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IOD	DICOM Information Object Definition
NEMA	National Electrical Manufacturers Association
PACSnet	SIEMENS proprietary implementation to transfer ACR/NEMA images
PLA	Pacsnet Logical Address (to identify an application on a PACSnet node)
SCU	DICOM Service Class User (client using this DICOM service)
SCP	DICOM Service Class Provider (server providing this service)
SOP	DICOM Service Object Pair
UID	Unique IDentifier, string unique in the whole network

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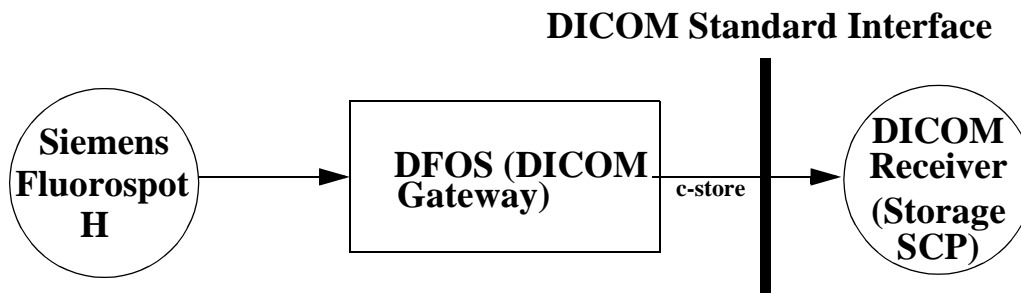
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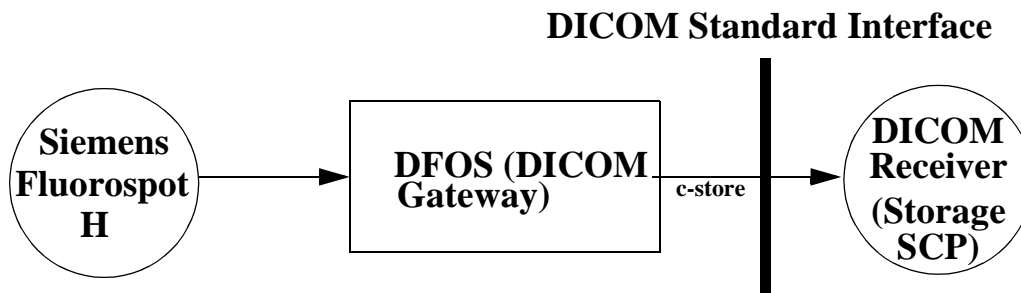
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The configuration of the DICOM Interface of the Fluorospot H defines the Application Entity Titles, the port numbers and of course the host name and net address.

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DFOS initiates several associations at a time, one for each transfer request being processed. There may be several concurrent associations initiated by DFOS active at a time, which are processed in parallel.

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The DICOM Interface of the Fluorospot H attempts to initiate a new association for

- DIMSE-C-ECHO
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The associated Real-World activity is a C-Echo request initiated by the DIAG process (DICOM Gateway Diagnostic Tool). DIAG will check this way if a remote DICOM node is reachable and the AE is responding.

The user interface for the echo function is the 'test' command to be entered at the Diagnostic Tool prompt.

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The DICOM Interface of the Fluorospot H will propose Presentation Contexts as shown in the following table.

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The DICOM Interface of the Fluorospot H provides DICOM V3.0 TCP/IP Network Communication Support as defined in Part 8 of the DICOM Standard.

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