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Foreword

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Introduction

Medical waveform data such as an electrocardiogram (ECG) or an electroencephalogram (EEG) are widely utilized in physiological examinations, physiological research, electronic medical records, healthcare information and other areas in the clinical field. Medical waveform data can be used for many medical and research purposes if digital signal processing technology is applied to standardize the data in a digital format. For medical waveforms it is essential to standardize the data format to expedite the mutual application of the standard so that the data can be processed electronically and used in a variety of ways.

Simple and easy implementation: application of Medical waveform Format Encoding Rules (MFER) is very simple and is designed to facilitate understanding, easy installation, trouble-shooting and low implementation cost.

Harmonization with other standards: MEFR is specially utilized to describe the medical waveform data. Other information than waveform data, such as patient demographic data and finding information, etc. should be written using other healthcare standards, such as HL7, DICOM, ISO/IEEE 11073.

In addition, experts in each field should independently develop relevant standards for medical specifications; for example MFER for ECG is developed by cardiologists and EEG is developed by neurologists.

Combination with coded information and text information: MFER policy is that both machine and human readable manner are used. Namely coded information is for computer processable and text data are for human readable information. ART (arterial blood pressure) is coded as 129 and information description fields indicate "Right radial artery pressure", for example. As the description of MFER is quite flexible, MFER neither hinders the features of each system nor impedes the development of technologies.