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### Scope and Field of Application

82 This Supplement defines a storage SOP Class to record and convey approval (or disapproval) of DICOM  
83 Defined Procedure Protocol instances. The nature, basis and scope of the approval depends on the  
84 semantics of the codes used in the assertion. Specific codes and examples are provided for assertions  
85 about CT Protocols.

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### CLOSED ISSUES

<b>Scope</b>	
1	<p>Should the Approval Macro address digital signatures of the Protocol Instances?</p> <p><i>A. No.</i></p> <p>Assertions are attributed to the Identified person or device, but authenticating the person/device and/or digitally signing the instance in a way to prevent undetected changes go beyond the scope of DICOM services implementers appear willing to support.</p> <p>The vast majority of DICOM instances today are unsigned and the level of forgery is quite small. Systems that manage or host the protocol objects may choose to secure them as they see fit.</p>
2	<p>Do the codes in newcid3 Protocol Assertion Codes cover typical CT Protocol approval practice?</p> <p><i>A: Yes.</i></p> <p>Several reviewers felt they were sufficient for the typical types of approval and protocol management that sites would like to use now and foresee using in the near future.</p>
3	<p>What conditions should void an approval and how should voiding be reflected?</p> <p><i>A: Approvals point to an instance, so effectively anything that creates a new instance by default voids prior approvals since the approval no longer points to the current instance. Also, a more recent approval may supercede a prior approval. The SCP may choose to "hide" protocol approval instances that are superceded? Interpretation of multiple available approval instances for the same protocol instance is up to the receiver</i></p> <p>IHE might mandate more specific behaviors.</p>

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## Changes to NEMA Standards Publication PS 3.2

### Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM)

#### Part 2: Conformance

**Add new SOP Classes in Table A.1-2**

Table A.1-2  
UID VALUES

UID Value	UID NAME	Category
...		
<u>1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.X.0.1</u>	<u>Protocol Approval Storage</u>	<u>Transfer</u>
...		

## Changes to NEMA Standards Publication PS 3.3

### Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM)

#### Part 3: Information Object Definitions

**Add definitions to 3.8**

Assertion      An affirmative statement or declaration by a specified entity about a specified or implied subject for a specified or implied purpose.

**Add subsection to 7.13 Non-Patient object models.**

#### 7.13.X Approval Information Entity

An Approval Information Entity describes an approval of an Instance.

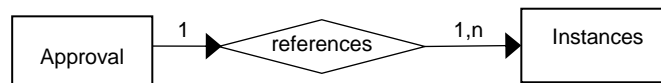


Figure 7.13.X-1. DICOM Model of the Real World – Approval

110 **Add new section 10.XW1**

**10.XW1                      ASSERTION MACRO**

112 This Macro is used to record Assertions made by a person or device about the content of a SOP Instance. The nature of the Assertion is defined by the Assertion Code.

114 The scope of the Assertion (e.g., whether it applies to the whole instance, to a specific item in a sequence, etc.) is described at the point where the Macro is included. It is also expected that when this macro is  
116 included, the Baseline CID for the Assertion Code Sequence (30xx,50A0) will be constrained.

**Table 10.XW1-1  
ASSERTION MACRO ATTRIBUTES**

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<b>Attribute Name</b>	<b>Tag</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Attribute Description</b>
Assertion Code Sequence	(30xx,50A0)	1	The Assertion being made. Only a single Item shall be included in this sequence.
<i>&gt;Include 'Code Sequence Macro' Table 8.8-1</i>			<i>No Baseline CID defined</i>
Assertion UID	(30xx,50A1)	1	Unique identification of this assertion.
Asserter Identification Sequence	(0070,00QQ)	1	The person or device making the Assertion. Only a single Item shall be included in this sequence. Note: Multiple asserters wishing to make the same Assertion may be recorded as multiple Assertions, each with a single asserter.
<i>&gt;Include 'Identified Person or Device Macro' Table C.17-3b</i>			<i>Baseline CID for Organizational Role is CID 7452 Organizational Roles</i>
Assertion DateTime	(30xx,50A4)	1	Date and time at which the Assertion was made.
Assertion Expiry DateTime	(30xx,50A8)	3	Date and time at which the Assertion expires. If this Attribute is absent or empty, it means the Assertion does not have a pre-determined date and time at which it expires.
Assertion Comments	(30xx,50A6)	3	Comments on the nature, extent or basis of the Assertion.

Pertinent Documents Sequence	(0038,0100)	3	Reference to document(s) that describe the Assertion semantics, or provide the basis for making the Assertion. Items shall not be empty. One or more Items are permitted in this Sequence.
>Referenced SOP Class UID	(0008,1150)	3	Unique identifier for the class of the referenced document.
>Referenced SOP Instance UID	(0008,1155)	3	Unique identifier for the referenced document as used in DICOM instance references (see C.12.1.1.6)
>HL7 Instance Identifier	(0040,E001)	3	Instance Identifier of the referenced document, encoded as a UID (OID or UUID), concatenated with a caret (“^”) and Extension value (if Extension is present in Instance Identifier).
>Retrieve URI	(0040,E010)	3	Retrieval access path to the referenced document. Includes fully specified scheme, authority, path, and query in accordance with RFC 2396
Related Assertion Sequence	(30xx,50AB)	3	Other assertions which may be of interest to systems examining this assertion.  Note: For example, an assertion that overrides a previous assertion or disapproves a previously approved protocol, could reference the prior approval instance making it easier to find/correlate/confirm.
>Referenced Assertion UID	(30xx,50AC)	1	Uniquely identifies a related assertion.

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**Add section to Annex A****A.X1 PROTOCOL APPROVAL INFORMATION OBJECT DEFINITIONS**

122 Protocol Approval Information Object Definitions (IODs) record the details of an approval of DICOM instances that contain protocols.

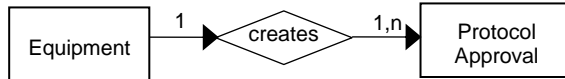
124 **A.X1.1 Protocol Approval Information Object Definition**

**A.X1.1.1 Protocol Approval IOD Description**

126 The Protocol Approval IOD describes approval-related assertions made by people, organizations and devices about Instances.

128 **A.X1.1.2 Protocol Approval IOD Entity-Relationship Model**

The E-R model for the Protocol Approval IOD is shown in Figure A.X1.3.2-1.



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**Figure A.X1.3.2-1 PROTOCOL APPROVAL IOD E-R MODEL**

132 **A.X1.1.3 Protocol Approval IOD Module Table**

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**Table A.X1.1.3-1  
Protocol Approval IOD MODULES**

IE	Module	Reference	Usage
Equipment	General Equipment	C.7.5.1	M
	Enhanced General Equipment	C.7.5.2	M
Approval	SOP Common	C.12.1	M
	Protocol Approval	C.X4.2	M

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138 **Modify C.17.2.4 Identified Person or Device Macro as shown:**

**C.17.2.4 Identified Person or Device Macro**

140 Table C.17-3b defines the Attributes that identify a person or a device participating as an observer for the context of an SR Instance. This Macro contains content equivalent to TID 1002 (see PS3.16).

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**Table C.17-3b  
Identified Person or Device Macro Attributes**

Attribute Name	Tag	Type	Attribute Description
Observer Type	(0040,A084)	1	Enumerated Values: PSN – Person DEV – Device
Person Name	(0040,A123)	1C	Name of the person observer for this document Instance. Required if Observer Type value is PSN.
Person Identification Code Sequence	(0040,1101)	2C	Coded identifier of person observer. Zero or one Item shall be included in this

			sequence. Required if Observer Type value is PSN.
>Include 'Code Sequence Macro' Table 8.8-1			No Baseline Context ID defined
<b><u>Organizational Role Code Sequence</u></b>	<b><u>(30xx,50AE)</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>The organizational capacity in which the person observer is participating</u></b>
>Include 'Code Sequence Macro' Table 8.8-1			<b><u>No Baseline Context ID defined</u></b>
Station Name	(0008,1010)	2C	Name of the device observer for this document instance. Required if Observer Type value is DEV.
Device UID	(0018,1002)	1C	Unique identifier of device observer. Required if Observer Type value is DEV.
Manufacturer	(0008,0070)	1C	Manufacturer of the device observer. Required if Observer Type value is DEV.
Manufacturer's Model Name	(0008,1090)	1C	Model Name of the device observer. Required if Observer Type value is DEV.
<b><u>Device Serial Number</u></b>	<b><u>(0018,1000)</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>Manufacturer's serial number of the identified device.</u></b> <b><u>Note: While the serial number will be unique within the scope of the Manufacturer and Model, it might not be universally unique.</u></b>
<b><u>Software Versions</u></b>	<b><u>(0018,1020)</u></b>	<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>Manufacturer's designation of software version of the identified device.</u></b> <b><u>See Section C.7.5.1.1.3.</u></b>
Institution Name	(0008,0080)	2	Institution or organization to which the identified person is responsible or accountable, or which manages the identified device.
Institution Code Sequence	(0008,0082)	2	Institution or organization to which the identified person is responsible or accountable, or which manages the identified device. Zero or one Item shall be included in this Sequence.
>Include 'Code Sequence Macro' Table 8.8-1			No Baseline Context ID defined

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**Add section to Annex C**

146 **C.X4.2 Protocol Approval**

148 The Protocol Approval Module records approvals of the content of one or more SOP Instances containing protocols by a person or device.

150 An approval is modeled as a form of Assertion. The nature of the approval is defined by the Assertion Code in the embedded Assertion Macro.



152 Neither the Protocol Approval Module nor the underlying Assertion Macro address securing the approved instance against tampering (e.g., via a digital hash) or authenticating the identity of the source of the Assertion.

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**Table C.X4-2  
PROTOCOL APPROVAL MODULE ATTRIBUTES**

<b>Attribute Name</b>	<b>Tag</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Attribute Description</b>
Approval Subject Sequence	(30xx,50AD)	1	Instances that are the subject of the Approval Sequence. All assertions in the Approval Sequence (yym1,m1xa) apply to all instances in this sequence. One or more items shall be included in this sequence.
<i>&gt;Include Table 10-11. SOP Instance Reference Macro</i>			
Approval Sequence	(yym1,m1xa)	1	Recorded approvals of the subject instances. One or more items shall be included in this sequence.
<i>&gt;Include 'Assertion Macro' Table 10.XW1-1</i>			The Baseline CID for the Assertion Code Sequence is CID newcid3 "Protocol Assertion Codes". The Approver is recorded in the Asserter Identification Sequence inside the Assertion Macro.
<i>&gt;Institution Code Sequence</i>	(0008,0082)	1C	Institution or organization for which use of the protocol is approved/disapproved or eligible/ineligible for reimbursement.  Note: The institution identified by the code can represent a hospital network, a hospital, a clinic or a department. An institution can assign codes for it's subsidiary organizations.  Required if Assertion Code Sequence (30xx,50A0) is (newcode003,DCM,"Approved for use at the institution") or (newcode003a,DCM,"Disapproved for use at the institution") or (newcode016,DCM,"Eligible for reimbursement") or (newcode016b,DCM,"Eligible for reimbursement on per patient basis") or (newcode016a,DCM,"Ineligible for reimbursement")
<i>&gt;Include 'Code Sequence Macro' Table 8.8-1</i>			<i>No Baseline CID defined</i>

>Clinical Trial Protocol ID	(0012,0020)	1C	<p>Identifier of the clinical trial protocol for which use of the protocol is approved or disapproved.</p> <p>Note: For experimental use this attribute is used to identify the experiment.</p> <p>Required if Assertion Code Sequence (30xx,50A0) is (newcode004,DCM,Approved for use in the clinical trial") or (newcode004a,DCM,"Disapproved for use in the clinical trial") or (newcode015,DCM,"Approved for experimental use") or (newcode015a,DCM,"Disapproved for experimental use ")</p>
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156 Note: The institution for which use of the protocol is approved (recorded in the Approval Sequence item) may  
158 or may not differ from the institution that is currently responsible for managing the protocol instance  
160 (recorded in the Custodial Organization Sequence (0040,A07C) of the Defined Protocol instance).  
Similarly, the clinical trial for which use of the protocol is approved (recorded in the Approval Sequence  
item) may or may not differ from the clinical trial, if any, for which the protocol instance was originally  
designed (recorded in the Clinical Trial Context of the Defined Protocol instance).

162 A number of the Assertion codes in CID newcid3 "Protocol Assertion Codes" affirm details related to  
Attributes in a Protocol object. The Protocol Attributes associated with each Assertion code are shown in  
164 Table C.X4-3.

**Table C.X4-3  
Associated Attributes for Protocol Assertion Codes**

Code Value	Code Meaning	Associated Attribute
newcode001	Appropriate for the indications	Indications Code Sequence (yym1,m1x6)
newcode001a	Inappropriate for the indications	Indications Code Sequence (yym1,m1x6)
newcode002	Consistent with labelling of the device	Model Specification Sequence (yym2,m2x3)
newcode002a	Inconsistent with labelling of the device	Model Specification Sequence (yym2,m2x3)
newcode008	Appropriate for the device	Model Specification Sequence (yym2,m2x3)
newcode008a	Inappropriate for the device	Model Specification Sequence (yym2,m2x3)
newcode009	Inside operational limits of the device	Model Specification Sequence (yym2,m2x3)
newcode009a	Outside operational limits of the device	Model Specification Sequence (yym2,m2x3)
newcode010	Optimized for the device instance	Model Specification Sequence (yym2,m2x3) Device Serial Number (0018,1000)
newcode010a	Not optimized for the device instance	Model Specification Sequence (yym2,m2x3) Device Serial Number (0018,1000)

168 Note: An instance may contain multiple approvals. Receiving systems will determine which approvals apply  
and what may be useful to display to the system operator.

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## Changes to NEMA Standards Publication PS 3.4

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### Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM)

#### Part 4: Service Class Specifications

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*Add SOP Classes to Table GG.3-1*

178 **GG.3 SOP CLASSES**

Table GG.3-1  
Standard SOP Classes

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SOP Class	SOP Class UID	IOD Specification (defined in PS 3.3)
...		
<u>Protocol Approval Storage</u>	<u>1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.X.0.1</u>	<u>Protocol Approval IOD</u>
...		

182 *Add application behaviors to GG.6*

**GG.6.X PROTOCOL APPROVAL SOP CLASS**

184 Approvals are based on assertions. Receipt or generation of an assertion will interact with organizational  
authentication and authorization policies. For example, an approval may be received by mistake as part of  
186 the transfer of a patient record.

*Add Query/Retrieve Service Classes (BB is a placeholder)*

## BB Protocol Approval Query/Retrieve Service Classes

### BB.1 OVERVIEW

#### 190 BB.1.1 Scope

192 The Protocol Approval Query/Retrieve Service Classes define application-level classes-of-service that facilitate access to Protocol Approval composite objects.

#### 194 BB.1.2 Conventions

196 Key Attributes serve two purposes; they may be used as Matching Key Attributes or as Return Key Attributes. Matching Key Attributes may be used for matching (criteria to be used in the C-FIND request to determine whether an entity matches the query). Return Key Attributes may be used to specify desired return Attributes (what elements in addition to the Matching Key Attributes have to be returned in the C-FIND response).

##### Note

200 Matching Keys are typically used in an SQL 'where' clause. Return Keys are typically used in an SQL 'select' clause to convey the Attribute values.

202 Matching Key Attributes may be of Type "required" (R) or "optional" (O). Return Key Attributes may be of Type 1, 1C, 2, 2C, 3 as defined in PS3.5.

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#### BB.1.3 Query/Retrieve Information Model

206 In order to serve as an SCP of the Protocol Approval Query/Retrieve Service Class, a DICOM AE possesses information about the Attributes of a number of Protocol Approval composite SOP Instances. The information is organized into an Information Model. The Information Models for the different SOP Classes specified in this Annex are defined in Section BB.6.

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#### BB.1.4 Service Definition

212 Two peer DICOM AEs implement a SOP Class of a Protocol Approval Query/Retrieve Service Class with one serving in the SCU role and one serving in the SCP role. SOP Classes of the Protocol Approval Query/Retrieve Service Classes are implemented using the DIMSE-C C-FIND, C-MOVE and C-GET services as defined in PS3.7.

An SCP of this SOP Class shall support Level-2 conformance as defined in Section B.4.1.

216 The semantics of the C-FIND service are the same as those defined in the Service Definition of the Basic Worklist Management Service Class.

218 The semantics of the C-MOVE service are the same as those defined in the Service Definition of the Query/Retrieve Service Class, with the exception that there is only one level of retrieval.

220 The semantics of the C-GET service are the same as those defined in the Service Definition of the Query/Retrieve Service Class, with the exception that there is only one level of retrieval.

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### BB.2 PROTOCOL APPROVAL INFORMATION MODELS DEFINITIONS

224 The Protocol Approval Information Models are identified by the SOP Class negotiated at Association establishment time. Each SOP Class is composed of both an Information Model and a DIMSE-C Service Group.

226 The Protocol Approval Information Models are defined in Section BB.6, with the Entity-Relationship Model Definition and Key Attributes Definition analogous to those defined in the Worklist Information Model Definition of the Basic Worklist Management Service.

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230 **BB.3 PROTOCOL APPROVAL INFORMATION MODELS**

The Protocol Approval Information Models are based upon a one level entity:

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- Protocol Approval object instance.

The Protocol Approval object instance contains Attributes associated with the Approval IE of the Composite IODs as defined in PS3.3.

236 **BB.4 DIMSE-C SERVICE GROUPS**

**BB.4.1 C-FIND Operation**

238 See the C-FIND Operation definition for the Basic Worklist Management Service Class (K.4.1), and substitute "Approval" for "Worklist". The "Worklist" Search Method shall be used.

240 The SOP Class UID identifies the Protocol Approval Information Model against which the C-FIND is to be performed. The Key Attributes and values allowable for the query are defined in the SOP Class definitions for the Protocol Approval Information Model.

244 **BB.4.1.1 Service Class User Behavior**

No SOP Class specific SCU behavior is defined.

246 **BB.4.1.2 Service Class Provider Behavior**

248 No SOP Class specific SCP behavior is defined.

250 **BB.4.2 C-MOVE Operation**

See the C-MOVE Operation definition for the Query/Retrieve Service Class (C.4.2). No Extended Behavior or Relational-Retrieve is defined for the Protocol Approval Query/Retrieve Service Classes.

254 Query/Retrieve Level (0008,0052) is not relevant to the Protocol Approval Query/Retrieve Service Classes, and therefore shall not be present in the Identifier. The only Unique Key Attribute of the Identifier shall be SOP Instance UID (0008,0018). The SCU shall supply one UID or a list of UIDs.

256 Note

More than one entity may be retrieved, using List of UID matching.

258 **BB.4.3 C-GET Operation**

260 See the C-GET Operation definition for the Query/Retrieve Service Class (C.4.2). No Extended Behavior or Relational-Retrieve is defined for the Protocol Approval Query/Retrieve Service Classes.

262 Note

More than one entity may be retrieved, using List of UID matching.

264 **BB.5 ASSOCIATION NEGOTIATION**

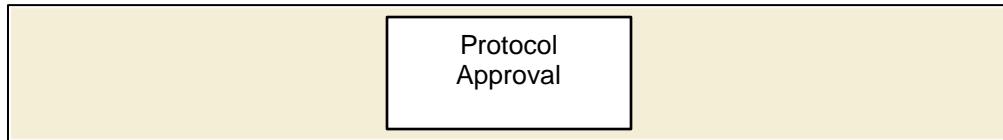
266 See the Association Negotiation definition for the Basic Worklist Management Service Class (K.5).

268 **BB.6 SOP CLASS DEFINITIONS**

**BB.6.1 Protocol Approval Information Model**

270 **BB.6.1.1 E/R Models**

The Protocol Approval Information Model consists of a single entity. In response to a given C-FIND request, the SCP shall send one C-FIND response per matching Protocol Approval Instance.



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**Figure BB.6-1. Protocol Approval Information Model E/R Diagram**

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**BB.6.1.2 Protocol Approval Attributes**

278 Table BB.6-1 defines the Attributes of the Protocol Approval Information Model:

280 Note: Since protocol approvals are generally relevant only in the context of the protocol instance being approved, many searches will be looking for approvals that list a particular protocol instance in the Approval Subject Sequence (30xx,50AD).

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**Table BB.6-1. Attributes for the Protocol Approval Information Model**

Description / Module	Tag	Matching Key Type	Return Key Type	Remark / Matching Type
<b>SOP Common</b>				
Specific Character Set	(0008,0005)	-	1C	This Attribute is required if expanded or replacement character sets are used. See Section C.2.2.2 and Section C.4.1.1.
SOP Class UID	(0008,0016)	R	1	
SOP Instance UID	(0008,0018)	U	1	
Instance Creation Date	(0008,0012)	R	1	Shall be retrieved with Single Value or Range Matching. See Instance Creation Time for further details.
Instance Creation Time	(0008,0013)	R	1	Shall be retrieved with Single Value or Range Matching. If both Instance Creation Date and Instance Creation Time are specified for Range Matching, they are to be treated as as if they were a single DateTime Attribute e.g.,the date range July 5 to July 7 and the time range 10am to 6pm specifies the time period starting on July 5, 10am until July 7, 6pm.

Description / Module	Tag	Matching Key Type	Return Key Type	Remark / Matching Type
<b>Protocol Approval</b>				
Approval Subject Sequence	(30xx,50AD)	R	1	
>Referenced SOP Class UID	(0008,1150)	R	1	Shall be retrieved with List of UID Matching.
>Referenced SOP Instance UID	(0008,1155)	R	1	Shall be retrieved with List of UID Matching.
Approval Sequence	(yym1,m1xa)	R	1	
>Assertion Code Sequence	(30xx,50A0)	R	1	
>>Code Value	(0008,0100)	R	1	This Attribute shall be retrieved with Single Value or Universal matching.
>>Coding Scheme Designator	(0008,0102)	R	1	This Attribute shall be retrieved with Single Value or Universal matching.
>>Code Meaning	(0008,0104)	-	1	
>Assertion UID	(30xx,50A1)	-	1	
>Asserter Identification Sequence	(0070,00QQ)	R	1	
>>Observer Type	(0040,A084)	-	1	
>>Person Name	(0040,A123)	R	1	
>>Person Identification Code Sequence	(0040,1101)	R	1	
>>>Code Value	(0008,0100)	R	1	This Attribute shall be retrieved with Single Value or Universal matching.
>>>Coding Scheme Designator	(0008,0102)	R	1	This Attribute shall be retrieved with Single Value or Universal matching.
>>>Code Meaning	(0008,0104)	-	1	
>>Organizational Role Code Sequence	(30xx,50AE)	R	2	
>>>Code Value	(0008,0100)	R	1	This Attribute shall be retrieved with Single Value or Universal matching.
>>>Coding Scheme Designator	(0008,0102)	R	1	This Attribute shall be retrieved with Single Value or Universal matching.
>>>Code Meaning	(0008,0104)	-	1	
>>Station Name	(0008,1010)	-	3	
>>Device UID	(0018,1002)	-	3	

Description / Module	Tag	Matching Key Type	Return Key Type	Remark / Matching Type
>>Manufacturer	(0008,0070)	-	3	
>>Manufacturer's Model Name	(0008,1090)	-	3	
>>Station AE Title	(0008,0055)	-	3	
>>Institution Name	(0008,0080)	R	1	
>>Institution Code Sequence	(0008,0082)	R	1	
>>>Code Value	(0008,0100)	R	1	This Attribute shall be retrieved with Single Value or Universal matching.
>>>Coding Scheme Designator	(0008,0102)	R	1	This Attribute shall be retrieved with Single Value or Universal matching.
>>>Code Meaning	(0008,0104)	-	1	
>>Institutional Department Name	(0008,1040)	U	2	
>Assertion DateTime	(30xx,50A4)	R	1	This Attribute shall be retrieved with Single Value or Range Matching.
>Assertion Expiry DateTime	(30xx,50A8)	R	2	This Attribute shall be retrieved with Single Value or Range Matching.
>Assertion Comments	(30xx,50A6)	-	2	
>Related Assertion Sequence	(30xx,50AB)	U	1	
>>Referenced Assertion UID	(30xx,50AC)	U	1	
<b>Enhanced General Equipment</b>				
Manufacturer	(0008,0070)	-	1	
Manufacturer's Model Name	(0008,1090)	-	2	
Software Versions	(0018,1020)	-	2	

284 Note: The Enhanced General Equipment Module describes the equipment that created the Protocol Approval instance, not the equipment on which a referenced Protocol will be performed.

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### BB.6.1.3 Conformance Requirements

288 An implementation may conform to one or more of the Protocol Approval Query/Retrieve SOP Classes as an SCU or SCP. The Conformance Statement shall be in the format defined in PS3.2.

#### 290 BB.6.1.3.1 SCU Conformance

##### BB.6.1.3.1.1 C-FIND SCU Conformance

292 An implementation that conforms to the Protocol Approval Information Model - FIND SOP Class shall support queries against the Protocol Approval Information Model using the C-FIND SCU Behavior  
294 described for the Basic Worklist Management Service Class (see Section K.4.1.2 and Section BB.4.1).



296 An implementation that conforms to the Protocol Approval Information Model - FIND SOP Class as an SCU shall state in its Conformance Statement whether it requests Type 3 Return Key Attributes, and shall list these Optional Return Key Attributes.

298 An implementation that conforms to the Protocol Approval Information Model - FIND SOP Class as an SCU shall state in its Conformance Statement how it makes use of Specific Character Set (0008,0005)  
300 when encoding queries and interpreting responses.

#### **BB.6.1.3.1.2 C-MOVE SCU Conformance**

302 An implementation that conforms to the Protocol Approval Information Model - MOVE SOP Class as an SCU shall support transfers against the Protocol Approval Information Model, using the C-MOVE SCU  
304 baseline behavior described for the Query/Retrieve Service Class (see Section C.4.2.2.1 and Section BB.4.2).

#### **BB.6.1.3.1.3 C-GET SCU Conformance**

306 An implementation that conforms to the Protocol Approval Information Model - GET SOP Class as an SCU  
308 shall support transfers against the Protocol Approval Information Model, using the C-GET SCU baseline behavior described for the Query/Retrieve Service Class (see Section C.4.3.2).

#### **BB.6.1.3.2 SCP Conformance**

##### **BB.6.1.3.2.1 C-FIND SCP Conformance**

312 An implementation that conforms to the Protocol Approval Information Model - FIND SOP Class as an SCP shall support queries against the Protocol Approval Information Model, using the C-FIND SCP  
314 Behavior described for the Basic Worklist Management Service Class (see Section K.4.1.3).

316 Note: The contents of the Referenced SOP Instance UID (0008,1155) in the Approval Subject Sequence (30xx,50AD) would be useful to index since querying for approvals of a specific Protocol instance will be very common.

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An implementation that conforms to the Protocol Approval Information Model - FIND SOP Class as an  
320 SCP shall state in its Conformance Statement:

- 322 • whether it supports Type 3 Return Key Attributes, and shall list these Optional Return Key Attributes.
- 324 • how it makes use of Specific Character Set (0008,0005) when interpreting queries, performing matching and encoding responses.
- 326 • any behaviors that involve not returning matching instances (e.g. not returning an older approval instance that has been superseded/overridden by a newer approval instance).

##### **BB.6.1.3.2.2 C-MOVE SCP Conformance**

328 An implementation that conforms to the Protocol Approval Information Model - MOVE SOP Class as an SCP shall support transfers against the Protocol Approval Information Model, using the C-MOVE SCP  
330 baseline behavior described for the Query/Retrieve Service Class (see Section C.4.2.3.1).

332 An implementation that conforms to the Protocol Approval Information Model - MOVE SOP Class as an SCP, which generates transfers using the C-MOVE operation, shall state in its Conformance Statement appropriate Storage Service Class, under which it shall support the C-STORE sub-operations generated  
334 by the C-MOVE.

##### **BB.6.1.3.2.3 C-GET SCP Conformance**

336 An implementation that conforms to the Protocol Approval Information Model - GET SOP Class as an SCP shall support retrievals against the Protocol Approval Information Model using the C-GET SCP baseline  
338 behavior described for the Query/Retrieve Service Class in Section C.4.3.3.

340 **BB.6.1.4 SOP Classes**

342 The SOP Classes of the Protocol Approval Query/Retrieve Service Class identify the Information Models,  
and the DIMSE-C operations supported.

**Table BB.6.1.4-1. Protocol Approval SOP Classes**

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SOP Class Name	SOP Class UID
Protocol Approval Information Model - FIND	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.X.1.4
Protocol Approval Information Model - MOVE	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.X.1.5
Protocol Approval Information Model - GET	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.X.1.6

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**Changes to NEMA Standards Publication PS 3.6**

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**Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM)**

**Part 6: Data Dictionary**

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**Add the following rows to Section 6**

<b>Tag</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Keyword</b>	<b>VR</b>	<b>VM</b>
(yym1,m1xa)	Approval Sequence		SQ	1
(30xx,50A0)	Assertion Code Sequence		SQ	1
(30xx,50A1)	Assertion UID		UI	1
(0070,00QQ)	Asserter Identification Sequence		SQ	1
(30xx,50A4)	Assertion DateTime		DT	1
(30xx,50A8)	Assertion Expiry DateTime		DT	1
(30xx,50AA)	Assertion Invalidation DateTime		DT	1
(30xx,50A6)	Assertion Comments		LT	1
(30xx,50AB)	Related Assertion Sequence		SQ	1
(30xx,50AC)	Referenced Assertion UID		UI	1
(30xx,50AD)	Approval Subject Sequence		SQ	1
(30xx,50AE)	Organizational Role Code Sequence		SQ	1

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**Add the following rows to Table A-1**

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**Table A-1  
UID Values**

<b>UID Value</b>	<b>UID Name</b>	<b>UID Type</b>	<b>Part</b>
...			
<b><u>1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.X.0.1</u></b>	<b><u>Protocol Approval Storage</u></b>	<b><u>SOP Class</u></b>	<b><u>PS 3.4</u></b>
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## Changes to NEMA Standards Publication PS 3.16

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#### Part 16: Content Mapping Resource

360 **CID newcid3 Protocol Assertion Codes**

362 **Context ID newcid3**  
**Protocol Assertion Codes**  
**Type : Extensible                      Version : 20yymmdd**

<b>Coding Scheme Designator</b>	<b>Code Value</b>	<b>Code Meaning</b>
DCM121	newcode001	Appropriate for the indications
DCM121	newcode001a	Inappropriate for the indications
DCM121	newcode002	Consistent with labelling of the device
DCM121	newcode002a	Inconsistent with labelling of the device
DCM121	newcode003	Approved for use at the institution
DCM121	newcode003a	Disapproved for use at the institution
DCM121	newcode004	Approved for use in the clinical trial
DCM121	newcode004a	Disapproved for use in the clinical trial
DCM121	newcode015	Approved for experimental use
DCM121	newcode015a	Disapproved for experimental use
DCM121	newcode016	Eligible for reimbursement
DCM121	newcode016b	Eligible for reimbursement on per patient basis
DCM121	newcode016a	Ineligible for reimbursement
DCM121	newcode008	Appropriate for the device
DCM121	newcode008a	Inappropriate for the device
DCM121	newcode009	Inside operational limits of the device
DCM121	newcode009a	Outside operational limits of the device
DCM121	newcode010	Optimized for the device instance
DCM121	newcode010a	Not optimized for the device instance
DCM121	newcode012	Disapproved for any use
DCM121	newcode017a	Approved for pregnant patients
DCM121	newcode017	Disapproved for pregnant patients

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<b>Modify CID 7452 as shown</b>
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366 **CID 7452 Organizational Roles**

**Type: Extensible**

368 **Version: 20141110yymmdd**

**Table CID 7452. Organizational Roles**

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<b>Coding Scheme Designator</b>	<b>Code Value</b>	<b>Code Meaning</b>	<b>SNOMED-CT Concept ID</b>	<b>UMLS Concept Unique ID</b>
SRT	J-0016E	Medical Practitioner	158965000	C1306754
SRT	J-004E8	Physician	309343006	C0031831
<b><u>DCM121</u></b>	<b><u>newcode070</u></b>	<b><u>Head of Radiology</u></b>		
<b><u>DCM121</u></b>	<b><u>newcode071</u></b>	<b><u>Chair of Protocol Committee</u></b>		
<b><u>DCM121</u></b>	<b><u>newcode076</u></b>	<b><u>Representative of Protocol Committee</u></b>		
<b><u>DCM121</u></b>	<b><u>newcode077</u></b>	<b><u>Representative of Ethics Committee</u></b>		
<b><u>DCM121</u></b>	<b><u>newcode072</u></b>	<b><u>Head of Radiology Section</u></b>		
<b><u>DCM121</u></b>	<b><u>newcode075</u></b>	<b><u>Head of Cardiology Section</u></b>		
<b><u>DCM121</u></b>	<b><u>newcode073</u></b>	<b><u>Administrator of Imaging Department</u></b>		
SRT	J-07100	Nurse	106292003	C0028661
SRT	J-00187	Radiologic Technologist	159016003	C0402007
<b><u>DCM121</u></b>	<b><u>newcode074</u></b>	<b><u>Lead Imaging Technologist</u></b>		
<b><u>SRT</u></b>	<b><u>J-06173</u></b>	<b><u>Radiation Therapist</u></b>	<b><u>3430008</u></b>	
SRT	J-00187	Radiographer	159016003	C0402007
UMLS	C1144859	Intern		C1144859
SRT	J-005E6	Resident	405277009	C1320928
SRT	J-00172	Registrar	158971006	C0401974
DCM	121088	Fellow		
SRT	J-005E8	Attending	405279007	C1320929
SRT	J-0050A	Consultant	309390008	C0586911
SRT	J-0714A	Scrub nurse	415506007	C1531952
SRT	J-00556	Surgeon	304292004	C0582175
DCM	121092	Sonologist		
UMLS	C1954848	Sonographer		C1954848
UMLS	C2985483	Radiation Physicist		C2985483
UMLS	C1708969	Medical Physicist		C1708969

Note

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1. The distinction between a "physician" and a "surgeon" and a "medical practitioner" is subject to regional variation. In the US, "physician" is often equated with "medical practitioner", and a "surgeon" is considered

374 to be a "physician". In the UK, a "surgeon" is a "medical practitioner" but is not a "physician". In SNOMED,  
 376 "physician" and "surgeon" are distinct siblings with no direct relationship, and both are children of "medical  
 practitioner". It is recommended that "medical practitioner" be used rather than "physician" when there is  
 uncertainty over whether the person is or is not a "surgeon".

378 2. There is no distinction between a "radiographer" and a "radiologic technologist", hence the same SNOMED  
 concept is used for both, and "radiologic technologist" is provided as a synonym for use in the US.

380 3. In the US, the medical practitioner not in training responsible for the care of a hospital patient is referred to  
 as an "attending". In the UK they are referred to as a "consultant". Though these two concepts are  
 382 essentially the same, they are separate concepts in SNOMED, which defines no explicit relationship  
 between them.

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**Add the following rows to Annex D**

386 **DICOM Code Definitions (Coding Scheme Designator "DCM" Coding Scheme Version "01")**

Code Value	Code Meaning	Definition	Notes
newcode001	Appropriate for the indications	The protocol is appropriate for the indications recorded in the protocol instance. AAOS defines an appropriate procedure as one for which the expected health benefits exceed the expected health risks by a wide margin.	
newcode001a	Inappropriate for the indications	The protocol is inappropriate for the indications recorded in the protocol instance. AAOS defines an appropriate procedure as one for which the expected health benefits exceed the expected health risks by a wide margin.	
Newcode002	Consistent with labelling of the device	The protocol is consistent with the regulatory product labelling of the device recorded in the protocol instance.	
Newcode002a	Inconsistent with labelling of the device	The protocol is inconsistent with the regulatory product labelling of the device recorded in the protocol instance.	
Newcode003	Approved for use at the institution	The protocol is approved for use at the institution recorded in the protocol instance.	
Newcode003a	Disapproved for use at the institution	The protocol is disapproved for use at the institution recorded in the approval instance.	
Newcode004	Approved for use in the clinical trial	The protocol is approved for use in the clinical trial recorded in the	

		protocol instance.	
Newcode004a	Disapproved for use in the clinical trial	The protocol is disapproved for use in the clinical trial recorded in the protocol instance.	
Newcode015	Approved for experimental use	The protocol is approved for use in experimental procedures.	
Newcode015a	Disapproved for experimental use	The protocol is disapproved for use in experimental procedures.	
Newcode016	Eligible for reimbursement	The protocol is understood to be eligible for reimbursement by a given payer.	
Newcode016b	Eligible for reimbursement on per patient basis	The protocol is understood to be eligible for reimbursement on a per patient basis by a given payer.	
Newcode016a	Ineligible for reimbursement	The protocol is understood to be ineligible for reimbursement by a given payer.	
Newcode008	Appropriate for the device	The protocol is appropriate for execution on the device recorded in the protocol instance (which may identify an individual device by serial number or may identify a family of devices). I.e. the protocol has incorporated model-specific parameters and optimizations as necessary.	
Newcode008a	Inappropriate for the device	The protocol is inappropriate for execution on the device recorded in the protocol instance (which may identify an individual device by serial number or may identify a family of devices).	
Newcode009	Inside operational limits of the device	The protocol specifies parameters that are within the operational limits of the device recorded in the protocol instance. I.e. execution of the protocol is not expected to damage or exceed the operational limits of the device.	
Newcode009a	Outside operational limits of the device	The protocol specifies parameters that are not within the operational limits of the device recorded in the protocol instance. I.e. execution of the protocol may damage or exceed the operational limits of the device.	
Newcode010	Optimized for the device instance	The protocol is optimized for the characteristics of the specific instance of the device recorded in	

		the protocol instance. I.e. the protocol has incorporated model-specific parameters and optimizations as necessary.	
Newcode010a	Not optimized for the device instance	The protocol is not optimized for the characteristics of the specific instance of the device recorded in the protocol instance.	
Newcode012	Disapproved for any use	The protocol is explicitly disapproved, or approval of the protocol has been withdrawn.	
Newcode017	Disapproved for pregnant patients	The protocol is explicitly disapproved for use on pregnant patients.	
Newcode017a	Approved for pregnant patients	The protocol is specifically approved for use on pregnant patients.	
Newcode070	Head of Radiology	The senior ranking radiologist in the organization	
newcode071	Chair of Protocol Committee	The chair of a committee tasked with reviewing and approving protocols in the organization.	
Newcode072	Head of Radiology Section	The senior ranking radiologist in a radiology section.	
Newcode073	Administrator of Imaging Department	The administrative head of a department which provides imaging services.	
Newcode074	Lead Imaging Technologist	The senior ranking imaging technologist in the organization.	
Newcode075	Head of Cardiology Section	The senior ranking cardiologist in a cardiology section.	
Newcode076	Representative of Protocol Committee	A representative of a committee tasked with reviewing and approving protocols in the organization.	
Newcode077	Representative of Ethics Committee	A representative of a committee tasked with evaluating medical ethics.	



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**Changes to NEMA Standards Publication PS 3.17**

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**Part 17: Explanatory Information**

**Add the following New Annex to Part 17 (WW is a placeholder)**

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**Annex WW Protocol Approval Examples and Concepts (Informative)**

The following example is provided to illustrate the usage of the Protocol Approval IOD.

396 This example shows approval of a pair of CT Protocols for routine adult head studies. It is approved by the  
398 Chief of Radiology and by the Physicist. The Instance UIDs of the two CT Protocols are 1.2.3.456.7.7 and  
1.2.3.456.7.8.

Note that the Institution Code Sequence (0008,0082) inside the Asserter Identification Sequences  
400 (0070,00QQ) communicates that Mercy Hospital is the organization to which Dr. Welby is responsible.  
402 The Institution Code Sequence (0008,0082) at the end of the first Approval Item communicates that Mercy  
Hospital is the institution for which the protocols are "Approved for use at the institution".

**Table WW-1a Approval by Chief Radiologist**

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<b>Attribute</b>	<b>Tag</b>	<b>Value</b>
Manufacturer	(0008,0070)	Acme Corp.
Manufacturer's Model Name	(0008,1090)	Primo Protocol Management Workstation Plus
Device Serial Number	(0018,1000)	A59848573
Software Versions	(0018,1020)	V2.3
SOP Class UID	(0008,0016)	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.X.0.1 ( <i>Protocol Approval</i> )
SOP Instance UID	(0008,0018)	1.33.9.876.1.1.1
Approval Subject Sequence	(30xx,50AD)	
<i>Item #1</i>		
>Referenced SOP Class UID	(0008,1150)	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.200.1 ( <i>CT Defined Procedure Protocol</i> )
>Referenced SOP Instance UID	(0008,1155)	1.2.3.456.7.7
<i>Item #2</i>		
>Referenced SOP Class UID	(0008,1150)	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.200.1 ( <i>CT Defined Procedure Protocol</i> )
>Referenced SOP Instance UID	(0008,1155)	1.2.3.456.7.8

Approval Sequence	(yym1,m1xa)	
<i>Item #1</i>		
>Assertion Code Sequence	(30xx,50A0)	(newcode003,DCM,"Approved for use at the institution")
>Assertion UID	(30xx,50A1)	1.2.33.9.876.5.5.5.5.21
>Asserter Identification Sequence	(0070,00QQ)	
>>Observer Type	(0040,A084)	PSN
>>Person Name	(0040,A123)	"Welby, Marcus"
>>Person Identification Code Sequence	(0040,1101)	(12345,NPI,"Marcus Welby, MD")
>>Organizational Role Code Sequence	(30xx,50AE)	(newcode070,DCM,"Head of Radiology")
>>Institution Name	(0008,0080)	Mercy Hospital, Centerville
>>Institution Code Sequence	(0008,0082)	(000011113,NPI,"Mercy Hospital, Centerville")
>Assertion DateTime	(30xx,50A4)	20150601145327
>Assertion Expiry DateTime	(30xx,50A8)	20200601000000 <i>(based on a 5 yearly review plan)</i>
>Institution Code Sequence	(0008,0082)	(000011113,NPI,"Mercy Hospital, Centerville")
<i>Item #2</i>		
>Assertion Code Sequence	(30xx,50A0)	(newcode017a,DCM,"Approved for pregnant patients")
>Assertion UID	(30xx,50A1)	1.2.33.9.876.5.5.5.5.22
>Asserter Identification Sequence	(0070,00QQ)	
>>Observer Type	(0040,A084)	PSN
>>Person Name	(0040,A123)	"Welby, Marcus"
>>Person Identification Code Sequence	(0040,1101)	(12345,NPI,"Marcus Welby, MD")
>>Organizational Role Code Sequence	(30xx,50AE)	(newcode070,DCM,"Head of Radiology")
>>Institution Name	(0008,0080)	Mercy Hospital, Centerville
>>Institution Code Sequence	(0008,0082)	(000011113,NPI,"Mercy Hospital, Centerville")
>Assertion DateTime	(30xx,50A4)	20150601145327
>Assertion Expiry DateTime	(30xx,50A8)	20200601000000 <i>(based on a 5 yearly review plan)</i>
>Assertion Comments	(30xx,50A6)	"Limited scan range and proper use of abdominal shielding result in negligible dose to the fetus."