may be deployed with the following products:

1. Centricity Enterprise Archive V4.0.4 or later.

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Ultrasound Multi-Frame Image Storage (Retired)	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.3
MR Image Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.4
Enhanced MR Image Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.4.1
Nuclear Medicine Image Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.20
Positron Emission Tomography Image Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.128
Secondary Capture Image Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.7
Ultrasound Image Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.6.1
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VL Microscopic Image Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.77.1.2
VL Slide-Coordinates Microscopic Image Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.77.1.3
VL Photographic Image Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.77.1.4
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Key Object Selection Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.88.59

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW

This DICOM Conformance Statement is divided into Sections as described below:

Section 1 (Introduction), which describes the overall structure, intent, and references for this Conformance Statement

Section 2 (Network Conformance Statement), which specifies the GEHC equipment compliance to the DICOM requirements for the implementation of Networking features.

1.2 OVERALL DICOM CONFORMANCE STATEMENT DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

The Documentation Structure of the GEHC DICOM Conformance Statements is shown in the Illustration below.

GEHC DICOM Conformance Statements

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APPLICATION ENTITY SPECIFICATION
(SERVICE CLASSES, INFORMATION OBJECTS, MESSAGE EXCHANGES, ETC.)

Product Implementation:

CT Advantage

MR Advantage

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Standard Specification:

DICOM Part 1

DICOM 2

DICOM 3

DICOM 4

DICOM Part 16

This document specifies the DICOM implementation. It is entitled:

> *Universal Viewer zero footprint client Version 5.0*
> *Conformance Statement for DICOM*
> *Direction 2067193*

This DICOM Conformance Statement documents the DICOM Conformance Statement and Technical Specification required to interoperate with the GEHC network interface.

The GEHC Conformance Statement, contained in this document, also specifies the Lower Layer communications which it supports (e.g., TCP/IP). However, the Technical Specifications are defined in the DICOM Part 8 standard.

For more information regarding DICOM, copies of the Standard may be obtained on the Internet at http://medical.nema.org. Comments on the Standard may be addressed to:

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1.3 INTENDED AUDIENCE

The reader of this document is concerned with software design and/or system integration issues. It is assumed that the reader of this document is familiar with the DICOM Standard and with the terminology and concepts which are used in that Standard.

1.4 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

It is the intent of this document to provide an unambiguous specification for GEHC implementations. This specification, called a Conformance Statement, includes a DICOM Conformance Statement and is necessary to ensure proper processing and interpretation of GEHC medical data exchanged using DICOM. The GEHC Conformance Statements are available to the public.

The reader of this DICOM Conformance Statement should be aware that different GEHC devices are capable of using different Information Object Definitions. For example, a GEHC CT Scanner may send images using the CT Information Object, MR Information Object, Secondary Capture Object, etc.

Included in this DICOM Conformance Statement are the Module Definitions which define all data elements used by this GEHC implementation. If the user encounters unspecified private data elements while parsing a GEHC Data Set, the user is well advised to ignore those data elements (per the DICOM standard). Unspecified private data element information is subject to change without notice. If, however, the device is acting as a "full fidelity storage device", it should retain and re-transmit all of the private data elements which are sent by GEHC devices.

1.5 IMPORTANT REMARKS

The use of these DICOM Conformance Statements, in conjunction with the DICOM Standards, is intended to facilitate communication with GE imaging equipment. However, **by itself, it is not sufficient to ensure that inter-operation will be**

successful. The **user (or user's agent)** needs to proceed with caution and address at least four issues:

- **Integration** - The integration of any device into an overall system of interconnected devices goes beyond the scope of standards (DICOM v3.0), and of this introduction and associated DICOM Conformance Statements when interoperability with non-GE equipment is desired. The responsibility to analyze the applications requirements and to design a solution that integrates GE imaging equipment with non–GE systems is the **user's** responsibility and should not be underestimated. The **user** is strongly advised to ensure that such an integration analysis is correctly performed.

- **Validation** - Testing the complete range of possible interactions between any GE device and non–GE devices, before the connection is declared operational, should not be overlooked. Therefore, the **user** should ensure that any non–GE provider accepts full responsibility for all validation required for their connection with GE devices. This includes the accuracy of the image data once it has crossed the interface between the GE imaging equipment and the non–GE device and the stability of the image data for the intended applications.

  Such a validation is required before any clinical use (diagnosis and/or treatment) is performed. It applies when images acquired on GE imaging equipment are processed/displayed on a non-GE device, as well as when images acquired on non-GE equipment is processed/displayed on a GE console or workstation.

- **Future Evolution** - GE understands that the DICOM Standard will evolve to meet the user's growing requirements. GE is actively involved in the development of the DICOM Standard. DICOM will incorporate new features and technologies and GE may follow the evolution of the Standard. The GEHC protocol is based on DICOM as specified in each DICOM Conformance Statement. Evolution of the Standard may require changes to devices which have implemented DICOM. **In addition, GE reserves the right to discontinue or make changes to the support of communications features (on its products) described by these DICOM Conformance Statements**. The **user** should ensure that any non–GE provider, which connects with GE devices, also plans for the future evolution of the DICOM Standard. Failure to do so will likely result in the loss of function and/or connectivity as the DICOM Standard changes and GE Products are enhanced to support these changes.

- **Interaction** - It is the sole responsibility of the **non–GE provider** to ensure that communication with the interfaced equipment does not cause degradation of GE imaging equipment performance and/or function.

1.6 REFERENCES

1. NEMA PS3   Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) Standard, available free at http://medical.nema.org/
2. Centricity Enterprise Archive V4.0 Dicom Conformance Statement, DOC0708777

1.7 DEFINITIONS

Informal definitions are provided for the following terms used in this Conformance Statement. The DICOM Standard is the authoritative source for formal definitons of these terms.

Abstract Syntax – the information agreed to be exchanged between applications, generally equivalent to a Service/Object Pair (SOP) Class. Examples : Verification SOP

Class, Modality Worklist Information Model Find SOP Class, Computed Radiography Image Storage SOP Class.

Application Entity (AE) – an end point of a DICOM information exchange, including the DICOM network or media interface software; i.e., the software that sends or receives DICOM information objects or messages. A single device may have multiple Application Entities.

Application Entity Title – the externally known name of an *Application Entity*, used to identify a DICOM application to other DICOM applications on the network.

Application Context – the specification of the type of communication used between *Application Entities*. Example: DICOM network protocol.

Association – a network communication channel set up between *Application Entities*.

Attribute – – a unit of information in an object definition; a data element identified by a *tag*. The information may be a complex data structure (Sequence), itself composed of lower level data elements. Examples: Patient ID (0010,0020), Accession Number (0008,0050), Photometric Interpretation (0028,0004), Procedure Code Sequence (0008,1032).

Information Object Definition (IOD) – the specified set of *Attributes* that comprise a type of data object; does not represent a specific instance of the data object, but rather a class of similar data objects that have the same properties. The *Attributes* may be specified as Mandatory (Type 1), Required but possibly unknown (Type 2), or Optional (Type 3), and there may be conditions associated with the use of an Attribute (Types 1C and 2C). Examples: MR Image IOD, CT Image IOD, Print Job IOD.

Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) – a set of standardized image compression techniques, available for use by DICOM applications.

Media Application Profile – the specification of DICOM information objects and encoding exchanged on removable media (e.g., CDs)

Module – a set of *Attributes* within an *Information Object Definition* that are logically related to each other. Example: Patient Module includes Patient Name, Patient ID, Patient Birth Date, and Patient Sex.

Negotiation – first phase of *Association* establishment that allows *Application Entities* to agree on the types of data to be exchanged and how that data will be encoded.

Presentation Context – the set of DICOM network services used over an *Association*, as negotiated between *Application Entities*; includes *Abstract Syntaxes* and *Transfer Syntaxes*.

Protocol Data Unit (PDU) – a packet (piece) of a DICOM message sent across the network. Devices must specify the maximum size packet they can receive for DICOM messages.

Security Profile – a set of mechanisms, such as encryption, user authentication, or digital signatures, used by an *Application Entity* to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and/or availability of exchanged DICOM data

Service Class Provider (SCP) – role of an *Application Entity* that provides a DICOM network service; typically, a server that performs operations requested by another *Application Entity* (*Service Class User*). Examples: Picture Archiving and

Communication System (image storage SCP, and image query/retrieve SCP), Radiology Information System (modality worklist SCP).

Service Class User (SCU) – role of an *Application Entity* that uses a DICOM network service; typically, a client. Examples: imaging modality (image storage SCU, and modality worklist SCU), imaging workstation (image query/retrieve SCU)

Service/Object Pair (SOP) Class – the specification of the network or media transfer (service) of a particular type of data (object); the fundamental unit of DICOM interoperability specification. Examples: Ultrasound Image Storage Service, Basic Grayscale Print Management.

Service/Object Pair (SOP) Instance – an information object; a specific occurrence of information exchanged in a *SOP Class*. Examples: a specific x-ray image.

Tag – a 32-bit identifier for a data element, represented as a pair of four digit hexadecimal numbers, the "group" and the "element". If the "group" number is odd, the tag is for a private (manufacturer-specific) data element. Examples: (0010,0020) [Patient ID], (07FE,0010) [Pixel Data], (0019,0210) [private data element]

Transfer Syntax – the encoding used for exchange of DICOM information objects and messages. Examples: *JPEG* compressed (images), little endian explicit value representation.

Unique Identifier (UID) – a globally unique "dotted decimal" string that identifies a specific object or a class of objects; an ISO-8824 Object Identifier. Examples: Study Instance UID, SOP Class UID, SOP Instance UID.

Value Representation (VR) – the format type of an individual DICOM data element, such as text, an integer, a person's name, or a code. DICOM information objects can be transmitted with either explicit identification of the type of each data element (Explicit VR), or without explicit identification (Implicit VR); with Implicit VR, the receiving application must use a DICOM data dictionary to look up the format of each data element.

1.8 SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AE	Application Entity
AET	Application Entity Title
CAD	Computer Aided Detection
CDA	Clinical Document Architecture
CD-R	Compact Disk Recordable
CSE	Customer Service Engineer
CR	Computed Radiography
CT	Computed Tomography
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
DICOM	Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine

DIT	Directory Information Tree (LDAP)
DN	Distinguished Name (LDAP)
DNS	Domain Name System
DX	Digital X-ray
FSC	File-Set Creator
FSU	File-Set Updater
FSR	File-Set Reader
GSDF	Grayscale Standard Display Function
GSPS	Grayscale Softcopy Presentation State
HIS	Hospital Information System
HL7	Health Level 7 Standard
IHE	Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise
IOD	Information Object Definition
IPv4	Internet Protocol version 4
IPv6	Internet Protocol version 6
ISO	International Organization for Standards
IO	Intra-oral X-ray
JPEG	Joint Photographic Experts Group
LDAP	Lightweight Directory Access Protocol
LDIF	LDAP Data Interchange Format
LUT	Look-up Table
MAR	Medication Administration Record
MPEG	Moving Picture Experts Group
MG	Mammography (X-ray)
MPPS	Modality Performed Procedure Step
MR	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MSPS	Modality Scheduled Procedure Step
MTU	Maximum Transmission Unit (IP)

MWL	Modality Worklist
NM	Nuclear Medicine
NTP	Network Time Protocol
O	Optional (Key Attribute)
OP	Ophthalmic Photography
OSI	Open Systems Interconnection
PACS	Picture Archiving and Communication System
PET	Positron Emission Tomography
PDU	Protocol Data Unit
R	Required (Key Attribute)
RDN	Relative Distinguished Name (LDAP)
RF	Radiofluoroscopy
RIS	Radiology Information System
RT	Radiotherapy
SC	Secondary Capture
SCP	Service Class Provider
SCU	Service Class User
SOP	Service-Object Pair
SPS	Scheduled Procedure Step
SR	Structured Reporting
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
U	Unique (Key Attribute)
UL	Upper Layer
US	Ultrasound
VL	Visible Light
VR	Value Representation
XA	X-ray Angiography

2. NETWORK CONFORMANCE STATEMENT

2.1 INTRODUCTION

This section of the DICOM Conformance Statement specifies the Universal Viewer zero footprint client compliance to DICOM requirements for **Networking** features.

The Universal Viewer zero footprint client is a viewing application that may be deployed with the following products:

1. Centricity Enterprise Archive V4.0.4 or later.

The Universal Viewer zero footprint does not directly communicate using DICOM network protocols with external equipment however it does read DICOM objects from the Centricity Enterprise Archive. Refer to the DICOM Conformance Statement for the Centricity Enterprise Archive to evaluate actual network related DICOM conformance (see References, sec 1.6). This section will define the DICOM objects supported by the application and any limitations dictated by DICOM defined content within the objects.

Table 2-1 lists the DICOM objects supported by The Universal Viewer zero footprint client for viewing purposes. Although the host server may support additional SOP Classes, the Universal Viewer zero footprint client is only able to interpret objects that meet the conditions in the table below.

Table 2-1 – Displayable SOP Classes

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Digital X-Ray Image Storage - For Processing	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.1.1.1
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2.2 IMPLEMENTATION MODEL

2.2.1 Application Data Flow Diagram

Refer to the server DICOM Conformance Statement that Universal Viewer zero footprint client is deployed with. Currently supported integrations support the following products:

1. Centricity Enterprise Archive V4.0.4 or later.

2.2.2 Real-World Activity – Viewing a DICOM Object

The user can load any supported DICOM object into the Universal Viewer zero footprint client for viewing.

2.3 SUPPORT OF EXTENDED CHARACTER SETS

TABLE 2.3 Extended Character Set Support

Encoding	DICOM Term in Specific Character Set (0008,0005)	Supported Languages
ASCII	Attribute is not present or ISO IR-6	English

While the backend server may support additional character sets, the zero footprint client will display in the user interface only characters specified as within ISO IR-6 (ASCII). The Universal Viewer zero footprint client supports only the English language.

2.4 PHOTOMETRIC INTERPRETATION SUPPORT

While the backend server may support additional values for photometric interpretation, the zero footprint client will only display SOP instances that contain one of the following values for Photometric Interpretation (0028,0004):

- MONOCHROME1

- MONOCHROME2

- RGB

2.5 SECURITY PROFILES

The product does not conform to any defined DICOM Security Profiles.

It is assumed that the product is used within a secured environment. It is assumed that a secured environment includes at a minimum:

1. Firewall or router protections to ensure that only approved external hosts have network access to the product.
2. Firewall or router protections to ensure that the product only has network access to approved external hosts and services.
3. Any communications with external hosts and services outside the locally secured environment use appropriate secure network channels (such as a Virtual Private Network (VPN))