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Introduction

Modern healthcare is rapidly advancing and relying on electronic communications. Many countries already have or are in the process of developing electronic systems to contain and distribute personal data regarding healthcare, among which is exchange of electronic prescriptions. Therefore, it becomes increasingly important to set up International Standards that in the end will facilitate safe and reliable dispensing and administration of the prescribed product to the patient. Also, since international travelling has become integrated into daily life, it is important that electronic communications regarding prescriptions can somehow be synchronized between prescribers and dispensers in different jurisdictions.

The most important question regarding electronic prescriptions is which information is required to accompany the electronic prescription in order to have exactly the intended medicine dispensed to the patient, including all relevant information with regard to its correct and safe use. This International Standard provides the basic set of information requirements to support electronic prescription.

While the organization of healthcare is national, the development and production of medicinal products on the other hand is truly international. The market authorization is strictly legislated in jurisdictional specific directives and laws. Part of this legislation regulates prescribing and dispensing of medicinal products. Information systems in healthcare must be designed so that end-users comply with this legislation (preferably without needing to pay too much attention). An International Standard on electronic prescriptions may support the implementation of (international) legislation on medicinal products in health informatics. For instance, the definition of the term “electronic prescription” has to comply with that of national legislations and multinational directives.

The prescription written on paper has a deeply rooted cultural history for both healthcare professionals and patients. Using an electronic prescription instead of paper is a change that must be guided to ensure society’s trust in healthcare professionals. Requirements for the processing of electronic prescriptions can fulfil this need. An example of use in practice of this specification is the following: a general practitioner prescribes a medicinal product for a patient with the aid of an information system and sends the electronic prescription to the local pharmacy where the patient picks up the medication a short while thereafter.

The benefit of an International Standard on the requirements of an electronic prescription is that it can serve as a starting point and reference for all kinds of records and messages related to electronic prescriptions, facilitating the communication between stakeholders and information systems.

The intended audience for this International Standard is made up of the developers of standards and information systems, so that in using their products, end-users (healthcare professionals) comply with legislation, regulations and expectations of society relating to the prescribing and dispensing of medicinal products. Specifically, this International Standard provides a basis for a common understanding of the data elements contained in an electronic prescription across legislations.

Health informatics — Requirements for electronic prescriptions

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the requirements that apply to electronic prescriptions. It describes generic principles that are considered important for all electronic prescriptions.

The scope of this International Standard is constrained to the content of the electronic prescription itself, the digital document which is issued by a prescribing healthcare professional and received by a dispensing healthcare professional. The prescribed medicinal product is to be dispensed through an authorized healthcare professional with the aim of being administered to a human patient. Other messages, roles and scenarios (e.g. validation of a prescription, administration, medication charts, EHR of the patient, reimbursement of care and dispensed products) are out of scope of this International Standard, because they are more or less country or region specific, due to differences in culture and in legislation of healthcare. However, requirements and content of electronic prescriptions within the context of jurisdictions have a relationship with these scenarios. The way in which electronic prescriptions are made available or exchanged also fall outside the scope of this International Standard.

This International Standard is applicable to electronic prescriptions of medicinal products. Although other kinds of products (e.g. medical devices, wound care products) can be ordered by means of an electronic prescription, the requirements in this International Standard are aimed at medicinal products that have a market authorization and at pharmaceutical preparations which are compounded in a pharmacy. An electronic prescription is an information object that authorizes a healthcare professional to legally dispense a medicinal product.

This International Standard specifies a list of data elements that can be considered as essential for electronic prescriptions, depending on jurisdiction or clinical setting (primary healthcare, hospital, etc.).

2 Normative references

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ISO 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats — Information interchange — Representation of dates and times*

ISO 11238, *Health informatics — Identification of medicinal products — Data elements and structures for the unique identification and exchange of regulated information on substances*

ISO 11239, *Health informatics — Identification of medicinal products — Data elements and structures for the unique identification and exchange of regulated information on pharmaceutical dose forms, units of presentation, routes of administration and packaging*

ISO 11240, *Health informatics — Identification of medicinal products — Data elements and structures for the unique identification and exchange of units of measurement*

ISO 11615, *Health informatics — Identification of medicinal products — Data elements and structures for the unique identification and exchange of regulated medicinal product information*

ISO 11616, *Health informatics — Identification of medicinal products — Data elements and structures for the unique identification and exchange of regulated pharmaceutical product information*