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⎯ *Part 1: Roles, responsibilities and activities*

⎯ *Part 2-1: Step-by-step risk management of medical IT-networks – Practical applications and examples*

⎯ *Part 2-2: Guidance for the disclosure and communication of medical device security needs, risks and controls*

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⎯ *Part 2-5: Application guidance – Guidance on distributed alarm systems* (in development)

⎯ *Part 2-6: Application guidance – Guidance for responsibility agreements*

⎯ *Part 2-7: IT-networks incorporating medical devices - Part 2-7: Application Guidance - Guidance for Healthcare Delivery Organizations (HDOs) on how to self-assess their conformance with IEC 80001-1* (in development)

⎯ *Part 2-8: Application of risk management for IT-networks incorporating medical devices Part 2-8: Application guidance - Guidance on standards for establishing the security capabilities identified in IEC 80001-2-2* (in development)

Introduction

0.1 Background

IEC 80001-1 was developed to meet the need to managing RISKS associated with the increasing prevalence of MEDICAL DEVICES being connected to general purpose IT-NETWORKS. The standard introduces the notion of a RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT covering roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders. This Technical Report provides practical guidance to RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATIONS on establishing a RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT among all stakeholders involved, namely the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION, the MEDICAL DEVICE manufacturer(s) and the IT supplier(s).

Examples of situations where a RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT could prove useful when an IT-NETWORK incorporates MEDICAL DEVICES. The benefits of the RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT include:

a) The roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders are identified and communicated in written form.

   It is essential to have a clear understanding of the clinical dependencies on the network and to identify the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders, including clinical staff and the MEDICAL DEVICE manufacturers.

   The organization or department responsible for configurations control and maintenance of the IT-NETWORK should have, or establish if necessary, change control procedures to manage the RISKS to services supported by the network arising from the implementation of changes to network (e.g. software upgrade to network components).

   EXAMPLE 1   Common examples include software upgrades for antivirus software or bug fixes in networking switches and routers. Before upgrading hard/soft/firmware on infrastructure supporting MEDICAL DEVICES and medical systems, it is important that MEDICAL DEVICES that can be impacted are identified through an impact assessment. To undertake such an assessment requires either detailed engineering knowledge of each component and its dependencies or for example, the co-operation of the respective manufacturer. Whichever party takes responsibility for this should then review and validate their systems on the new hard/soft/firmware. It is also important to ensure that whenever practicable, there is a back-out/regression plan which has also been tested. In this scenario, the RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT would set out the responsibilities of each party, e.g., How such activities would be initiated, who would notify whom, when, with what information and how would they be expected to respond. There have already been documented instances where MEDICAL DEVICES have been adversely affected from such changes and this was one reason for US FDA's "Guidance for Industry - Cybersecurity for Networked Medical Devices Containing Off-the-Shelf (OTS) Software." See:

   http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/ucm077812.htm

b) A clinical user of a MEDICAL DEVICE can desire to connect the MEDICAL DEVICE to a general purpose IT-NETWORK. Having a PROCESS in place to inform and involve relevant stakeholders early in the planning stage (i.e., prior to go live) could help avert uninformed decision making and implementation that could adversely impact other clinical systems that rely on the IT-NETWORK.

   EXAMPLE 2   Demand already exists for this capability, e.g., delivery of MEDICAL DEVICE alarms via wireless communications devices carried by PATIENT care staff, automated/remote programming of infusion therapy pumps and Admit/Discharge/Transfer data feeds to medical monitoring systems. When doing so requires multiple otherwise independent stakeholders to be responsible for aspects of the system's development, implementation and operation, and maintenance, it is imperative that all stakeholders are explicitly aware and accepting of their responsibilities. A RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT serves as a vehicle to accomplish this.

0.2   Normative requirements from IEC 80001-1

In addition to the languages of subclause 4.3.4 describing the RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT, subclauses 3.5 and 3.6 require information to be made available to the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION by MEDICAL DEVICE manufacturers and IT supplier, respectively. Both subclauses acknowledge the possibility that the information identified may be insufficient to address the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION'S RISK MANAGEMENT needs by including the following notes:

NOTE 1   Where the content made available does not meet the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION'S RISK MANAGEMENT need, additional content can be made available under a RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT.

NOTE 2   A RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT between the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION and a MEDICAL DEVICE manufacturer can be used to identify and share the documentation needed.

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1 Scope

1.1 Purpose

This Technical Report provides guidance on implementing RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENTS, which are described in IEC 80001-1 as used to establish the roles and responsibilities among the stakeholders engaged in the incorporation of a MEDICAL DEVICE into an IT-NETWORK in order to support compliance to IEC 80001-1. Stakeholders may include RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATIONS, IT suppliers, MEDICAL DEVICE manufacturers and others. The goal of the RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT is that these roles and responsibilities should cover the complete lifecycle of the resulting MEDICAL IT-NETWORK.

1.2 Prerequisites

The RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION'S (ROs) TOP MANAGEMENT has accepted responsibility for the successful implementation of IEC 80001-1. As required by IEC 80001-1, the RO has created and approved policies for the RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS and RISK acceptability criteria while balancing the three KEY PROPERTIES with the mission of the RO. The RO has identified and provisioned adequate resources and assigned qualified personnel to perform tasks related to the standard. The RO has appointed a MEDICAL IT-NETWORK RISK MANAGER and is prepared to establish the RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT.

2 Normative references

The following document, in whole or in part, is normatively referenced in this document and is indispensable for its application. As a dated reference, only the edition cited applies.

IEC 80001-1:2010, *Application of risk management for IT -networks incorporating medical devices – Part 1: Roles, responsibilities and activities*

3 Terms and definitions

3.1
CHANGE PERMIT
outcome of the RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS consisting of a document that allows a specified change or type of change without further RISK MANAGEMENT activities subject to specified constraints

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.3]

3.2
DATA AND SYSTEM SECURITY
operational state of a MEDICAL IT-NETWORK in which information assets (data and systems) are reasonably protected from degradation of confidentiality, integrity, and availability

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.5]

3.3
EFFECTIVENESS
ability to produce the intended result for the subject of care and the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.6]

3.4
EVENT MANAGEMENT
PROCESS that ensures that all events that can or might negatively impact the operation of the IT-NETWORK are captured, assessed, and managed in a controlled manner

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.7]

3.5
HARM
physical injury or damage to the health of people, or damage to property or the environment, or reduction in EFFECTIVENESS, or breach of DATA AND SYSTEM SECURITY

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.8]

3.6
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potential source of HARM

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[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.9]

3.7
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
branch of engineering that deals with the use of computers and telecommunications to retrieve, store, and transmit information

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3.8
IT-NETWORK
electronic data transmission facility which can comprise of just a point-to-point wire link between two devices, or a complex arrangement of transmission lines.

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.12]

3.9
KEY PROPERTIES
three RISK managed characteristics (SAFETY, EFFECTIVENESS, and DATA AND SYSTEMS SECURITY) of MEDICAL IT-NETWORKS

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.13]

3.10
MEDICAL DEVICE
Means any instrument, apparatus, implement, machine, appliance, implant, *in vitro* reagent or calibrator, software, material or other similar or related article

a)   intended by the manufacturer to be used, alone or in combination, for human beings for one or more of the specific purpose(s) of:

⸺   diagnosis, prevention, monitoring, treatment or alleviation of disease,

⸺   diagnosis, monitoring, treatment, alleviation of or compensation for an injury,

— investigation, replacement, modification, or support of the anatomy or of a physiological process,

— supporting or sustaining life,

— control of conception,

— disinfection of MEDICAL DEVICES.

— providing information for medical or diagnostic purposes by means of *in vitro* examination of specimens derived from the human body; and

b) which does not achieve its primary intended action in or on the human body by pharmacological, immunological or metabolic means, but which may be assisted in its intended function by such means.

Note 1 to entry: The definition of a device for in vitro examination includes, for example, reagents, calibrators, sample collection and storage devices, control materials, and related instruments or apparatus. The information provided by such an *in vitro* diagnostic device may be for diagnostic, monitoring or compatibility purposes. In some jurisdictions, some in vitro diagnostic devices, including reagents and the like, may be covered by separate regulations

Note 2 to entry: Products which may be considered to be MEDICAL DEVICES in some jurisdictions but for which there is not yet a harmonized approach, are:

— aids for disabled/handicapped people;

— devices for the treatment/diagnosis of diseases and injuries in animals;

— accessories for MEDICAL DEVICES (see Note 3 to entry);

— disinfection substances;

— devices incorporating animal and human tissues which may meet the requirements of the above definition but are subject to different controls.

Note 3 to entry: Accessories intended specifically by manufacturers to be used together with a 'parent' MEDICAL DEVICE to enable that MEDICAL DEVICE to achieve its intended purpose should be subject to the same GHTF procedures as apply to the MEDICAL DEVICE itself. For example, an accessory will be classified as though it is a MEDICAL DEVICE in its own right. This may result in the accessory having a different classification than the 'parent' device.

Note 4 to entry: Components to MEDICAL DEVICES are generally controlled through the manufacturer's quality management system and the conformity assessment procedures for the device. In some jurisdictions, components are included in the definition of a 'MEDICAL DEVICE."

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.14, modified — NOTES changed to "notes to entry" format.]

3.11
MEDICAL IT-NETWORK
IT-NETWORK that incorporates at least one MEDICAL DEVICE

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.16]

3.12
MEDICAL IT-NETWORK RISK MANAGER
person accountable for RISK MANAGEMENT of a MEDICAL IT-NETWORK

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1, 2.17]

3.13
MONITORING
on-going review of all RISK MANAGEMENT activities and RISK control options that were put in place to achieve acceptable RISK in the use of MEDICAL IT-NETWORK(S)

3.14
PROCESS
set of interrelated or interacting activities which transforms inputs into outputs in a computer program

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.19]

3.15
RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT
one or more documents that together fully define the responsibilities of all relevant stakeholders

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.21]

3.16
RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION
RO
entity accountable for the use and maintenance of a MEDICAL IT-NETWORK

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.22]

3.17
RISK
combination of the probability of occurrence of HARM and the severity of that HARM

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.23]

3.18
RISK ANALYSIS
systematic use of available information to identify HAZARDS and to estimate the RISK

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-13.19:2010, 2.24]

3.19
RISK ASSESSMENT
overall PROCESS comprising a RISK ANALYSIS and a RISK EVALUATION

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.25]

3.20
RISK EVALUATION
PROCESS of comparing the estimated RISK against given RISK criteria to determine the acceptability of the RISK

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.27]

3.20
RISK MANAGEMENT
systematic application of management policies, procedures and practices to the tasks of analysing, evaluating, controlling, and MONITORING RISK

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.28]

3.21
SAFETY
freedom from unacceptable RISK of physical injury or damage to the health of people or damage to property or the environment

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, 2.30]

3.22

TOP MANAGEMENT

person or group of people e who direct(s) and control(s) the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION accountable for a MEDICAL IT-NETWORK at the highest level

[SOURCE: IEC 80001-1:2010, .31]

4   Key aspects for RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENTS

4.1   Reasons and rationale

Among the important aspects of implementing and maintaining a MEDICAL IT-NETWORK is distributing responsibilities for its RISK MANAGEMENT activities. Clear allocation of these responsibilities is indispensable for achieving the targets of the three KEY PROPERTIES as defined by the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION.

RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENTS are a means to document the roles and responsibilities relating to RISK MANAGEMENT, of the various stakeholders involved in the activities associated with procurement, implementation or through-life /in-service management of MEDICAL IT-NETWORK. Each project/ network will be different and it is possible that some may already have some roles and responsibilities defined and in such cases the RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT will simply help with identifying any gaps. In other projects however, the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION may find that it becomes a key PROCESS for establishing the management PROCESSES that will be required to adequately manage RISKS relating to the three KEY PROPERTIES.

4.2   Participants

RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENTS may not only be needed between the RO, MEDICAL DEVICE manufacturers, and IT suppliers but may also be helpful between different stakeholders within the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION like the biomedical engineering department and the IT department.

4.3   Proposed types of RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENTS

Depending upon the context for which it is to be used, a RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT can span the spectrum from informal to formal. A RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT can take the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) e.g., 1) Planning and & Design Phase, 2) Installation and Go Live Phase, and 3) Maintenance Phase. Later in the life cycle and given that there may be commitments to provide specific services in certain situations, a RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT for a system being placed in active clinical service may need to take the form of a legal contract.

4.4   Communication control

4.4.1   Bilateral versus multilateral RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENTS

In the case that more than two parties are required to be included in RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENTS the MEDICAL IT-NETWORK RISK MANAGER should consider whether separate bilateral agreements or a common RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT should be set up. The difference between these solutions is the extent of information sharing. While a high degree of information sharing is often valuable, it needs to be weighed against privacy of information and increased effort in case of updates.

4.4.2   Non-disclosure agreements

In the event any stakeholder has concerns related to disclosing proprietary information a confidentiality or Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDAs) can be established with the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION. This will ensure that the proprietary information is kept confidential between one or more stakeholders and the RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION.