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— Provide real-time plug-and-play interoperability for patient-connected medical devices.

— Facilitate the efficient exchange of vital signs and medical device data, acquired at the point-of-care, in all health care environments.

"Real-time" means that data from multiple devices can be retrieved, time correlated, and displayed or processed in fractions of a second. "Plug-and-play" means that all the clinician has to do is make the connection — the systems automatically detect, configure, and communicate without any other human interaction.

"Efficient exchange of medical device data" means that information that is captured at the point-of-care (e.g., patient vital signs data) can be archived, retrieved, and processed by many different types of applications without extensive software and equipment support, and without needless loss of information. The standards focus on acute care devices, such as patient monitors, ventilators, infusion pumps, ECG devices, etc, and personal health devices and systems. They comprise a family of standards that can be layered together to provide connectivity optimized for the specific devices being interfaced.

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Part 10101: Nomenclature

1. Scope

This standard defines a nomenclature for communication of information from point-of-care medical devices. Primary emphasis is placed on acute care medical devices and patient vital signs information. The nomenclature also supports concepts in an object-oriented information model that is for medical device communication.

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