

# Ensuring information security for the electronic patient diary smart medication™ by applying an Information Security Management System (ISMS) based on the international standards ISO/IEC 27001 and ISO/IEC 27799

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**Background:**

Cybercrime and cyberattacks increasingly threaten information security, data privacy and data security of medical apps and medical app platforms. The series of ISO/IEC 27001 and its supplement ISO/IEC 27799 for health IT-systems are broad in scope and cover more than just privacy, confidentiality and technical and cybersecurity issues. They are applicable to organizations of all shapes and sizes, assess information risks and treat them according to their needs.

**Methods:**

ISO/IEC 27001 and ISO/IEC 27799 provide general IT security controls as well as health specific controls together with implementation guidances. In total 14 areas, i.e. „Information security policies“, „Access control“ or „Cryptography“ are addressed. The security controls and recommendations of the ISO standards have been analyzed and implemented to the smart medication platform to ensure a maximum of data security and data privacy for patients and HCPs.

FIG. 1 STRUCTURE OF IT SECURITY CONTROLS IN ISO/IEC 27001/27002 AND 27799

Control Structure ISO/IEC 27002 & 27799
5. Information security policies
6. Organization of information security
7. Human resource security
8. Asset management
9. Access control
10. Cryptography
11. Physical and environmental security
12. Operations security
13. Communications security
14. System acquisition, development and maintenance
15. Supplier relationships
16. Information security incident management
17. Information security aspects of business continuity
18. Compliance

FIG. 1 DETAILED STRUCTURE, OBJECTIVE AND HEALTH SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES FOR CONTROL “USER REGISTRATION AND DE-REGISTRATION”

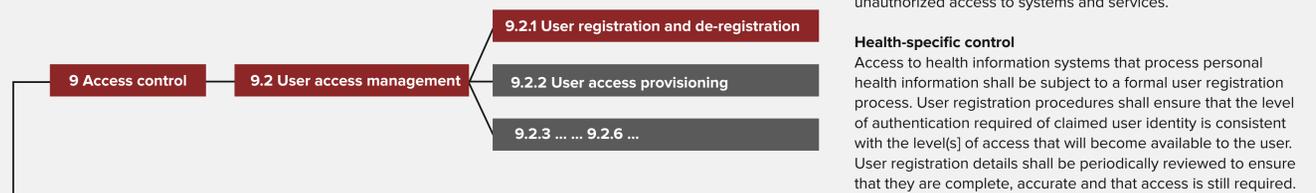


FIG. 1 DETAILED STRUCTURE, OBJECTIVE AND HEALTH SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES FOR CONTROL “POLICY ON THE USE OF CRYPTOGRAPHIC CONTROLS”



FIG. 1 APPLICATION OF CONTROL 10.1.1 POLICY ON THE USE OF CRYPTOGRAPHIC AND 9.2.1 USER REGISTRATION AND DE-REGISTRATION IN SMART MEDICATION™

- Proper and effective use of Access Control and Cryptography within smart medication™ :**
- end-to-end encryption of communication btw. patient and doctor
  - pseudonymization of patient id (no use of name, address, etc.)
  - no app distribution via commercial app stores (due to HTML5 app provisioning)
  - maximum protection of users privacy (no data to be disclosed to any third party!)

The image shows a 3D character with a syringe, a smartphone displaying the smart medication app interface, an HTML5 logo, an Internet cloud, a green eCure logo with a mouse cursor pointing to a URL, a screenshot of the app's substitution calendar, and a 3D character with a pill. The app interface includes a header with the smart medication logo and a main content area with a table of medication data and a line graph showing trends over time.

**Results:**

It is shown how security controls and principles defined in the ISO/IEC 27001 and 27799 series are applied to the smart medication™ platform and how patients with hemophilia using this platform benefit from IT security measures. Furthermore, it is demonstrated how a PDCA (Plan-Do-Check-Act) iterative cycle ensures to keep up with constantly changing threats in cybercrime.

**Conclusion:**

The international standards for information security management based on ISO/IEC 27001 provide best practice recommendations on information security management. Platforms like smart medication™ for treatment of patients with hemophilia benefit greatly when best practices of these standards are applied.