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**SAFETY, EFFECTIVENESS AND SECURITY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND
USE OF CONNECTED MEDICAL DEVICES OR CONNECTED HEALTH
SOFTWARE**

Part 1: Application of RISK MANAGEMENT

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2010. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

103 This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous
104 edition:

- 105 a) structure changed to better align with ISO 31000;
 - 106 b) establishment of requirements and guidance for an ORGANIZATION in the application of RISK
107 MANAGEMENT;
- 108 communication of the value, intention and purpose of RISK MANAGEMENT through principles that
109 support preservation of the KEY PROPERTIES during the implementation and use of connected
110 HEALTH SOFTWARE and/or HEALTH IT SYSTEMS.

111 The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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113 Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in
114 the report on voting indicated in the above table.

115 This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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124 all subdivisions (e.g. Clause 5 includes subclauses 5.1, 5.2, etc.);
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126 subclauses of Clause 5).

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128 clause number. References to subclauses within this particular document are by number only.

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130 combination of the conditions is true.

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141 and

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143 A list of all parts of the IEC 80001 series, published under the general title *Safety,*
144 *effectiveness and security in the implementation and use of connected health IT systems or*
145 *connected health software*, can be found on the IEC website.

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147 stability date indicated on the IEC website under "http://webstore.iec.ch" in the data related to
148 the specific document. At this date, the document will be

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150 • withdrawn,

151 • replaced by a revised edition, or

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INTRODUCTION

160 HEALTHCARE DELIVERY ORGANIZATIONS rely on safe, effective and secure systems as business-
161 critical factors. However, ineffective management of the implementation and use of connected
162 systems can threaten the ability to deliver health services.

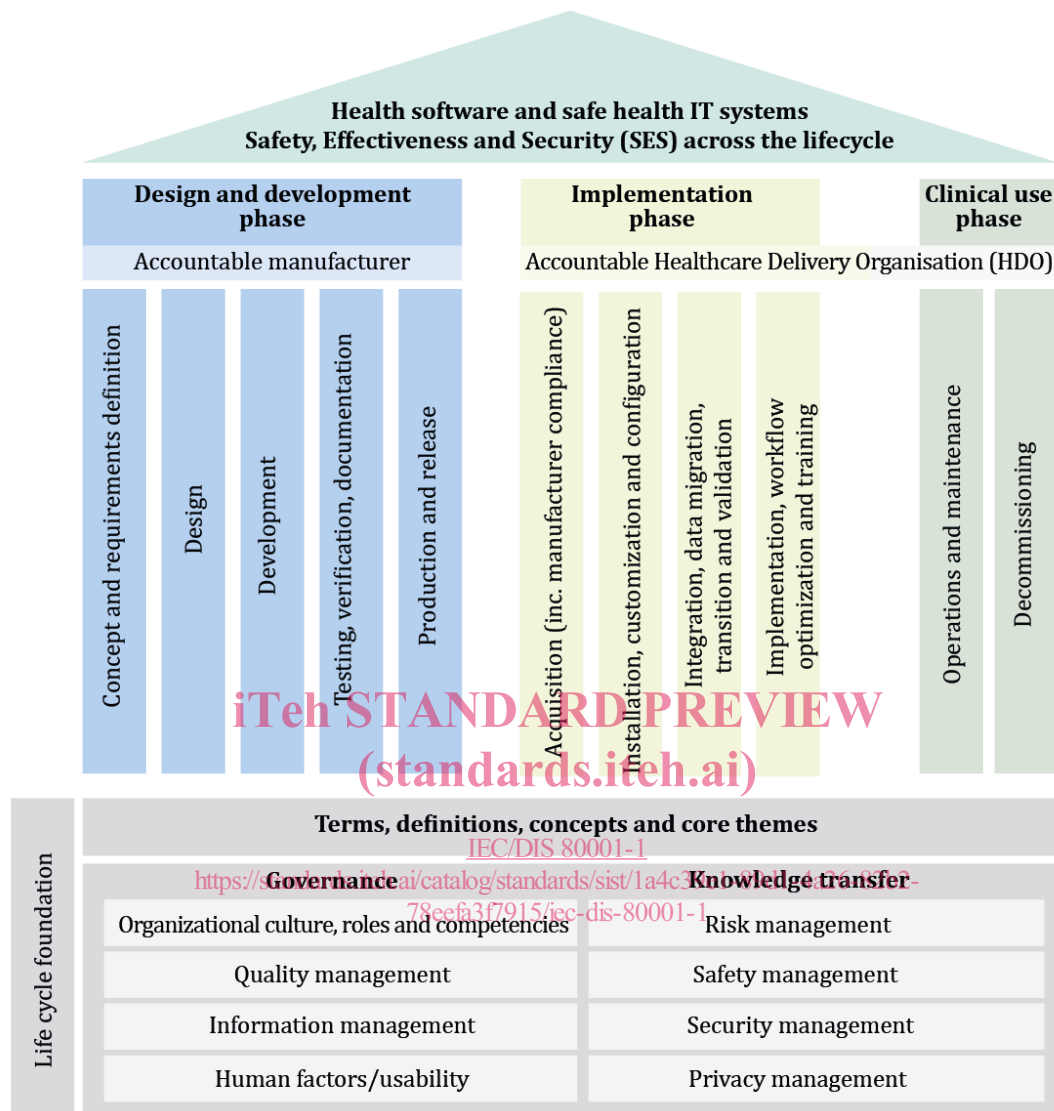
163 Connected systems that deliver health services, generally involve multiple software
164 applications, various medical devices and complex HEALTH IT SYSTEMS that rely upon shared
165 infrastructure including wired or wireless networks, point to point connections, application
166 servers and data storage, interface engines, security and performance management software,
167 etc. These HEALTH IT INFRASTRUCTURES are often used for both clinical (e.g. patient monitoring
168 systems) and non-clinical organizational functions (e.g. accounting, scheduling, social
169 networking, multimedia, file sharing). These connected systems can involve small
170 departmental networks to large integrated infrastructures spanning multiple locations as well
171 as cloud-based services operated by third parties. The requirements and guidance in this
172 document are intended for multiple stakeholders involved in the application of RISK
173 MANAGEMENT to systems that include HEALTH IT SYSTEMS and / or HEALTH IT INFRASTRUCTURE.

174 Within the context of ISO 81001-1, this document covers the generic lifecycle phase
175 "implementation & clinical use" (see the lifecycle diagram in Figure 1).

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Figure 1: Lifecycle framework addressing safety, security & effectiveness of health IT software and health IT systems

180 This document facilitates ORGANIZATIONS in using or adapting existing work practices and
 181 processes, personnel and tools wherever practicable to address the requirements of this
 182 document. For example, if an organization has an existing RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS, this can be
 183 used or adapted to support the three KEY PROPERTIES of SAFETY, EFFECTIVENESS, and SECURITY.
 184 Requirements are defined such that they can be evaluated and as such support an ORGANIZATION
 185 in verifying and demonstrating the degree of compliance with this document.

186 The RISK MANAGEMENT requirements of this document are based upon existing concepts adapted
 187 and extended for use by all stakeholders supporting implementation and clinical use of connected
 188 HEALTH IT SYSTEMS or HEALTH SOFTWARE. This document aligns with ISO 81001-1, ISO Guide 63,
 189 IEC Guide 120. It also builds upon ISO 31000 and ISO 14971.

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191 **USE OF CONNECTED MEDICAL DEVICES OR CONNECTED HEALTH**
192 **SOFTWARE –**

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194 **Part 1: Application of risk management**

195 **1 Scope**

196 This document specifies a framework of general requirements, guidance, for ORGANIZATIONS in
197 the application of RISK MANAGEMENT before, during and after the connection of a HEALTH IT
198 SYSTEM within a HEALTH IT INFRASTRUCTURE, by addressing the KEY PROPERTIES of SAFETY,
199 EFFECTIVENESS and SECURITY whilst engaging appropriate stakeholders.

200 **2 Normative references**

201 ISO 81001-1 ED2, *Health informatics – Health software and health IT systems safety,*
202 *effectiveness and security – Part 1: Foundational principles, concepts and terms.*

203 **3 Terms and Definitions**

204 With the exception of the terms and definitions listed in this section all terms and definitions
205 used in this document are taken from ISO 81001-1 ED2.

206 ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following
207 addresses:

- 208 • IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- 209 • ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

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211 **CONSEQUENCE**

212 outcome of an event affecting objectives

213 [BS ISO 31000:2018, definition 3.6]

214 Note 1 to entry: A consequence can be certain or uncertain and can have positive or negative direct or indirect
215 effects on objectives.

216 Note 2 to entry: Consequences can be expressed qualitatively or quantitatively.

217 Note 3 to entry: Any consequence can escalate through cascading and cumulative effects.

218 **3.2**

219 **HEALTHCARE**

220 care activities, services, management or supplies related to the health of an individual

221 [BS ISO 13940:2015, definition 3.1.1]

222 Note 1 to entry: This includes more than performing procedures for subjects of care. It includes, for example, the
223 management of information about patients, health status and relations within the healthcare delivery framework and
224 may also include the management of clinical knowledge.

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226 **3.3**

227 **INITIAL RISK**

228 The RISK derived during risk estimation taking into consideration any retained RISK control
229 measures.

230 [ISO/IEC/IEEE 15026-1:2019, definition 3.3.3]

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232 **3.4**233 **LIKELIHOOD**

234 chance of something happening

235 [BS ISO 31000:2018, definition 3.7]

236 Note 1 to entry: In risk management terminology, the word “likelihood” is used to refer to the chance of something
 237 happening, whether defined, measured or determined objectively or subjectively, qualitatively or quantitatively, and
 238 described using general terms or mathematically (such as a probability or a frequency over a given time period).

239 Note 2 to entry: The English term “likelihood” does not have a direct equivalent in some languages; instead, the
 240 equivalent of the term “probability” is often used. However, in English, “probability” is often narrowly interpreted as
 241 a mathematical term. Therefore, in risk management terminology, “likelihood” is used with the intent that it should
 242 have the same broad interpretation as the term “probability” has in many languages other than English.

243 **3.5**244 **PROCESS**

245 set of interrelated or interacting activities which transforms inputs into outputs

246 [IEC 80001-1 2010, definition 2.19]

247 NOTE The term “activities” covers use of resources

248 **3.6**249 **RISK MANAGER**

250 person accountable for RISK MANAGEMENT of a HEALTH IT SYSTEM.

251 [IEC 80001-1 2010, definition 2.17]

252 **3.7**253 **RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN**

254 A description of how the elements and resources of the risk management process will be
 255 implemented within an organization or project

256 [BS ISO/IEC 16085:2006, definition 3.1.1]

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258 **4 Principles**

259 The following principles provide the basis for RISK MANAGEMENT. They communicate the value,
 260 intention and purpose of RISK MANAGEMENT and their application supports the preservation of
 261 the KEY PROPERTIES during the implementation and use of HEALTH IT SYSTEMS within a HEALTH IT
 262 INFRASTRUCTURE:

263 - RISK MANAGEMENT is an integral part of an ORGANIZATION’S activities at all stages of the
 264 HEALTH IT SYSTEM lifecycle;

265 - Accountability for the RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS remains with the HEALTHCARE DELIVERY
 266 ORGANIZATION;

267 - A HEALTHCARE DELIVERY ORGANIZATION may assign responsibility for RISK MANAGEMENT of the
 268 HEALTH IT SYSTEM and or HEALTH IT INFRASTRUCTURE to a different ORGANIZATION such as
 269 providers of HEALTH IT SYSTEMS, HEALTH IT INFRASTRUCTURE or a collaboration of
 270 HEALTHCARE DELIVERY ORGANIZATIONS.

271 RISK MANAGEMENT creates and protects value. It contributes to the demonstrable maintenance
 272 or/and improvement of SAFETY, EFFECTIVENESS and SECURITY in the implementation and use of
 273 connected HEALTH IT SYSTEMS;

- 274 - A structured and comprehensive approach to RISK MANAGEMENT contributes to consistent
275 and comparable clinical outcomes;
- 276 - The RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS is scalable and can be customised and made
277 proportionate to the ORGANIZATION'S objectives;
- 278 - Appropriate and timely involvement of stakeholders leads to improved awareness and
279 alignment across the ORGANIZATION and enables informed RISK MANAGEMENT;
- 280 - RISKS can emerge, change or disappear as new HEALTHCARE tools and methodologies are
281 developed. Proactive RISK MANAGEMENT anticipates, detects, acknowledges and responds
282 to changes and events in a timely manner;
- 283 - The inputs to RISK MANAGEMENT are based on historical and current information, as well as
284 future expectations. RISK MANAGEMENT explicitly considers any limitations and uncertainties
285 associated with such information and expectations. Information needs to be timely, clear
286 and available to relevant stakeholders;
- 287 - The SOCIOTECHNICAL ECOSYSTEM significantly influences all aspects of RISK MANAGEMENT at
288 each level within the HEALTHCARE DELIVERY ORGANIZATION and at each lifecycle stage; and
- 289 - RISK MANAGEMENT is a continuous activity, improved through learning and experience. RISK
290 MANAGEMENT strengthens ORGANIZATION resilience and supports the ORGANIZATION'S
291 business needs and objectives.

292 NOTE 1 Risk should be balanced across the KEY PROPERTIES wherever practical.

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294 **5 Framework**

295 **5.1 General**

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296 The purpose of the RISK MANAGEMENT framework is to assist the ORGANIZATION in integrating
297 RISK MANAGEMENT with other significant activities and functions. Effective RISK MANAGEMENT
298 depends on its integration with the governance of the ORGANIZATION, including decision-
299 making. This requires support from all stakeholders, particularly TOP MANAGEMENT.
300 Requirements in this document apply to HEALTHCARE DELIVERY ORGANIZATIONS and other
301 ORGANIZATIONS seeking conformance with this RISK MANAGEMENT framework. Those
302 requirements that apply to HEALTHCARE DELIVERY ORGANIZATIONS only are clearly identified.

303 **5.2 Leadership and commitment**

304 It is the responsibility of the TOP MANAGEMENT of the ORGANIZATION to ensure that RISK
305 MANAGEMENT is implemented throughout the HEALTH IT SYSTEM lifecycle, and that its
306 effectiveness is evaluated.

307 The ORGANIZATION shall:

- 308 a) establish and adhere to a defined PROCESS for RISK MANAGEMENT

310 **5.3 Integrating RISK MANAGEMENT**

311 Effective integration of RISK MANAGEMENT relies on an understanding of the ORGANIZATION'S
312 structures and context. Structures differ depending on the ORGANIZATION'S purpose, goals and
313 complexity. RISK is managed in every part of the ORGANIZATION'S structure. Everyone in an
314 ORGANIZATION has responsibility for managing RISK.

315 Integrating RISK MANAGEMENT is a dynamic and iterative process that can be customised to the
316 ORGANIZATION'S culture and objectives. RISK MANAGEMENT should be part of, and not separate

317 from, organizational purpose, governance, leadership, commitment, strategy, objectives and
318 operations.

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320 **5.4 Design/planning**

321 The safe acquisition, installation, integration, implementation, clinical use, maintenance and
322 decommissioning of a HEALTH IT SYSTEM is dependent on effective RISK MANAGEMENT planning.

323 Planning activities apply to new implementations and modifications to existing HEALTH IT
324 SYSTEMS.

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