Standard Practice for
Digital Imaging and Communication in Nondestructive Evaluation (DICONDE)[1]

1. Scope*

1.1 This practice facilitates the interoperability of NDE imaging and data acquisition equipment by specifying the image data in commonly accepted terms. This practice represents a harmonization of NDE imaging systems, or modalities, with the NEMA Standards Publication titled Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM, see http://medical.nema.org), an international standard for image data acquisition, review, storage and archival. In addition, this practice will provide a standard set of industrial NDE specific information object definitions, which travel beyond the scope of standard DICOM modalities. The goal of this practice is to provide a standard by which NDE image/signal data may be displayed on by any system conforming to the ASTM DICONDE format, regardless of which NDE modality was used to acquire the data.

1.2 This practice has been developed to overcome the issues that arise when archiving or analyzing the data from a variety of NDE techniques, each using proprietary data acquisition systems. As data acquisition modalities evolve, data acquired in the past must remain decipherable. This practice proposes an image data file format in such a way that all the technique parameters, along with the image file, are preserved, regardless of changes in NDE technology. This practice will also permit the viewing of a variety of image types (CT, CR, Ultrasonic, Infrared and Eddy Current) on a single workstation, maintaining all of the pertinent technique parameters along with the image file. This practice addresses the exchange of digital information between NDE imaging equipment.

1.3 This practice does not specify:

1.3.1 A complete description of all the information necessary to implement the DICONDE standard for an imaging modality. This document must be used in conjunction with one of the method-specific DICONDE Standard Practice documents to completely describe all the requirements necessary to implement the DICONDE standard for an imaging modality. See Section 2.1 of this document for a current list of the method-specific standard practice documents.

1.3.2 A testing or validation procedure to assess an implementation's conformance to the standard.

1.3.3 The implementation details of any features of the standard on a device claiming conformance.

1.3.4 The overall set of features and functions to be expected from a system implemented by integrating a group of devices each claiming DICONDE or DICOM conformance.

1.4 Although this practice contains no values that require units, it does describe methods to store and communicate data that do require units to be properly interpreted. The SI units required by this practice are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*[2]
E1316 Terminology for Nondestructive Examinations
E2663 Practice for Digital Imaging and Communication in Nondestructive Evaluation (DICONDE) for Ultrasonic Test Methods
E2699 Practice for Digital Imaging and Communication in Nondestructive Evaluation (DICONDE) for Digital Radiographic (DR) Test Methods
E2738 Practice for Digital Imaging and Communication Nondestructive Evaluation (DICONDE) for Computed Radiography (CR) Test Methods
E2767 Practice for Digital Imaging and Communication in

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Nondestructive Evaluation (DICONDE) for X-ray Computed Tomography (CT) Test Methods
E2934 Practice for Digital Imaging and Communication in Nondestructive Evaluation (DICONDE) for Eddy Current (EC) Test Methods

2.2 *Other Documentation:*[3]

NEMA Standards Publication PS3.1, Version 3: Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM)
ACR-NEMA 300–1998 Digital Imaging and Communication in Medicine

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 Nondestructive evaluation terms used in this practice can be found in Terminology E1316.

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *AE*—application entity

3.2.2 *attribute*—a property of an information object. An attribute has a name and a value, which are independent of any encoding scheme.

3.2.3 *attribute tag*—a unique identifier for an *attribute* of an *information object* composed of an ordered pair (gggg,eeee) where gggg represents the group number and eeee represents the data element.

3.2.4 *conformance statement*—a formal statement associated with a specific implementation of the standard, specifying the service class, information objects, and communications protocols supported by the implementations.

3.2.5 *data dictionary*—a registry of data elements, which assigns a unique tag, a name, value characteristics, and semantics to each data element.

3.2.6 *data element*—a unit of information as defined by a single entry in the *data dictionary*. An encoded IOD attribute that is composed of, at a minimum, three fields: a *data element tag*, a *value length*, and a *value field*.

3.2.7 *data element tag*—a unique identifier for a *data element* composed of an ordered pair of numbers (a *group number* followed by an *element number*).

3.2.8 *data element type (type)*—used to specify whether an *attribute* of an IOD is required and must have a non-zero value (Type 1), required but may have a zero value (Type 2), required only under certain conditions (Type 1C and 2C), or optional (Type 3). See Part 5, Section 7.4 of the DICOM standard for additional details.

3.2.9 *element number*—the second number in the ordered pair of numbers that make up a *data element tag*.

3.2.10 *group number*—the first number in the ordered pair of numbers that makes up a *data element tag*.

3.2.11 *information object definition (IOD)*—a data abstraction of a class of similar *real-world objects* which defines the nature and *attributes* relevant to the class of *real-world object* represented.

3.2.12 *module*—a set of *attributes* with an *Information Object Definition*.

3.2.13 *private data element*—additional *data element*, defined by an implementer, to communicate information that is not contained in standard *data elements*. Private *data elements* have odd *group numbers*.

3.2.14 *service-object pair class (SOP class)*—the union of a service class and an information object definition. SOP Classes are the building blocks that support the interaction between two DICOM application entities.

3.2.15 *unique identifier (UID)*—a numeric identifier that is guaranteed to be unique among all DICOM numeric identifiers.

3.2.16 *usage*—used to specify whether an information module is Mandatory (M), Conditional (C), or User Option (U). See Part 3, Section A.1.3 of the DICOM standard for additional details.

3.2.17 *value*—a component of a *value field*. A *value field* may consist of one or more of these components.

3.2.18 *value field*—the field within a *data element* that contains the *value*(s) of that *data element*.

3.2.19 *value length*—the field within a *data element* that contains the length of the *value field* of the *data element*.

3.2.20 *value multiplicity (VM)*—specifies the number of *values* contained in the *value field* of a *data element*.

3.2.21 *value representation (VR)*—specifies the data type and format of the *value*(s) contained in the *value field* of a *data element*. A complete list of all the VR's can be found in Part 5, subsection 6.2 of the DICOM standard.

3.2.22 *DICONDE version identifier*—unique string placed in the DICONDE object to identify the version of DICONDE used to create the object.

4. Summary of Practice

4.1 The basic concept of DICOM and DICONDE is the use of standardized data identifiers. This means all participants are using the standardized data identifiers to represent the same information and have a common understanding of communication protocols for mutual use.

4.1.1 DICOM was developed in liaison with ACR (the American College of Radiology) and NEMA (the National Electrical Manufacturers Association) and other Standard Organizations including CEN TC251 in Europe and JIRA in Japan, with review also by other organizations including IEEE, HL7 and ANSI in the USA. The DICOM Standard is structured as a multi-part document.

4.2 This practice will contain terms and definitions that apply to all NDT methods. DICONDE terms and definitions that apply to a specific NDT method will be contained in a separate standard practice for that method as illustrated in Fig. 1. This practice must be used in conjunction with the method-specific standard practices. For a list of method-specific standard practices, refer to subsection 2.1 of this document. If no method-specific practice exists, the user should default back to the DICOM terms and definitions for the modality associated with that test method.
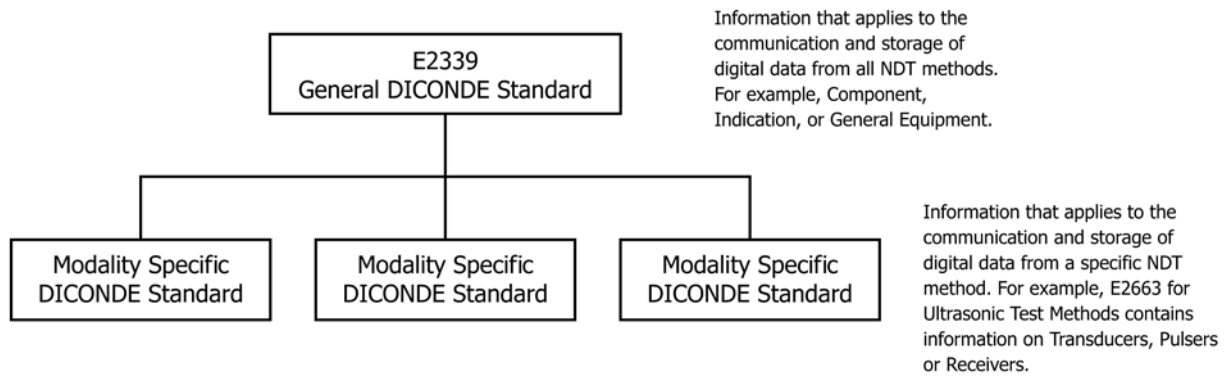
FIG. 1 DICONDE Document Relationships

4.3 The DICONDE practices will consist of descriptions of the attribute and object definitions that are specific to NDE (that is, no equivalent counterpart in medicine) and provide standard database tag identifiers for use with the DICOM database already in existence. The use of this practice is based upon and to be used in conjunction with the medical DICOM standard. This practice, in conjunction with the DICOM standard, will set forth the requirements for the transfer and display of NDE image data from any NDE image modalities equipment.

4.3.1 DICONDE, utilizing the existing DICOM database of object definitions, provides both replacement and additional module definitions that represent a conversion between the medical community language present in DICOM, to the terminology appropriate for NDE. For the DICONDE practices, only the attributes and object definitions that differ from the medical implementation will be discussed. In the case where no replacement attribute or object exists, the DICOM standard should be followed.

4.4 The key to interoperability using the DICOM standard is the conformance statement. This formal statement is associated with a specific implementation of the DICOM standard. It specifies the service classes, information objects, communication protocols, and media storage application profiles supported by the implementation. Complete information on DICOM conformance statements, including several examples, can be found in Part 2 of the DICOM standard.

4.4.1 Specific implementations of the DICONDE standard should also provide conformance statements. The majority of the conformance statement for DICONDE will be similar to DICOM. The exception being that the information objects listed in the conformance statement should be the DICONDE specific information objects that the implementation supports.

4.4.2 As the DICONDE standard continues to evolve, data elements, modules, and information object definitions are added to the family of DICONDE standard practices. As this occurs, it is likely that these additions may result in DICONDE files or objects created using previous versions of the standard practices becoming non-conforming to the most recent standard practice. The conformance of a DICONDE file or object needs to be determined relative to the versions of the standard practices used to create the file or object.

4.4.3 To track the version of the DICONDE standard practice used to create a DICONDE file or object, the Software Versions (0018, 1020) attribute is used to store a unique identifier. This unique identifier corresponds to the version of the DICONDE standard practice used to create the file or object. For more information, see subsection 7.2.5 of this document.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 Personnel that are responsible for the transfer of NDE data between systems will use this standard. This practice will define a set of NDE information object definitions that along with the DICOM standard will provide a standard means to organize image data. Once conformance statements have been generated, the NDE image data may be displayed on any imaging/analysis device that conforms to the standard. This process of developing conformance statements with both the NDE specific object definitions and the DICOM accepted definitions, will provide a means to automatically and transparently communicate between compliant equipment without loss of information.

NOTE 1—Knowledge and understanding of the existing DICOM standard will be required to generate conformance statements and thereby facilitate the data transfer.

6. Information Object and Service-Object Pair Class Definitions

6.1 *Information Object Definitions*

6.1.1 Details of the DICOM Information Object Definitions can be found in the DICOM Standard Part 3, Annexes A and B.

6.1.2 DICONDE Information Object Definitions are found in the method-specific standard practices. For a list of current method-specific standard practices refer to subsection 2.1 of this document.

6.1.3 The Information Object Definition is composed of a table of Information Modules included in the IOD. This table includes a usage for each module. Usage is used to specify whether an information module is Mandatory (M), Conditional (C), or User Optional (U). The usage of the information module takes precedence over the type of the data element. For example, a data element of type 1 in an information module whose usage is U need only be present with a value if the user

chooses to include that information module in the DICONDE file or object. If that information module is not included in the file or object that data element is not required to be included with a value.

6.2 *DICOM to DICONDE Information Object Definition*

6.2.1 The DICOM standard specifies mandatory, conditional, and user optional information modules for each DICOM IOD. The relationship between the IODs and modules is found in the DICOM Standard Part 3. The DICONDE standard will follow that relationship except as noted.

6.2.2 The terminology associated with certain modules of the DICOM information objects must be changed for use in an industrial context. For instance, industry deals with components not patients. In the industrial objects, the equivalent medical information modules will be reused when possible. For example, a Component information module will be assigned to the Patient information module.

6.2.3 In some cases, there will exist no equivalent medical information module for a required set of industrial data. When no equivalent DICOM information module exists, an industrial specific data module will be created as part of that object.

6.3 *Service-Object Pair (SOP) Class Definitions:*

6.3.1 Details of the DICOM SOP Class Definitions can be found in the DICOM Standard, Part 4, Section 6.

6.4 *DICOM to DICONDE SOP Class Definitions:*

6.4.1 The DICOM standard defines Standard, Standard Extended, Specialized Extended and Private SOP Classes in Part 2, Section 3.11.

6.4.2 To maintain compatibility with standard DICOM devices, the DICONDE standard will be based on Standard Extended DICOM SOP Classes as described in Part 2, Section 3.11.3 of the DICOM Standard except as noted below.

6.4.3 Some nondestructive testing methods do not have an equivalent medical imaging modality. An example of such a test method is Eddy Current testing. For these test methods, the DICONDE standard will define DICONDE Standard SOP Classes instead of using DICOM Standard Extended SOP Classes.

6.5 *Conformance:*

6.5.1 Since the DICONDE standard is based on Standard Extended DICOM SOP Classes, only DICOM devices with Level 2 (Full) conformance should be used in DICONDE applications. Level 2 (Full) conformance ensures that all Type 1, 2 and 3 as well as Private attributes will be stored and may be accessed by the device. See DICOM Part 4, Section B.4 for more information.

6.5.2 Note that test data that use DICONDE Standard SOP Classes may not be accepted or displayed by many standard DICOM image display and storage tools since these SOP classes are not used in medical applications.

7. DICONDE Information Modules

7.1 *Information Module Definitions*

7.1.1 Details of the DICOM Information Module Definitions can be found in the DICOM Standard Part 3, Annex C.

7.1.2 All data elements in the information modules must be described by an *attribute* name, a *data element tag*, a *value representation (VR)*, a *value multiplicity (VM)*, and a *data element type*.

7.2 *DICOM to DICONDE Information Module Definition*

7.2.1 The terminology associated with certain elements of the DICOM information modules must be changed for use in an industrial context. For instance, industry deals with parts not patients. The DICONDE standard defines industrial information modules that are equivalent to those found in the DICOM standard. In the industrial modules, the equivalent medical data elements will be reused when possible. For example, a component ID number or serial number will be assigned to the Patient ID attribute.

7.2.2 In some cases, there will exist no equivalent medical data element for a required industrial data element. There is no equivalent of Component Manufacturer in the current DICOM data model. When no equivalent DICOM data element exists, an industrial specific data element will be created as part of that module.

7.2.3 When a logical correspondence exists, an existing DICOM data element, with an NDE meaning associated with them, will be used for industrial data. For example, the Patient Name data element (0010, 0010) is used to store Component Name for NDE applications.

7.2.4 Some industrial data element tags are unique and do not duplicate any existing medical tags. These NDE data elements are stored as DICOM Private Data Element Tags. Private *data elements tags* are defined in Part 5, Section 7.8 of the DICOM standard.

7.2.5 The version identifier of the DICONDE file will be stored in the Software Versions data element (0018, 1020) in the NDE Equipment Module. The Software Versions data element is multi-valued. If additional software versions are stored in this data element the DICONDE version must be the first value stored in the data element. The current DICONDE version identifier is "DICONDE15". No changes in capitalization or spacing is allowed in the DICONDE version identifier.

7.3 *DICONDE Information Modules*

7.3.1 The DICONDE practice contains the common modules that are needed for every technique. Any technique specific modules for NDE will have information modules, attributes, and data elements identified in a technique specific practice.

7.3.2 Table 1 summarizes the current list of industrial modules and, if appropriate, the medical modules that they supersede.

TABLE 1 DICONDE Modules with Medical Equivalents

DICOM Module	DICONDE Module
Patient	Component
Patient Summary	Component Summary
General Study	Component Study
General Series	Component Series
General Equipment	NDE Equipment
	NDE Indication
	NDE Geometry
	NDE Approval

7.4 *Component Module*

7.4.1 Table 2 specifies the attributes that describe components.

7.4.1.1 For information objects using the component module, Component Shape (0014, 0050) is specified to use the values in Table 3.

7.4.1.2 For information objects using the component module, Curvature Type (0014, 0052) is specified to use the following values:

CONCAVE   CONVEX   COMPOUND

7.5 *Component Summary Module*

7.5.1 Table 4 summarizes the attributes that describe components.

7.6 *Component Study Module*

7.6.1 Table 5 summarizes the attributes that describe a study or set of inspections on a given component.

7.7 *Component Series Module*

7.7.1 Table 6 summarizes the attributes that identify and describe information within a component series.

7.7.1.1 For information objects using the component series module, Modality (0008, 0060) is specified to use the following values:

CR = Computed Radiography   CT = Computed Tomography
US = Ultrasound   US-MF = Multiframe Ultrasound
DX = Digital Radiography   TG = Thermography
ES = Boroscope   PR = Presentation State
SC = Secondary Capture   XA = Real Time Digital Radiography

7.8 *NDE Equipment Module*

TABLE 3 Values for the Component Shape (0014,0050) Attribute

Shape Description	Shape Value
Flat	FLAT
Hollow Cylinder	CYLH
Solid Cylinder	CYLS
Hollow Sphere	SPHEREH
Solid Sphere	SPHERES
Compound Curvature	COMPOUND

7.8.1 Table 7 summarizes the attributes that describe information regarding the NDE equipment used to acquire the image.

7.8.1.1 Date of Last Calibration (0018,1200) and Time of Last Calibration (0018,1201) are used to convey the date and time of calibration. The Attribute Date of Last Calibration may be supported alone, however, Time of Last Calibration Attribute has no meaning unless Attribute Date of Last Calibration is also supported. The order of each attribute shall be from the oldest date/time to the most recent date/time. When the attributes are both supported, they shall be provided as pairs.

7.8.1.2 Pixel Padding Value (0028,0120) is used to pad images to rectangular format. The native format of some images is not rectangular. It is common for devices with this format to pad the images to the rectangular format required by the DICOM standard with a specific pixel value that is not contained in the native image. Further, when resampling, such as after spatial registration, padding may be needed to fill previously non-existent pixels.

TABLE 2 Component Module

Attribute Name	Tag	VR	VM	Type	Description
Component					
Component Name	(0010,0010)	PN	1	2	Component Name or Part name
Component ID Number	(0010,0020)	LO	1-N	2	Component ID or Part ID
Other Component IDs	(0010,1000)	LO	1-N	3	Additional Component IDs when multiple parts in one image
Other Component Names	(0010,1001)	PN	1	3	Additional Component IDs when multiple parts in one image
Component Manufacturing Date	(0010,0030)	DA	1	2	
Patient Sex	(0010,0040)	CS	1	2	Required for DICOM compliance. Should either contain zero value or the enumerated value of "O" for OTHER.
Component Notes	(0010,4000)	LT	1	3	
Component Manufacturing Procedure	(0014,0025)	ST	1	3	
Component Manufacturer	(0014,0028)	ST	1	3	
Component Welder IDs	(0014,0100)	LO	1-N	3	A text string identifying the individual or machine performing welding operations on the component.
Material					
Material Name	(0010,2160)	SH	1	2	Steel, copper, etc. (16 char. max.)
Material Grade	(0014,0042)	ST	1	3	
Material Properties Description	(0014,0044)	ST	1	3	
Material Notes	(0014,0046)	LT	1	3	
Geometry					
Material Thickness	(0014,0030)	DS	1-N	3	Wall/material thickness in mm
Material Pipe Diameter	(0014,0032)	DS	1-N	3	Retired
Material Isolation Diameter	(0014,0034)	DS	1-N	3	Retired
Component Shape	(0014,0050)	CS	1	3	General description of the shape of the test piece. See 7.4.1.1 for additional information.
Curvature Type	(0014,0052)	CS	1	3	Type of curvature present in the test piece. See 7.4.1.2 for additional information.
Outer Diameter	(0014,0054)	DS	1	3	Outer diameter of curved test specimen in mm
Inner Diameter	(0014,0056)	DS	1	3	Inner diameter of curved test specimen in mm

TABLE 4 Component Summary Module

Attribute Name	Tag	VR	VM	Type	Description
Component					
Component Name	(0010,0010)	PN	1	2	Component Name or Part name
Component ID Number	(0010,0020)	LO	1	2	Component ID or Part ID

TABLE 5 Component Study Module

Attribute Name	Tag	VR	VM	Type	Description
Study Instance UID	(0020,000D)	UI	1	1	Unique study ID generated by the system
Study Date	(0008,0020)	DA	1	1	Date the study started
Study Time	(0008,0030)	TM	1	1	Time the study started
Study ID	(0020,0010)	SH	1	2	User or equipment generated study identifier
Accession Number	(0008,0050)	SH	1	2	
Component Owner Name	(0008,0090)	PN	1	2	Company that owns the component being tested
Inspecting Company Name	(0008, 1048)	PN	1-N	2	Company responsible for the inspection
Certifying Inspector Name	(0008, 1060)	PN	1-N	2	Name of inspector certifying
Study Description	(0008,1030)	LO	1	2	User generated description or classification of the study
Reference Study Sequence	(0008,1110)	SQ	1	3	Identification of a study that is significantly related to this study. May have zero or more items. NOTES: 1. For example, series may be related if for data acquisition or storage efficiency, the NDE Geometry data for this series is stored in a related series.
> Study Instance UID	(0020,000D)	UI	1	1	Instance UID of the study to which the related series belongs
> Series Instance UID	(0020,000E)	UI	1	1	Instance UID of the related series
> Purpose of Reference Code Sequence	(0040,A170)	SQ	1	2	Describes the purpose for which the reference is made
Examination Notes	(0032,4000)	LT	1	2	User defined notes on the examination
Expiry Date	(0014,1020)	DA	1	2	Date on which the validation expires.

TABLE 6 Component Series Module

Attribute Name	Tag	VR	VM	Type	Description
Modality	(0008,0060)	CS	1	1	Type of equipment that originally acquired the data used to create the images in this series. See 7.7.1.1 for defined terms.
Series Instance UID	(0020,000E)	UI	1	1	Unique identifier of the series
Series Number	(0020,0011)	IS	1	2	A number that identifies this series
Series Date	(0008,0021)	DA	1	3	Date the series started
Series Time	(0008,0031)	TM	1	3	Time the series started
Series Description	(0008,103E)	LO	1	3	User provided description of the series
Inspector Name	(0008,1050)	PN	1-N	3	Person responsible for the inspection
Operator Name	(0008,1070)	PN	1-N	3	Names of operators assisting the inspector (if any)
Related Series Sequence	(0008,1250)	SQ	1	3	Identification of series significantly related to this series. Zero or more items may be present.
> Study Instance UID	(0020,000D)	UI	1	1	Instance UID of the study to which the related series belongs.
> Series Instance UID	(0020,000E)	UI	1	1	Instance UID of related series.
> Purpose of Reference Code Sequence	(0040,A170)	SQ	1	2	Describes the purpose for the reference is made.
Environmental conditions	(0014,1040)	ST	1	3	User defined text regarding the nominal environmental conditions of the test.
Actual Environmental Conditions	(0014,1010)	ST	1	3	User defined text regarding the actual environmental conditions of the test.

7.9 *NDE Indication Module*

7.9.1 Table 8 summarizes the attributes that identify and describe information regarding the indications found by a reviewer of the acquired image.

7.9.1.1 For information objects using the NDE Indication module, Indication Type (0014,201A) is specified to use the values in Table 9.

Additional NDE Indication Types may be specified in the DICONDE standard practices for individual inspection modalities.

7.9.1.2 For information objects using the NDE Indication module, Indication Disposition (0014,201C) is specified to the following values:

ACCEPT   REJECT   HOLD

Additional NDE Indication Dispositions may be specified in the DICONDE standard practices for individual inspection modalities.

7.9.1.3 The Property Units Code Sequence (0040,08EA) will use the DICOM Code Sequence Macro. The Code Scheme to be used is the Unified Codes for Units of Measure found at www.unitsofmeasure.org. The Code Scheme Designator (0008, 0103) shall be the string UCUM.

Additional Property Units may be specified in the DICONDE Standard Practices for individual inspection modalities.

7.10 *NDE Geometry Module*

7.10.1 Table 11 summarizes the attributes that identify and describe information regarding a specific coordinate system

TABLE 7 NDE Equipment Module

Attribute Name	Tag	VR	VM	Type	Description
Software Versions	(0018,1020)	LO	1-N	1	First value in this multi-valued element must be the DICONDE version String specified in 7.2.5.
Manufacturer	(0008,0070)	LO	1	2	Manufacturer of the equipment that produced the composite instance.
Company Name	(0008,0080)	LO	1	3	Company where the equipment that produced the composite instances is located.
Company Address	(0008,0081)	ST	1	3	Mailing address of the company where the equipment that produced the composite instance is located.
Station Name	(0008,1010)	SH	1	3	User defined name identifying the machine that produced the composite instances.
Department Name	(0008,1040)	LO	1	3	Department in the company where the equipment that produced the composite instances is located.
Manufacturer's Model Name	(0008,1090)	LO	1	3	Manufacturer's model name of the equipment that produced the composite instances.
Device Serial Number	(0018,1000)	LO	1	3	Manufacturer's serial number of the equipment that produced the composite instances.
Scanner ID	(0018,1008)	LO	1	3	Identifier of the gantry, scanning system or positioner used to produce the composite instances.
Spatial Resolution	(0018,1050)	DS	1	3	The inherent limiting resolution in mm of the acquisition equipment for high contrast objects for the data gather and reconstruction technique chosen. If variable across the images of the series, the value at the image center.
Date of Last Calibration	(0018,1200)	DA	1-N	3	Date when the image acquisition device calibration was last changed in any way. Multiple entries may be used. See 7.8.1.1.
Time of Last Calibration	(0018,1201)	TM	1-N	3	Time when the image acquisition device calibration was last changed in any way. Multiple entries may be used. See 7.8.1.1.
Pixel Padding Value	(0028,0120)	US or SS	1	3	Value of pixels not present in the native image added to an image to pad to rectangular format. See 7.8.1.2.

related to the data set and relationships between coordinate systems. These coordinate systems include scanner coordinates, part coordinates, or other defined coordinate systems.

7.10.1.1 For information objects using the NDE Geometry module, Coordinate System Data Set Mapping (0014,2208) is specified to use the following values:

ROW COLUMN FRAME

7.10.1.2 For information objects using the NDE Geometry module, Coordinate System Axis Type (0014,220C) is specified to use the following values:

SCAN INDEX GIMBLE
SWIVEL ROTATION FIXED

7.10.1.3 For information objects using the NDE Geometry module, Coordinate System Axis Units (0014,220E) and Transformed Axis Units (0014,2228) are specified to use the following values:

COUNTS MM DEGREES

7.10.1.4 For information objects using the NDE Geometry module, Coordinate System Rotation and Scale Matrix (0014, 222A) is specified as follows. For a system with N axes, the axes positions for a given point in the coordinate system can be specified as Nx1 matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \hline x_N \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the mapping between these coordinates and a new coordinate system can be specified as an NxN matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1N} \\ \hline a_{N1} & \cdots & a_{NN} \end{bmatrix}$$

where the new coordinates are the linear product of these two matrices.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1^{'} \\ \hline x_N^{'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1N} \\ \hline a_{N1} & \cdots & a_{NN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \hline x_N \end{bmatrix}$$

The values of the transformation matrix, a_{11} to a_{NN} are stored in row major format (that is, a_{11}, a_{12}, ..., a_{1N}, a_{21}, ...) in the multi-valued field. Note that the Coordinate System Transform Rotation and Scale Matrix can be combined with the Coordinate System Transform Translation Matrix in 7.10.1.5 when needed to express the relationship between two coordinate systems.

7.10.1.5 For information objects using the NDE Geometry module, Coordinate System Transform Translation Matrix (0014,222C) is specified as follows. For a system with N axes, the axes positions for a given point in the coordinate system can be specified as a Nx1 matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \hline x_N \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the mapping between these coordinates and a new translated coordinate system can be specified as an Nx1 matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \hline b_N \end{bmatrix}$$

where the new coordinates are the vector sum of these two matrices.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1^{'} \\ \hline x_N^{'} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \hline x_N \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \hline b_N \end{bmatrix}$$

The values of the transformation matrix, a_{11} to a_{NN} are stored in row major format (that is, a_{11}, a_{12}, ..., a_{1N}, a_{21}, ...) in the multi-valued field.

The values of the transformation matrix, b_1 to b_N are stored in row major format (that is, b_1, b_2, ..., b_N) in the multi-valued field. Note that the Coordinate System Transform Translation Matrix can be combined with the Coordinate System Transform Rotation and Scale Matrix in 7.10.1.4 when needed to express the relationship between two coordinate systems.

TABLE 8 NDE Indication Module

Attribute Name	Tag	VR	VM	Type	Description
Evaluator Sequence	(0014,2002)	SQ	1	3	Identification of individuals evaluating the image data and a summary of their findings.
> Evaluator Number	(0014,2004)	IS	1	1C	User or equipment assigned ID number for the evaluator.
> Evaluator Name	(0014,2006)	PN	1	3	Name or ID of evaluator (could be ADR)
> Evaluation Attempt	(0014,2008)	IS	1	1C	Evaluation attempt by this evaluator.
> Indication Sequence	(0014,2012)	SQ	1	3	Summary of indication location and type found in the image data by this evaluator.
>> SOP Instance UID	(0008, 0018)	UI	1	1C	Instance UID of the image data that was evaluated
>> Indication Number	(0014,2014)	IS	1	1C	User or equipment assigned ID number for the indication.
>> Indication Label	(0014,2016)	SH	1	3	User-defined label for indication
>> Indication Description	(0014,2018)	ST	1	3	User-defined description of indication
>> Indication Type	(0014,201A)	CS	1-N	3	Identification of the type or nature of the indication, if known. See 7.9.1.1 for additional information.
>> Indication Disposition	(0014,201C)	CS	1	3	Recommended disposition of the indication. See 7.9.1.2 for additional information.
>> Indication Physical Property Sequence	(0014,2030)	SQ	1	3	Information describing physical properties of the indication. (for example, amplitude, size, area, SNR, etc.)
>>> Property Label	(0014,2032)	SH	1	3	User-defined label for the physical property
>>> Property Value	(0040,A30A)	DS	1-N	1C	Quantifiable value associated with the physical property. Only one value allowed. Required if Indication Physical Property Sequence is present.
>>> Property Units Code Sequence	(0040,08EA)	SQ	1	1C	Only one item allowed in this sequence. Required if Indication Physical Property Sequence is present.
>>>>Code Value	(0008,0100)	SH	1	1C	UCUM code for units being used. See 7.9.1.3 for additional information. Required if Property Units Code Sequence is present.
>>>>Code Scheme Designator	(0008,0102)	SH	1	1C	Must use the value UCUM. See 7.9.1.3 for additional information. Required if Property Units Code Sequence is present.
>>>>Coding Scheme Version	(0008,0103)	SH	1	3	
>>>>Code Meaning	(0008,0104)	LO	1	3	
>> Indication ROI Geometric Type	(0070,0023)	CS	1	1C	Geometric type of ROI contour. Enumerated values: POINT = a single pixel denoted by a single (column, row) pair MULTIPOINT = multiple pixels each denoted by an (column,row) pair POLYLINE = a series of connected line segments with ordered vertices denoted by (column,row) pairs; if the first and last vertices are the same it is a closed polygon CIRCLE = a circle defined by two (column, row) pairs. The first point is the central pixel. The second point is a pixel on the perimeter of the circle. ELLIPSE = an ellipse defined by four pixel (column,row) pairs, the first two points specifying the endpoints of the major axis and the second two points specifying the endpoints of the minor axis of an ellipse.
>>Indication ROI Value Type	(0040,A040)	CS	1	1C	Type of ROI. Enumerated values: SCOORD - Spatial Coordinates SCOORD3D - 3D Spatial Coordinates
>> Number of ROI Contour Points	(0070,0021)	US	1	1C	Number of points (triplets) in ROI contour data.
>> Indication ROI Contour Data	(0070,0022)	DS	2-N	1C	An ordered set of (column,row) pairs that denote positions in an image specified with sub-pixel resolution such that the origin at the TLHC of the TLHC pixel is 0.0\0.0, the BRHC of the TLHC pixel is 1.0\1.0, and the BRHC of the BRCH pixel is Columns\Rows. The values must be within the range 0\0 to Columns\Rows. The values Columns (0028,0011) and Rows (0028,0010) are those contained in the reference image.
>> Indication ROI Sequence	(0014,201E)	SQ	1	3	Information describing the region of interest associated wit the indication. To be used if there are multiple ROIs associated with the indication.
>>> Indication ROI Geometric Type	(0070,0023)	CS	1	3	Geometric type of ROI contour. Enumerated values: POINT = a single pixel denoted by a single (column, row) pair MULTIPOINT = multiple pixels each denoted by an (column,row) pair POLYLINE = a series of connected line segments with ordered vertices denoted by (column,row) pairs; if the first and last vertices are the same it is a closed polygon CIRCLE = a circle defined by two (column, row) pairs. The first point is the central pixel. The second point is a pixel on the perimeter of the circle. ELLIPSE = an ellipse defined by four pixel (column,row) pairs, the first two points specifying the endpoints of the major axis and the second two points specifying the endpoints of the minor axis of an ellipse.
>>Indication ROI Value Type	(0040,A040)	CS	1	1C	Type of ROI. Enumerated values: SCOORD - Spatial Coordinates SCOORD3D - 3D Spatial Coordinates
>>> Number of ROI Contour Points	(0070,0021)	US	1	1C	Number of points (triplets) in ROI contour data.
>>> Indication ROI Contour Data	(0070,0022)	DS	2-N	1C	An ordered set of (column,row) pairs that denote positions in an image specified with sub-pixel resolution such that the origin at the TLHC of the TLHC pixel is 0.0\0.0, the BRHC of the TLHC pixel is 1.0\1.0, and the BRHC of the BRCH pixel is Columns\Rows. The values must be within the range 0\0 to Columns\Rows. The values Columns (0028,0011) and Rows (0028,0010) are those contained in the reference image.

TABLE 9 NDE Indication Type

Indication Type	Value
Void	VOID
Crack	CRACK
Porosity	POR
Inclusion	INCL

TABLE 10 Indication ROI Geometry Type

Indication ROI Geometry	Value
Open contour containing coplanar points	OPEN_PLANAR
Closed contour (polygon) containing coplanar points	CLOSED_PLANAR
Single point	POINT
Open contour containing non-coplanar points	OPEN_NONPLANAR

TABLE 11 NDE Geometry Module

Attribute Name	Tag	VR	VM	Type	Description
Coordinate System Number of Axes	(0014,2202)	IS	1	3	Number of axes in the coordinate system
Coordinate System Axes Sequence	(0014,2204)	SQ	1	1C	
> Coordinate System Axis Description	(0014,2206)	ST	1	3	User defined description of the axis
> Coordinate System Data Set Mapping	(0014,2208)	CS	1	1C	Relationship to the data set. See 7.10.1.1 for additional details.
> Coordinate System Axis Number	(0014,220A)	IS	1	1C	User defined numerical description of the axis (for example, 1, 2, or 3)
> Coordinate System Axis Type	(0014,220C)	CS	1	1C	Description of the axis role in data collection. See 7.10.1.2 for additional details.
> Coordinate System Axis Units	(0014,220E)	CS	1	1C	Units for the axis values. See 7.10.1.3 for additional details.
> Coordinate System Axis Values	(0014,2210)	OB	1	1C	Axis values at each image data point along the axis.
Coordinate System Transform Sequence	(0014,2220)	SQ	1	3	Data describing a transform from the base axis coordinates to another relevant coordinate system.
> Transform Description	(0014,2222)	ST	1	3	User defined description of the transform. For example, 'Scanner to Part Coordinates'.
> Transform Number of Axes	(0014,2224)	IS	1	1C	Number of axes described by the transform.
> Transform Order of Axes	(0014,2226)	IS	1-n	1C	List of the axes contained in the transform.
> Transformed Axis Units	(0014,2228)	CS	1	3	Units for the axis values. See 7.10.1.3 for additional details.
> Coordinate System Rotation and Scale Matrix	(0014,222A)	DS	1-n	1C	Rotation and scale matrix values for the transform. See 7.10.1.4 for additional details.
> Coordinate System Translation Matrix	(0014,222C)	DS	1-n	1C	Translation matrix values for the transform. See 7.10.1.5 for additional details.

7.11 *NDE Approval Module*

7.11.1 Table 12 summarizes the attributes that identify and describe information regarding the review and approval status of the image data contained in the DICONDE information object.

8. Keywords

8.1 DICOM; DICONDE; digital data transmission; database; file format

TABLE 12 NDE Approval Module

Attribute Name	Tag	VR	VM	Type	Description
Approval Status	(300E,0002)	CS	1	3	*Approval status* Enumerated Values: APPROVED: Reviewer recorded that object met an implied criterion. NOT REVIEWED: No review of object has been recorded. REJECTED: Reviewer recorded that object failed to meet an implied criterion. NO DISPOSITION: The object has been reviewed but no decision was made relative to an implied criterion. RETEST: The object has been reviewed, it failed to meet an implied criteria, and it was designated for a retest. REPAIR: The object has been reviewed, it failed to meet an implied criteria and it has been designated for repair. FURTHER REVIEW: The object has been reviewed and it has been designated for further review by another individual.
Review Date	(300E,0004)	DA	1	2C	Date on which object was reviewed. Required if Approval Status (300E,0002) is not NOT REVIEWED.
Review Time	(300E,0005)	TM	1	2C	Time at which object was reviewed. Required if Approval Status (300E,0002) is not NOT REVIEWED.
Reviewer Name	(300E,0008)	PN	1	2C	Name of person who reviewed the object. Required if Approval Status (300E,0002) is not NOT REVIEWED.
Secondary Approval Status	(0014,0101)	CS	1	3	Status of an additional review of the object if required. Enumerated Values as defined for Approval Status (300E,0002)
Secondary Review Date	(0014,0102)	DA	1	2C	Date on which secondary review of object was performed. Required if Secondary Approval Status (0014,0101) is present and not equal to NOT REVIEWED.
Secondary Review Time	(0014,0103)	TM	1	2C	Time at which secondary review of object was performed. Required if Secondary Approval Status (0014,0101) is present and not equal to NOT REVIEWED.
Secondary Reviewer Name	(0014,0104)	PN	1	2C	Name of person who performed the secondary review of the object. Required if Secondary Approval Status (0014,0101) is present and not equal to NOT REVIEWED.
Repair ID	(0014,0105)	ST	1	3	Text string to identify the repair if Approval Status has a value of REPAIR.
Multiple Component Approval Sequence	(0014,0106)	SQ	1	3	Sequence containing Approval Status for multiple components in a single object.
>Component ID Number	(0010,0020)	LO	1	2C	Component ID corresponding to Approval Status (300E,0002). Required if Approval Status (300E,0002) is present.
>Other Approval Status	(0014,0107)	CS	1-N	3	Approval status of additional components within the object. Enumerated values as defined for Approval Status (300E,0002).
>Other Component IDs	(0010,1000)	LO	1-N	3	Additional Component IDs when multiple parts in one image that correspond to values of Other Approval Status
>Other Secondary Approval Status	(0014,0108)	CS	1-N	3	Secondary Approval status of additional components within the object. Enumerated values as defined for Approval Status (300E,0002).

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

Committee E07 has identified the location of selected changes to this standard since the last issue (E2339 - 11) that may impact the use of this standard.

(1) In 1.3.1, 4.2, and 6.1.2 added clarification on how Practice E2339 standard relates to individual modality DICONDE standards.

(2) In 2.1, added a list of DICONDE modality standards (E2663, E2699, E2738, E2767, and E2934).

(3) In 4.4.2, 4.4.3, and 6.1.3 added clarifying wording on how version, usage, and type work within DICONDE.

(4) In Table 2, updated the VM for 0010,1000 (Other component IDs) and 0010,1001 (Other component names) from '1' to '1-N' to be consistent with the DICOM standard.

(5) In Table 2, added (0010,0040) Patient Sex attribute for compliance with DICOM standard.

(6) In Table 2, corrected the VM of Component Manufacturing Procedure (0014,0025), Component Manufacturer (0014,0028), Material Grade (0014,0042) and Material Properties Description (0014,0044) to 1 to be consistent with the DICOM standard. The VR of ST cannot have a VM of '1-N' per the DICOM standard.

(7) In Table 5, added (0008,0050) Accession Number attribute for compliance with DICOM standard.

(8) In Table 5, corrected Reference Series Sequence (0008, 1250) to Reference Study Sequence (0008,1110) for compliance with DICOM standard.

(9) Added Section 7.11, creating an new NDE Approval information module.