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Open Issues

1	Q: How to get the proper contrast information for the Enhanced MR Images? Might get intermediate reports from the injector or should we just reference the contrast agent administration report.
2	Q: How should we handle Arterial Spin Labeling Contrast condition comment "may present otherwise"? Raise a CP to strike the "may present otherwise".

Closed Issues

1	Q: How we should proceed with Sup 164: Contrast Agent Administration Reporting? We can park it for now or come with a proposal on how to make the connection. The control points in the protocol are still needed.
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Scope and Field of Application

This Supplement defines a pair of storage SOP Classes to distribute defined MR protocols and to record performed MR protocols.

200 The two storage SOP Classes are:

- **MR Defined Procedure Protocol Storage** SOP Class that describes desired values (and/or value ranges) for various parameters of an acquisition procedure. Defined Protocols are independent of a specific patient. Defined Protocols are typically specific to a certain scanner model and/or version (identified by device attributes in the protocol), but model-non-specific protocols are not prohibited.
- **MR Performed Procedure Protocol Storage** SOP Class that describes the values actually used in a performed acquisition. Performed protocols are patient specific.

The SOP Classes address details including:

- patient preparation
- equipment characteristics [\(including coils\)](#)
- acquisition technique
- [reconstruction technique](#).

Defined Procedure Protocol instances exist in the equipment hierarchy and can be accessed with the Defined Procedure Protocol query/retrieve service.

215 Performed Procedure Protocol instances exist in the traditional Patient-Study-Series hierarchy and can be accessed with the conventional query/retrieve service.

The primary goal is to set up the MR scanner, not to script the entire behavior of the department, or the scan suite.

220 It is also not the intent to serialize the internal state of the system. The Defined Procedure Protocol represents the starting point for setting up an MR scan for a given patient and the Performed Procedure Protocol represents the actual parameters when the initial MR scan is completed, but there is no record of the intermediate states between those.

225 It is expected that the vast majority of protocol objects will be specific to a certain model and version of the MR scanner. There is no requirement that an MR scanner be able to run a protocol from another MR scanner.

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Part 2: Conformance

Add new SOP Classes in Table A.1-2

**Table A.1-2
UID VALUES**

UID Value	UID NAME	Category
...		
<u>1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.200.x</u>	<u>MR Defined Procedure Protocol Storage</u>	<u>Transfer</u>
<u>1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.200.v</u>	<u>MR Performed Procedure Protocol Storage</u>	<u>Transfer</u>

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Part 3: Information Object Definitions

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Add new IODs in Table A.1-9

IODs Modules	MR Performed Procedure Protocol	MR Defined Procedure Protocol
Patient	<u>M</u>	
Clinical Trial Subject	<u>U</u>	
General Study	<u>M</u>	
Patient Study	<u>U</u>	
Clinical Trial Study	<u>U</u>	
General Series	<u>M</u>	
Clinical Trial Series	<u>U</u>	
Enhanced Series	<u>M</u>	
MR Protocol Series	<u>M</u>	
Frame of Reference	<u>M</u>	
Synchronization	<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>
General Equipment	<u>M</u>	<u>M</u>
Enhanced General Equipment	<u>M</u>	<u>M</u>
SOP Common	<u>M</u>	<u>M</u>
Protocol Context	<u>M</u>	<u>M</u>
Clinical Trial Context		<u>U</u>
Patient Protocol Context	<u>U</u>	
Patient Specification		<u>U</u>
Equipment Specification	<u>↓</u>	<u>M_↓</u>
Instructions	<u>U</u>	<u>U</u>
<u>Patient Positioning</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>U</u>
<u>General Defined Acquisition</u>		<u>U</u>
Defined MR Acquisition		<u>U</u>
Performed MR Acquisition	<u>U</u>	
Defined MR Reconstruction		<u>U</u>
Performed MR Reconstruction	<u>U</u>	
Defined Storage		<u>U</u>
Performed Storage	<u>U</u>	

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A.82.X PROCEDURE PROTOCOL INFORMATION OBJECT DEFINITIONS

Procedure Protocol Information Object Definitions (IODs) encode the details of procedure protocols.

250 Separate IODs are defined for different types of Procedure Protocol, such as an MR image acquisition Procedure Protocol. An MR Performed Procedure Protocol IOD encodes the details of a procedure that has been performed, and an MR Defined Procedure Protocol IOD specifies details of a procedure that may be used for one or more Procedure Protocols to be performed in the future.

A.82.x.1 MR Performed Procedure Protocol Information Object Definition**A.82.x.1.1 MR Performed Procedure Protocol IOD Description**

255 The MR Performed Procedure Protocol IOD describes acquisition protocol parameter values used during a specific performed MR procedure.

A.82.x.1.2 MR Performed Procedure Protocol IOD Entity-Relationship Model

This IOD uses the E-R Model in Section A.1.2, with only the Procedure Protocol IE below the Series IE.

A.82.x.1.3 MR Performed Procedure Protocol IOD Module Table

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**Table A.82.x.1.3-1
MR Performed Procedure Protocol IOD MODULES**

IE	Module	Reference	Usage
Patient	Patient	C.7.1.1	M
	Clinical Trial Subject	C.7.1.3	U
Study	General Study	C.7.2.1	M
	Patient Study	C.7.2.2	U
	Clinical Trial Study	C.7.2.3	U
Series	General Series	C.7.3.1	M
	Clinical Trial Series	C.7.3.2	U
	Enhanced Series	C.7.3.3	M
	MR Protocol Series	C.34.x1	M
Frame of Reference	Frame of Reference	C.7.4.1	M
	Synchronization	C.7.4.2	C – Required if time synchronization was applied
Equipment	General Equipment	C.7.5.1	M
	Enhanced General Equipment	C.7.5.2	M
Procedure Protocol	SOP Common	C.12.1	M
	Protocol Context	C.34.2	M
	Patient Protocol Context	C.34.3	U
	Instructions	C.34.7	U
	Patient Positioning	C.34.8	U
	Performed MR Acquisition	C.34.x4	U

Performed MR Reconstruction	C.34.x5	U
Performed Storage	C.34.14	U

A.82.x.2 MR Defined Procedure Protocol Information Object Definition

A.82.x.2.1 MR Defined Procedure Protocol IOD Description

265 The MR Defined Procedure Protocol IOD describes acquisition protocol parameters and related details for a defined MR procedure.

See PS3.17 Annex AAAAX for explanatory information and examples.

A.82.x.2.2 MR Defined Procedure Protocol IOD Entity-Relationship Model

270 The Procedure Protocol in an MR Defined Procedure Protocol IOD is not associated with a specific patient, however it is associated with the equipment that created the instance.

The E-R model for the MR Defined Procedure Protocol IOD is shown in Figure A.82.2.2-1.

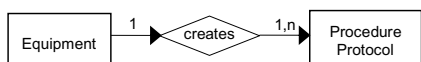


Figure A.82.x.2.2-1 MR DEFINED PROCEDURE PROTOCOL IOD E-R MODEL

A.82.x.2.3 MR Defined Procedure Protocol IOD Module Table

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**Table A.82.x.2.3-1
MR Defined Procedure Protocol IOD MODULES**

IE	Module	Reference	Usage
Frame of Reference	Synchronization	C.7.4.2	C – Required if time synchronization is needed
Equipment	General Equipment	C.7.5.1	M
	Enhanced General Equipment	C.7.5.2	M
Procedure Protocol	SOP Common	C.12.1	M
	Protocol Context	C.34.2	M
	Clinical Trial Context	C.34.4	U
	Patient Specification	C.34.5	U
	Equipment Specification	C.34.6	M
	Instructions	C.34.7	U
	Patient Positioning	C.34.8	U
	<u>General Defined Acquisition</u>	<u>C.34.9</u>	<u>U</u>
Defined MR Acquisition	C.34.x2	U	

Defined MR Reconstruction	C.34.x3	U
Defined Storage	C.34.13	U

A.82.x.2.3.1 MR Defined Procedure Protocol IOD Content Constraints

A.82.x.2.3.1.1 Equipment Modality Attribute

280 The value of Equipment Modality (0008,0221) shall be MR.

Note: An application can query for Protocols by matching on the modality-specific Defined Protocol SOP Class.

Modify C.7.3.1.1.1 to add MRPROTOCOL to the list of Modality Terms

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Defined Terms:

MRPROTOCOL **MR Protocol (Performed)**

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Add new protocol module sections

C.34 PROCEDURE PROTOCOL MODULES

This section describes modules specific to the family of Defined and Performed Procedure Protocol IODs.

295 **C.34.x1 MR Protocol Series**

The MR Protocol IODs use the General Series module described in Section C.7.3.1, specialized by the MR Protocol Series Module, to describe the DICOM Series Entity described in Section A.1.2.3, and to define what constitutes a Series for the context of a Protocol.

Table C.x1-1 specifies the Attributes that describe an MR Protocol series.

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Table C.x1-1. MR Protocol Series Module Attributes

Attribute Name	Tag	Type	Attribute Description
Modality	(0008,0060)	1	Type of data in this Series. Enumerated Values: MRPROTOCOL See Section C.7.3.1.1.1 for further explanation.

C.34.x2 Defined MR Acquisition

Table C.34.x2-1 contains a specification of acceptable values and ranges of acquisition parameters for an imaging procedure.

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**Table C.34.x2-1
DEFINED MR ACQUISITION MODULE ATTRIBUTES**

Attribute Name	Tag	Type	Attribute Description
Acquisition Protocol Element Specification Sequence	(0018,991F)	1	Specification of the acquisition parameters for acquisition protocol elements in an imaging procedure. There shall be one item in this sequence for each Acquisition Protocol Element in the Protocol. See C.34.9.1. One or more Items shall be included in this Sequence.
>Protocol Element Number	(0018,9921)	1	The Protocol Element Number of the Acquisition Protocol Element being specified in this item.
>Parameters Specification Sequence	(0018,9913)	3	Constraints on one or more acquisition parameters. One or more Items are permitted in this Sequence.
>>Include 'Attribute Value Constraint Macro' Table 10.25-1			Only Attributes defined in Table C.34.x4.1 (i.e. in the Acquisition Protocol Element Sequence (0018,9920) in the Performed MR Acquisition Module) and private Data Elements associated with this acquisition protocol element may be specified as Selector Attributes. The semantics of values of Constraint Violation Significance (0082,0036) in the macro are assigned in C.34.9.3. The same Attribute shall not appear in more than one item in the sequence with the same values for Selector Sequence Pointer (0072,0052) and Selector Sequence Pointer Items (0074,1057).
>>Modifiable Constraint Flag	(0082,0038)	1C	Specifies whether this constraint may be encoded in a derived instance with a different value. See C.34.9.4. Enumerated Values: YES – the constraint may be modified. NO – the constraint may not be modified. Required if the constraint may not be modified, may be present otherwise.

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<u>>Include 'Acquisition Step Sequence Attributes Macro' Table C.82.xx</u>		???	
<u>>Acquisition Step Sequence</u>	<u>(00yy.xx01)</u>	1	Contains the values for dimension related attributes to be used as step in the acquisition See section ... One or more Items shall be included in this Sequence.
<u>>>Number of Step Repetitions</u>	<u>(00yy.xx04)</u>	1	Number of times the Acquisition Step Attribute Sequence (00yy.xx02) items need to be repeated (for instance fMRI where each volume in the series is using the same settings or second pass after contrast administration).
<u>>>Pause Time</u>	<u>()</u>	3	Pause time between steps in seconds
<u>>>Acquisition Step Attribute Sequence</u>	<u>(00yy.xx02)</u>	1	Defines for the attributes to be used with the value to be used during the step in the acquisition.
<u>>>>Selector Attribute</u>	<u>(0072.0026)</u>	1	Data Element Tag of the Attribute that changes
<u>>>>Selector Attribute Private Creator</u>	<u>(0072.0056)</u>	1C	Identification of the creator of a group of Private Data Elements. Required if the Selector Attribute (0072.0026) value is the Data Element Tag of a Private Attribute. See Section 10.17.1.2.
<u>>>>Selector Attribute VR</u>	<u>(0072.0050)</u>	1	VR of the Selector Attribute (0072.0026).
<u>>>>Number of Step Repetition</u>	<u>(00yy.xx04)</u>	1C	Total times this acquisition step shall be performed. The value used in each successive step shall be the value of the previous step incremented by the increment value defined in the second item of the Attribute Value Sequence (00yy.xx03) Required if Attribute Value Sequence (00yy.xx03) has 2 items.
<u>>>>Pause Time</u>	<u>()</u>	2C	Pause time between repetitions. Required when Number of Step Repetitions (00yy.xx04) is greater than 1.
<u>>>>Pause Time after Step</u>	<u>()</u>	3	Pause time before next step can start.

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<p>>>>Attribute Value Sequence</p>	<p>(00yy.xx03)</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Defines the VR and the actual value for the attribute to be used during the step in the acquisition.</p> <p>One, two or three Items shall be included in this Sequence.</p> <p>First item is containing the value to be used as first acquisition value.</p> <p>Second item if present defines the increment of the value for every next acquisition step, required if Number of Repetitions (00yy.xx04) is present or if the end value is defined as third item in this sequence.</p> <p>Third item if present defines the value of the last acquisition step. Shall not be present if Number of Repetitions (00yy.xx04) is present</p>
<p>>>>>Include Table 10.26-1 "Attribute Value Macro Attributes"</p>			<p>Actual value for the dimension attribute as described above. The Selector Attribute VR (0072,0050) is defined in the item containing this sequence.</p>

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310 C.34.x2.1 Acquisition Protocol Elements

An MR Protocol usually includes more than one Acquisition Protocol Elements. The example below illustrates the localizer and a neuro element of a protocol definition.

Table C.34.x2.1-1. Example Usage of Selector Macro Attributes for Acquisition Constraints

Example	Selector Attribute (0072,0026)	Selector Value Number (0072,0028)	Selector Sequence Pointer (0072,0052)	Selector Sequence Pointer Items (0074,1057)	Example Constraint
Constrain the value of Protocol Element Name (0018,9922) of the first item in the Acquisition Protocol Element Sequence (0018,9920)	(0018,9922)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL "Localizer"
Constrain the value of the Pulse Sequence Name (0018,9005) of the first item in the Acquisition Protocol Element Sequence (0018,9920)	(0018,9005)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL "loc2d"
Constrain the value of the MR Acquisition Type (0018,0023) of the first item in the Acquisition Protocol Element Sequence (0018,9920)	(0018,0023)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL "2D"

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Example	Selector Attribute (0072,0026)	Selector Value Number (0072,0028)	Selector Sequence Pointer (0072,0052)	Selector Sequence Pointer Items (0074,1057)	Example Constraint
Constrain the value of the Echo Pulse Sequence (0018,9008) of the first item in the Acquisition Protocol Element Sequence (0018,9920)	(0018,9008)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL "GRADIENT"
...
Constrain the value of Element Name (0018,9922) of the second item in the Acquisition Protocol Element Sequence (0018,9920)	(0018,9922)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL "NeuroBold"
Constrain the value of the Pulse Sequence Name (0018,9005) of the first item in the Acquisition Protocol Element Sequence (0018,9920)	(0018,9005)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL "bold3d"
Constrain the value of the MR Acquisition Type (0018,0023) of the second item in the Acquisition Protocol Element Sequence (0018,9920)	(0018,0023)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL "3D"
Constrain the value of the Echo Pulse Sequence (0018,9008) of the second item in the Acquisition Protocol Element Sequence (0018,9920)	(0018,9008)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL "GRADIENT"
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C.34.x3 Defined MR Reconstruction

Table C.34.x.4-1 contains specification of acceptable values and ranges of reconstruction parameters for an imaging procedure.

**Table C.34.x3-1
DEFINED MR RECONSTRUCTION MODULE ATTRIBUTES**

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Attribute Name	Tag	Type	Attribute Description
Reconstruction Protocol Element Specification Sequence	(0018,9933)	1	Specification of the parameters for reconstruction of the acquired data of an imaging procedure. There shall be one item in this sequence for each reconstruction protocol element in the Protocol. See C.34.11.1. One or more Items shall be included in this Sequence.

>Protocol Element Number	(0018,9921)	1	The Protocol Element Number of the Reconstruction Protocol Element being specified in this item.
>Parameters Specification Sequence	(0018,9913)	3	Constraints on reconstruction parameters. One or more Items are permitted in this Sequence.
>>Include 'Attribute Value Constraint Macro' Table 10.25-1			Only Attributes defined in Table C.34.x.5-1 (i.e. in the Reconstruction Protocol Element Sequence (0018,9934) in the Performed MR Reconstruction Module) and private Data Elements associated with this reconstruction protocol element may be specified as Selector Attributes. The semantics of values of Constraint Violation Significance (0082,0036) in the macro are assigned in C.34.9.3. The same Attribute shall not appear in more than one item in the sequence with the same values for Selector Sequence Pointer (0072,0052) and Selector Sequence Pointer Items (0074,1057).
>>Modifiable Constraint Flag	(0082,0038)	1C	Whether this constraint may be encoded in a derived instance with a different value. See C.34.9.4. Required if the constraint may not be modified, may be present otherwise. Enumerated Values: YES – the constraint may be modified. NO – the constraint may not be modified.

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C.34.x4 Performed MR Acquisition

This Module contains acquisition parameter values for a performed MR imaging procedure. The purpose of this module is to record all relevant parameters, not just to record the values that were constrained in the executed Defined Protocol.

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The Module contains attributes to perform [MR imaging and/or spectroscopy procedures](#).

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**Table C.34.x4-1
PERFORMED MR ACQUISITION MODULE ATTRIBUTES**

Attribute Name	Tag	Type	Attribute Description
Acquisition Protocol Element Sequence	(0018,9920)	2	Parameter values for each Protocol Element in the acquisition protocol. Each item in the sequence describes one Element. Elements

		are performed in the order of their Protocol Element Number (0018,9921). See C.34.9.1. Zero or more Items shall be included in this Sequence.
>Include 'Protocol Element Identification Macro' Table 10.28-1		
>Included 'Enhanced Contrast/Bolus Module' Table C.7-12b		Attributes that describe the contrast/bolus used for the acquisition of Enhanced MR Images and MR Spectroscopy Objects
>Included 'MR Pulse Sequence Module' Table C.8-87		Attributes that describe the pulse sequences for Enhanced MR Images
>Included 'Enhanced MR Image Functional Group Macros' Table A.36-2		Attributes that describe the Functional Group Macros for Enhanced MR Images
>>Include 'Pixel Measures' Section C.7.6.16.2.1	M	
>>Include 'Frame Anatomy' Section C.7.6.16.2.8	U	
>>Include 'MR Timing and Related Parameters' Section C.8.13.5.2	U	
>>Include 'MR FOV/Geometry' Section C.8.13.5.3	U	
>>Include 'MR Echo' Section C.8.13.5.4	U	
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>>Include 'MR Imaging Modifier' Section C.8.13.5.6	U	
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>>Include 'MR Transmit Coil' Section C.8.13.5.8	U	
>>Include 'MR Diffusion' Section C.8.13.5.9	U	
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>>Include 'MR Spatial Saturation' Section C.8.13.5.11	U	
>>Include 'MR Metabolite Map' Section C.8.13.5.12	U	
>>Include 'MR Velocity Encoding' Section C.8.13.5.13	U	
>>Include 'MR Arterial Spin Labeling' Section C.8.13.5.14	U	
>>Include 'New Functional MR Module' Table C.34.x6-1	U	
>Include 'MR Spectroscopy Module' Table C.8-102	U	Attributes that describe MR Spectroscopy Objects
>Include 'MR Spectroscopy Pulse Sequence Module' Table C.8-103	U	Attributes that describe MR Spectroscopy Objects
>Include 'MR Spectroscopy Functional Group Macros' Table A.36-4		Attributes that describe the Functional Group Macros for MR Spectroscopy Objects
>>Include 'MR Spectroscopy FOV/Geometry' Section C.8.14.3.2	U	

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C.34.x5 Performed MR Reconstruction

This Module contains reconstruction parameter values for a performed MR imaging procedure.

340 This Module contains Attributes that affect machine behavior but not those that are merely descriptive. The latter may be found in the performed images.

**Table C.34.x5-1
PERFORMED MR RECONSTRUCTION MODULE ATTRIBUTES**

Attribute Name	Tag	Type	Attribute Description
Reconstruction Protocol Element Sequence	(0018,9934)	1	Parameter values for each reconstruction protocol element in the Protocol. Elements are performed in the order of their Protocol Element Number (0018,9921). One or more Items shall be included in this Sequence.
<i>>Include Protocol Element Identification Macro Table 10.28-1</i>			

C.34.x6 New Functional MR Module

345 This Module contains acquisition parameter values for a performed MR functional imaging procedure on a MR scanner.

**Table C.34.x6-1
FUNCTIONAL MR MODULE ATTRIBUTES**

Attribute Name	Tag	Type	Attribute Description
Number of Settling Phases	(0018,xxxx)	1	Identifies Number of Settling Phases defined for Functional MR experiment.

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Part 4: Service Class Specifications

355 **Add SOP Classes to Table B.5-1**

B.5 STANDARD SOP CLASSES

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**Table B.5-1
Standard SOP Classes**

SOP Class Name	SOP Class UID	IOD Specification (defined in PS 3.3)
...		
MR Performed Procedure Protocol Storage	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.200.v	MR Performed Procedure Protocol IOD
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360 **Add new section to describe SCP requirements for MR Performed Procedure Protocol Storage**

B.5.x MR Performed Procedure Protocol Storage SOP Class

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The MR Performed Procedure Protocol Storage SOP Class encodes the acquisition protocol parameter values used during a specific performed MR procedure and related details.

365 For a device that is both a SCU and a SCP of the MR Performed Procedure Protocol Storage SOP Class, in addition to the behavior for the Storage Service Class specified in Section B.2.2, the following additional requirements are specified for MR Performed Procedure Protocol Storage SOP Classes:

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

Note: This requirement means that all Type 1, Type 2, and Type 3 Attributes defined in the Information Object Definition and Private Attributes associated with the SOP Class will be stored and may be accessed.

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Add Defined Protocol SOP to GG.3

GG.3 SOP Classes

380 The application-level services addressed by the Non-Patient Object Storage Service Class definition are specified in the SOP Classes specified in Table GG.3-1.

Table GG.3-1. Standard SOP Classes

SOP Class Name	SOP Class UID	IOD Specification (defined in PS3.3)
<u>MR Defined Procedure Protocol Storage</u>	<u>1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.200.x</u>	<u>MR Defined Procedure Protocol IOD</u>

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Add GG.6.4 with SOP-specific details

GG.6.4 MR Defined Procedure Protocol Storage SOP Class

385 An implementation that conforms to the MR Defined Procedure Protocol Storage SOP Class as an SCP shall not modify constraints for which the value of the Modifiable Constraint Flag (0082,0038) is NO.

Modifying protocol constraints changes the semantics of a MR Defined Procedure Protocol Storage SOP Instance.

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Part 6: Data Dictionary

395 **Add the following rows to Section 6**

Tag	Name	Keyword	VR	VM
(0018,xxxx)	Number of Settling Phases	NumberOfSettlingPhases	IS	1

Add the following rows to Table A-1

**Table A-1
UID Values**

UID Value	UID Name	UID Type	Part
...			
<u>1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.200.x</u>	<u>MR Defined Procedure Protocol Storage</u>	<u>SOP Class</u>	<u>PS 3.4</u>
<u>1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.200.y</u>	<u>MR Performed Procedure Protocol Storage</u>	<u>SOP Class</u>	<u>PS 3.4</u>
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Part 16: Content Mapping Resource

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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 PS3.17

Annex AAAAX Procedure Protocol Storage Examples and Concepts (Informative)

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415 The following examples are provided to illustrate the usage of the MR Defined and Performed Procedure Protocol IODs. They do NOT represent recommended MR scanning practice.

AAAAX.1 PROCEDURE PROTOCOL STORAGE CONCEPTS

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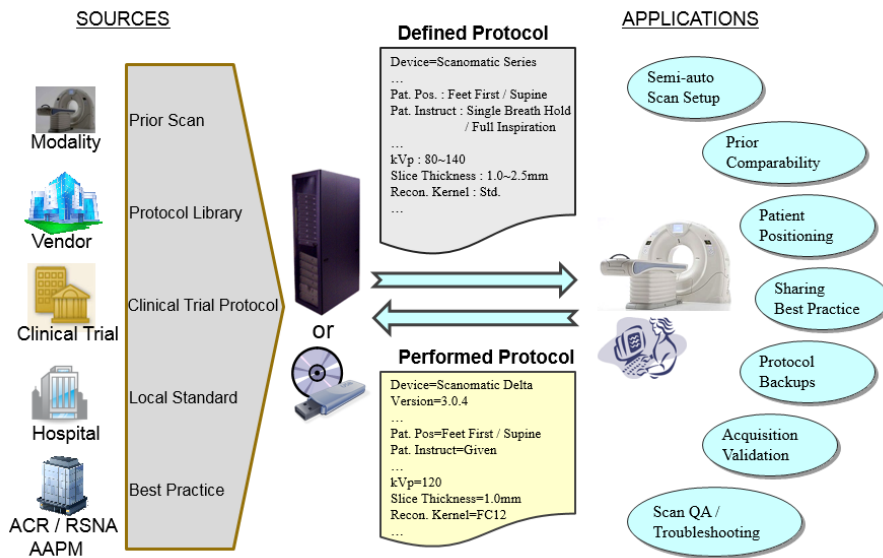
AAAAX.1.1 Use Cases

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420 The primary applications (use cases) considered during the development of the MR Procedure Protocol Storage IODs were the following:

- Managing protocols within a site for consistency (Using Defined Protocols)
Recording protocol details for a performed study so the same or similar values can be used when performing follow-up or repeat studies (Using Performed Protocols)
Vendor troubleshooting image quality issues that may be due to poor protocol/technique (Using Performed Protocols, Defined Protocols)
Distributing departmental, "best practice" or reference protocols to modality systems (Using Defined Protocols)
Backing up protocols from a modality to PACS or removable media (e.g., during system upgrades or replacement). Most vendors have a proprietary method for doing this which would essentially become redundant when Protocol Management is implemented. (Using Defined Protocols)
Making more detailed protocol information available to rendering or processing applications that would allow them to select processing that corresponds to the acquisition protocol, to select parameters appropriate to the acquisition characteristics, and to select the right series to process/display. (Using Performed Protocols)
Improving imaging consistency in terms of repeatable technique, performance, quality and image characteristics. Would benefit from associated image quality metrics and other physics work. (Using Defined Protocols and Performed Protocols)

- 445 • Distributing clinical trial protocols (general purpose or MR scanner model specific) to participating sites
(Using Defined Protocols)
- Recording protocol details for a performed study to submit with clinical trial images for technique validation
450 (Using Performed Protocols)
- Tracking/extracting details of Performed Protocol such as timestamps, execution sequence and technique for QA, data mining, etc.
(Using Performed Protocols)
- 455 • Making more detailed protocol information available to radiologists reviewing a study and priors, or comparing similar studies of different patients.
(Using Performed Protocols)



AAAAX.1.2 Workflow

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460 Usually the MR scanner uses any protocol details in the Modality Worklist item to present to the technologist a list of matching Defined Protocols for this MR scanner and the requested acquisition.

Preparing and performing Defined Protocols

Radiologist at the RIS:

- Selects a imaging procedure for the Modality Worklist request
 - Adds notes for the technologist to the appropriate Modality Worklist entry (e.g., "Use Defined Protocol X; Decrease parameter Y...")
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Technologist at the Modality:

- Selects the requested imaging procedure of the Modality Worklist
- 470 • Reads the tech notes in the Modality Worklist entry
- Selects the identified Defined Protocol and adjusts the parameter or modifies the protocol
- Performs acquisition procedure
- Optionally reviews the Performed Protocols
- Sends the study which includes the MR Protocol Series to the PACS system.

475 **AAAAX,2 FMRI PROTOCOL**

The examples in this Annex are intended to illustrate the encoding mechanisms of the DICOM MR Protocol Storage IODs, not to suggest particular values for clinical use. Further, this example do not contain the many detailed attributes one would expect from a fully executable defined protocol generated by an MR scanner, but it demonstrates the usage of many common attributes.

480 This section includes a Defined Protocol example of a fMRI protocol for several different scanner models. The protocol is presented as adjusted by a fictitious Mercy Hospital from a reference protocol referenced in the Predecessor Protocol Sequence.

AAAAX,2.1 Common Context

485 Table AAXX,2-1 is basically the same for each MR scanner model. Table AAXX,2-2 is specific for each MR scanner model.

Table AAXX,2-1 fMRI - Context

Attribute	Tag	Value
Equipment Modality	(0008,0221)	MR
Custodial Organization Sequence	(0040,A07C)	
>Institution Name	(0008,0800)	Mercy Hospital
>Institution Code Sequence	(0008,0082)	
Responsible Group Code Sequence	(0008,0220)	(C2183225,UMLS, "Neuroradiology")
Protocol Name	(0018,1030)	2d_bold
Potential Scheduled Protocol Code Sequence	(0018,9906)	(24590-2, LN, "Brain MRI") ...
Potential Reasons for Procedure	(0018,9908)	Acute neurologic deficits\ Headache\ Suspected mass or tumor
Potential Diagnostic Tasks	(0018,990A)	Identify brain masses\ Detect brain edema or ischemia\ Identify shift in the normal locations of the brain structures
Predecessor Protocol Sequence	(0018,990E)	

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Referenced SOP Class UID	(0008,1150)	1.2.840.10008.5.1.4.1.1.200.x
Referenced SOP Instance UID	(0008,1155)	9.8.7.6.5.12345.2
Content Creator's Name	(0070,0084)	Braindoc^Barry^^MD
Protocol Design Rationale	(0018,9910)	This protocol example demonstrates the usage of many common attributes.
Protocol Planning Information	(0018,990F)	Contrast use as indicated by radiologist
Instance Creation Date	(0008,0012)	20180718
Instance Creation Time	(0008,0013)	124200
Instruction Sequence	(0018,9914)	
>Instruction Index	(0018,9915)	1
>Instruction Text	(0018,9916)	"Contrast, if directed. See Instruction Description."
>Instruction Description	(0018,9917)	"Some indications require injection of intravenous or intrathecal contrast media during imaging of the brain. Intravenous contrast administration should be performed as directed by the supervising radiologist using appropriate injection protocols. A typical amount would be 100 cc at 300 mg/cc strength, injected at 1 cc/sec. A delay of 4 minutes between contrast injection and the start of scanning is typical."

495 **AAAAX.2.2 MR Scantech Industries**

The first part of this example is shown above in Table [AAAAX.2-1](#).

Table [AAAAX.2-2](#) fMRI BOLD – Acquisition

Attribute	Tag	Value
Model Specification Sequence	(0018,9912)	
>Manufacturer	(0008,0070)	MR Scantech
>Manufacturer's Related Model Group	(0008,0222)	MR Scanomatic
>Software Versions	(0018,1020)	VMR33
Patient Specification Sequence	(0018,9911)	
<i>>See Table AAAAX.2-2a Patient Specification</i>		
Acquisition Protocol Element Specification Sequence	(0018,991F)	
>Protocol Element Number	(0018,9921)	1
>Parameters Specification Sequence	(0018,9913)	
<i>>>See Table AAAAX.2-2b First Acquisition Protocol Element Specification - Localizer</i>		
>Protocol Element Number	(0018,9921)	2

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>Parameters Specification Sequence	(0018,9913)	
<i>>>See Table AAAAX.2-2c Second Acquisition Protocol Element Specification - fMRI</i>		
Private Data Element Characteristics Sequence	(0008,0300)	
>Private Group Reference	(0008,0301)	0x0021
>Private Creator Reference	(0008,0302)	"SCANTECH PRIVATE MR ELEMENTS"
>Private Data Element Definition Sequence	(0008,0310)	
>>Private Data Element	(0008,0308)	xx33
>>Private Data Element Value Multiplicity	(0008,0309)	1
>>Private Data Element Value Representation	(0008,030A)	IS
>>Private Data Element Keyword	(0008,030D)	fMRI Stimulus Info
>>Private Data Element Name	(0008,030C)	fMRI Stimulus Info
>>Private Data Element Description	(0008,030E)	Stimulus info about the assigned paradigm
>Block Identifying Information Status	(0008,0303)	SAFE

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505 The following tables reflect the semantic contents of constraint sequences but not the actual structure of the IOD. The centered rows in italics clarify the context of the constrained attributes that follow by indicating which sequence in the performed module contains the constrained attribute (as specified in the Selector Sequence Pointer).

Table [AAAAX.2-2a Patient Specification](#)

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Attribute	Selector Attribute	Selector Value Number	Selector Sequence Pointer	Selector Sequence Pointer Items	Constraint Type	Constraint Value
Patient's Age	(0010,1010)	1	absent	absent	GREATER_THAN	"12Y"

510 Table [AAAAX.2-2b First Acquisition Protocol Element Specification - Localizer](#)

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Attribute	Selector Attribute	Selector Value Number	Selector Sequence Pointer	Selector Sequence Pointer Items	Constraint Type	Constraint Value
<i>Acquisition Protocol Element Sequence (0018,9920)</i>						
Protocol Element Name	(0018,9922)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	Localizer
Pulse Sequence Name	(0018,9005)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	locpulse2d
MR Acquisition Type	(0018,0023)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	2D
Echo Pulse Sequence	(0018,9008)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	GRADIENT
Multiple Spin Echo	(0018,9011)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	NO
Multi-planar Excitation	(0018,9012)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	NO

Phase Contrast	(0018,9014)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	NO
Time of Flight Contrast	(0018,9015)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	NO
Steady State Pulse Sequence	(0018,9017)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	NONE
Echo Planar Pulse Sequence	(0018,9018)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	NO
Saturation Recovery	(0018,9024)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	YES
Spectrally Selected Suppression	(0018,9025)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	NONE
Oversampling Phase	(0018,9029)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	NONE
Geometry of k-Space Traversal	(0018,9032)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	RECTILINEAR
Rectilinear Phase Encode Reordering	(0018,9034)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	LINEAR
Segmented k-Space Traversal	(0018,9033)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	SINGLE
Number of k-Space Trajectories	(0018,9093)	1	(0018,9920)	1	EQUAL	1

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Table AAAAX.2-2c Second Acquisition Protocol Element Specification - fMRI

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Attribute	Selector Attribute	Selector Value Number	Selector Sequence Pointer	Selector Sequence Pointer Items	Constraint Type	Constraint Value
<i>Acquisition Protocol Element Sequence (0018,9920)</i>						
Protocol Element Name	(0018,9922)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	fMRI
Number of Settling Phases	(0018,xxxx)	1	(0028,9920)	2	EQUAL	5
Pulse Sequence Name	(0018,9005)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	fmri2d
MR Acquisition Type	(0018,0023)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	2D
Echo Pulse Sequence	(0018,9008)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	GRADIENT
Multiple Spin Echo	(0018,9011)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	NO
Multi-planar Excitation	(0018,9012)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	NO
Phase Contrast	(0018,9014)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	NO
Time of Flight Contrast	(0018,9015)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	NO
Steady State Pulse Sequence	(0018,9017)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	NONE

Echo Planar Pulse Sequence	(0018,9018)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	YES
Saturation Recovery	(0018,9024)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	YES
Spectrally Selected Suppression	(0018,9025)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	NONE
Oversampling Phase	(0018,9029)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	NONE
Geometry of k-Space Traversal	(0018,9032)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	RECTILINEAR
Rectilinear Phase Encode Reordering	(0018,9034)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	LINEAR
Segmented k-Space Traversal	(0018,9033)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	SINGLE
Number of k-Space Trajectories	(0018,9093)	1	(0018,9920)	2	EQUAL	1

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