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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 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.

IEEE Std 11073-10101 was originally published in 2004 in conjunction with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). In 2015, IEEE published an amendment that expanded the nomenclature and definitions covered in the standard to reflect the continued innovation in medical device and system design. This 2019 revision integrates the amendment into the original text and further updates and expands the nomenclature and definitions.

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