

Tagging along with DICOM format

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This lecture covers the following topics:

- What is DICOM? Where can I find more information?
- Converting from DICOM images to other medical imaging formats (e.g., NIFTI)
- A brief introduction to DICOM *Information Object Definitions (IOD)*, *Modules*, and *Attributes*. The “MR Image IOD” will be examined as a specific example.
- Structure of the DICOM File Format:
 - File Meta Information
 - Data Set
- A closer look at DICOM *Attributes*:
 - Attribute name
 - Tag (Group # + Element #)
 - Value
 - Value Representation
 - Value Multiplicity
 - Transfer Syntax
- Some *Attributes* relating to image geometry:
 - Pixel Spacing
 - Image Orientation (Patient)
 - Image Position (Patient)
 - Slice Thickness
 - Slice Location
 - Spacing Between Slices
 - Frame of Reference UID
 - Instance number (slice number)
 - Pixel representation
 - Rescale intercept
 - Rescale slope
 - Image time (for dynamic datasets)
- Assembling 3D and 4D image arrays
- Using DICOM geometrical attributes to register between MR images