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**Keywords:** bedside, Infrared Data Association, IrDA, legacy device, medical device, medical device communications, MIB, patient, SNTP

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## IEEE Introduction

This introduction is not part of ISO/IEEE 11073-30200:2004(E), Health informatics — Point-of-care medical device communication — Part 30200: Transport profile — Cable connected.

ISO/IEEE 11073 standards enable communication between medical devices and external computer systems. They provide automatic and detailed electronic data capture of patient vital signs information and device operational data. The primary goals are to:

- 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 are especially targeted at acute and continuing care devices, such as patient monitors, ventilators, infusion pumps, ECG devices, etc. They comprise a family of standards that can be layered together to provide connectivity optimized for the specific devices being interfaced.

ISO/IEEE 11073-30200:2004(E) defines a communications transport profile. This profile is for a cable-connected local area network (LAN) for the interconnection of computers and medical devices. This standard is suitable for new device designs, but is particularly targeted to modifications of legacy devices.

The term “legacy devices” refers to equipment that is

- Already in use in clinical facilities
- In active production at the facilities of medical device manufacturers, or
- Beyond the initial stages of engineering development

Specifically, this standard describes connection-oriented communications services and protocols consistent with standards of the Infrared Data Association (IrDA), adapted as appropriate for ISO/IEEE 11073 applications and optimized for use in patient-connected bedside medical devices.

ISO/IEEE 11073-30200:2004(E) is one part of the family of ISO/IEEE 11073 standards. It is compatible with the upper layer ISO/IEEE 11073 standards.

The primary users of this standard are technical personnel who are creating or interfacing with a medical device communications system. Familiarity with the ISO/IEEE 11073 family of standards is recommended. Familiarity with communications and networking technologies is also recommended.

This standard is intended to satisfy the following objectives:

- a) Allow compatibility with existing medical device communications designs to minimize design risk, contain product costs, and simplify field upgrades
- b) Specify hardware and software elements that are available from multiple vendors
- c) Make use of other computer industry communication technology to allow for continuous cost decreases
- d) Meet the requirements of IEEE Std 1073™-1996
- e) Be compatible with the current published and draft ISO/IEEE standard upper layers



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## 1. Overview

This standard is divided into 11 clauses, as follows:

- Clause 1 provides an overview of this standard.
- Clause 2 lists references to other standards that are useful in applying this standard.
- Clause 3 provides definitions and abbreviations.
- Clause 4 provides goals for this standard.
- Clause 5 provides an overview of network topology and layering.
- Clause 6 provides a profile of the physical layer.
- Clause 7 provides a profile of the data link layer.
- Clause 8 provides a profile of the network layer.
- Clause 9 provides a profile of the transport layer.
- Clause 10 describes the optional time synchronization service.
- Clause 11 provides labeling and conformance requirements.

This standard also contains 15 annexes, as follows:

- Annex A describes the physical layer.
- Annex B provides information on the maximum cable length.
- Annex C provides examples of physical link media.
- Annex D provides example schematics for modular adapters.
- Annex E provides a detailed rationale for pin assignments.
- Annex F describes the use of 10BASE-T with this standard.
- Annex G provides a discussion of power delivery considerations.
- Annex H provides examples of simple bedside communications controller (BCC) and device communications controller (DCC) designs.
- Annex I provides an example of an isolated BCC design.
- Annex J provides an optical isolator design example.
- Annex K provides marking guidelines.
- Annex L provides protocol examples, particularly of connection establishment.

- Annex M defines the Infrared Data Association (IrDA) profile specifications adapted from the IrDA implementation guidelines.
- Annex N provides guidelines for using the SNTP time synchronization protocol.
- Annex O provides bibliographical references.

## 1.1 Scope

The scope of this standard is an IrDA-based, cable-connected local area network (LAN) for the interconnection of computers and medical devices. This standard is suitable for new device designs, but is particularly targeted to modifications of legacy devices.

The term “legacy devices” refers to equipment that is

- Already in use in clinical facilities
- In active production at the facilities of medical device manufacturers, or
- Beyond the initial stages of engineering development

In each of these cases, the degree of effort to add a standardized communications capability might normally be prohibitive, unless special care is taken in developing a suitable standard.

## 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this standard is to provide connection-oriented communications services and protocols consistent with IrDA specifications and adapted as appropriate for ISO/IEEE 11073 applications.

## 1.3 Standards compatibility

This standard is one part of the family of ISO/IEEE 11073 standards. It is compatible with the ISO/IEEE upper layer standards.

## 1.4 Audience

The primary users of this standard are technical personnel who are creating or interfacing with a medical device communications system. Familiarity with the ISO/IEEE 11073 family of standards is recommended. Familiarity with communications and networking technologies is also recommended.

## 2. References

This standard shall be used in conjunction with the following publications. When the following standards are superseded by an approved revision, the revision shall apply.

ANSI/TIA/EIA-232-F-1997, Interface Between Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment Employing Serial Binary Data Interchange.<sup>1</sup>

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