

Dental Standards Institute Introduces ANSI/DSI EEDRA1.1 Revolutionizing Patient Access to Electronic Dental Records

Electronic Dental Record access is finally made equitable and possible through standardized Transferable Holistic Oral Records (THOR) designed to elevate dental care.

Minnetonka, Minnesota Dec 9, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Dental Standards Institute (DSI) is proud to announce the release of its latest American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard, DSI EEDRA 1.1 *Equitable Electronic Dental Record Access Through Transferable Holistic Oral Records (THOR) for Dental Patients*. THOR is a groundbreaking Standard that establishes workflows to empower dental patients with seamless access, secure storage, and effortless permissioning of their electronic Personal Dental Information (ePDI) stored in Electronic Dental Records (EDRs).

For far too long, patients have faced insurmountable challenges in accessing their dental records. In many cases, navigating the technical and procedural barriers to view or transfer ePDI has been essentially impossible, leaving patients disenfranchised and healthcare providers hamstrung. These artificial technical obstacles have hindered critical care delivery and access to care, preventing both dental and medical professionals from obtaining the comprehensive patient information necessary for adequate treatment.

"The lack of patient access to information that they legally own that is stored in dental software applications is one of the biggest, if not the single biggest, barrier to increasing access and elevating patient care in dentistry," said Dr. Bryan Laskin, CEO of DSI. "It not only undermines the patient's right to their own information but also creates a significant barrier to coordinated care and innovation in dentistry. Whether you're moving to a new dentist, being referred to a dental specialist, seeking a second opinion, or needing dental records for integrated medical treatment, the process to access this information legally and morally is needlessly complex. ANSI/DSI EEDRA 1.1, commonly known as THOR, addresses this challenge head-on."

THOR introduces Standardized, patient-centric workflows designed to:

- **Ensure Direct Access:** Patients can easily view and retrieve their ePDI in a secure, mobile and user-friendly format.
- **Streamline Transfers:** Facilitate secure and efficient transference of records between dental offices, specialists, and medical providers.
- **Enable Permissioning:** Empower patients to grant or revoke access to their records with full visibility and control, promoting transparency and trust.

These innovations will eliminate archaic technical barriers, ensuring that patients can access, manage, and share their dental records without unnecessary delays or restrictions. The adoption of ANSI/DSI EEDRA 1.1 will not only enhance patient autonomy but also pave the way for better collaboration among healthcare providers, improving patient outcomes.

The Broader Impact

The implementation of this Standard addresses a critical gap in the dental and healthcare industry. By enabling equitable access to ePDI, DSI EEDRA 1.1 helps unlock the full potential of electronic dental records, allowing for:

- **Improved Continuity of Care:** Dental and medical professionals can make informed

decisions based on comprehensive, accurate records.

- **Reduced Administrative Burdens:** Eliminating manual processes for transferring records saves time and resources for both patients and providers.
- **Enhanced Patient Experience:** Patients gain greater control over their health journey, fostering trust and satisfaction in the care they receive.

- **Increase Access to Dental Care: Reducing the cost and burden of delivering and receiving dental care through advancing innovative technologies for both dental practices and patients.**

DSI urges dental practices, dental software vendors, and healthcare organizations to adopt DSI EEDRA 1.1 as a vital step toward a more equitable, effective and efficient care.

For more information about ANSI Standard DSI EEDRA 1.1 THOR and how to implement it in your practice, visit www.dentalstandardsinstitute.com.

About the Dental Standards Institute (DSI)

The Dental Standards Institute is the leader in developing and promoting best practices, Standards, and frameworks that advance patient-centered dental care. Through its rigorous ANSI-accredited standards, DSI strives to elevate safety, accessibility, and innovation in oral healthcare nationwide.

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