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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 27799:2008), which has been technically revised.

This International Standard provides guidance to healthcare organizations and other custodians of personal health information on how best to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of such information. It is based upon and extends the general guidance provided by ISO/IEC 27002:2013 and addresses the special information security management needs of the health sector and its unique operating environments. While the protection and security of personal information is important to all individuals, corporations, institutions and governments, there are special requirements in the health sector that need to be met to ensure the confidentiality, integrity, auditability and availability of personal health information. This type of information is regarded by many as being among the most confidential of all types of personal information. Protecting this confidentiality is essential if the privacy of subjects of care is to be maintained. The integrity of health information is to be protected to ensure patient safety, and an important component of that protection is ensuring that the information's entire life cycle be fully auditable. The availability of health information is also critical to effective healthcare delivery. Health informatics systems is to meet unique demands to remain operational in the face of natural disasters, system failures and denial-of-service attacks. Protecting the confidentiality, integrity and availability of health information therefore requires health sector specific expertise.

Regardless of size, location and model of service delivery, all healthcare organizations need to have stringent controls in place to protect the health information entrusted to them. Yet many health professionals work as solo health providers or in small clinics that lack the dedicated IT resources to manage information security. Healthcare organizations therefore need clear, concise, and health-care-specific guidance on the selection and implementation of such controls. This International Standard is to be adaptable to the wide range of sizes, locations, and models of service delivery found in healthcare. Finally, with increasing electronic exchange of personal health information between health professionals (including use of wireless and Internet services), there is a clear benefit in adopting a common reference for information security management in healthcare.

ISO/IEC 27002 is already being used extensively for health informatics IT security management through the agency of national or regional guidelines in Australia, Canada, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom and elsewhere. ISO 27799 draws upon the experience gained in these national endeavours in dealing with the security of personal health information and is intended as a companion document to ISO/IEC 27002. It is not intended to supplant the ISO/IEC 27000-series of standards. Rather, it is a complement to these more generic standards.

ISO 27799 applies ISO/IEC 27002 to the healthcare domain in a way that carefully considers the appropriate application of security controls for the purposes of protecting personal health information. These considerations have, in some cases, led the authors to conclude that application of certain ISO/IEC 27002 control objectives is essential if personal health information is to be adequately protected. ISO 27799 therefore places constraints upon the application of certain security controls specified in ISO/IEC 27002.

All of the security control objectives described in ISO/IEC 27002 are relevant to health informatics, but some controls require additional explanation in regard to how they can best be used to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of health information. There are also additional health sector specific requirements. This International Standard provides additional guidance in a format that persons responsible for health information security can readily understand and adopt.

In the health domain, it is possible for an organization (a hospital, say) to be certified using ISO/IEC 27001 without requiring certification against or even acknowledgement of ISO 27799. It is to be hoped, however, that as healthcare organizations strive to improve the security of personal health information, conformance with ISO 27799 as a stricter standard for healthcare will also become widespread.

Maintaining information confidentiality, availability, and integrity (including authenticity, accountability and auditability) are the overarching goals of information security. In healthcare, privacy of subjects of care depends upon maintaining the confidentiality of personal health information. To maintain

confidentiality, measures is also be taken to maintain the integrity of data, if for no other reason than that it is possible to corrupt the integrity of access control data, audit trails, and other system data in ways that allow breaches in confidentiality to take place or to go unnoticed. In addition, patient safety depends upon maintaining the integrity of personal health information, failure to do this can also result in illness, injury or even death. Likewise, a high level of availability is an especially important attribute of health systems, where treatment is often time-critical. Indeed, disasters that could lead to outages in other, non-health related, IT systems may be the very times when the information contained in health systems is most critically needed. Moreover, denial of service attacks against networked systems are increasingly common.

The controls discussed in this International Standard are those identified as appropriate in healthcare to protect confidentiality, integrity and availability of personal health information and to ensure that access to such information can be audited and accounted for. These controls help to prevent errors in medical practice that might ensue from failure to maintain the integrity of health information. In addition, they help to ensure that the continuity of medical services is maintained.

There are additional considerations that shape the goals of health information security. These includes the following:

- a) honouring legislative obligations as expressed in applicable data protection laws and regulations protecting a subject of care is right to privacy;¹⁾
- b) maintaining established privacy and security best practices in health informatics;
- c) maintaining individual and organizational accountability among health organizations and health professionals;
- d) supporting the implementation of systematic risk management within health organizations;
- e) meeting the security needs identified in common healthcare situations;
- f) reducing operating costs by facilitating the increased use of technology in a safe, secure, and well managed manner that supports, but does not constrain current health activities;
- g) maintaining public trust in health organizations and the information systems these organizations rely upon;
- h) maintaining professional standards and ethics as established by health-related professional organizations (insofar as information security maintains the confidentiality and integrity of health information);
- i) operating electronic health information systems in an environment appropriately secured against threats;
- j) facilitating interoperability among health systems, since health information increasingly flows among organizations and across jurisdictional boundaries (especially as such interoperability enhances the proper handling of health information to ensure its continued confidentiality, integrity and availability).

Relation to information governance,²⁾ corporate governance and clinical governance

While health organizations may differ in their positions on clinical governance and corporate governance, the importance of integrating and attending to information governance ought to be beyond debate as a vital support to both. As health organizations have become ever more critically dependent on information systems to support care delivery (e.g. by exploiting decision support technologies and trends towards “evidence based” rather than “experience based” healthcare), it has become evident that

1) In addition to legal obligations, a wealth of information is available on ethical obligations relating to health information, the code of ethics of the World Health Organization. These ethical obligations may also, in certain circumstances, impact health information security policy.

2) Note that in some countries, information governance is referred to as information assurance.