

DICOM Correction Item

Correction Number	CP-229
Log Summary: Add Specimen Identification sections C.7.1.2.1 and C.7.1.2.2 to PS3.3	
Type of Modification	Name of Standard
Addition	PS 3.3-2000
Rationale for Correction	
The DX supplement introduced the Specimen Identification module. However, some explanatory text paragraphs were left out, although these existed in the Visible Light supplement.	
Sections of documents affected	
PS 3.3-2000	
Correction Wording:	

Item1: Modify Table number in section C.7.1.2

C.7.1.2-1 Specimen Module Attributes Table

Item2: Add sections C.7.1.2.1 and C.7.1.2.2

C.7.1.2.1 Specimen Module Attributes

C.7.1.2.1.1 Specimen Accession Number

Specimen Accession Number (0040,06CA) is the primary identifier of the Specimen.

Note: Specimen Accession Number (0040,050A) identifies tissue or fluid obtained from a Patient in a Specimen-harvest procedure. This Attribute was created to differentiate Accession Numbers, as used in Anatomic Pathology to identify specimens, from other uses of the term "Accession Number" in Information Systems. The Specimen Accession Number (0040,050A) is typically unique within the scope of the institution in which the Accession is performed. An Accession may contain multiple Specimens. Typically, an Accession contains the Specimens obtained in one Specimen-harvest procedure and submitted by one Requesting Physician. However, multiple Specimen-harvest procedures may be involved.

C.7.1.2.1.2 Specimen Identifier

Specimen Identifier (0040,050A) may be used to convey a slide number, a block number, or other secondary identifier of the Specimen.

Note: The Specimen Identifier (0040,0551) is typically unique within the scope of the institution in which the related Accession is performed. However, a value of Specimen Identifier (0040,0551) does not always exist. For example, it is common practice in some Anatomic Pathology departments to use a Specimen Identifier (0040,0551) to identify specimen-containers or blocks only if multiple containers or blocks are submitted for a single Accession. Therefore, Specimen Identifier (0040,0551) is modeled as a Type 2 Attribute.