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The Educational Summit will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Downtown Chicago, 10 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. To reserve your room, please call the hotel directly at (312) 595-0000. Be sure to ask for a room among the Health Level Seven block. The special HL7 rate is $149 + tax per night; you must register by February 13, 2006 to receive this rate.

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A continental breakfast and buffet lunch is included with each day’s tutorial registration fee. Lunch is from 12:30 to 1:30pm each day. Refreshment breaks will also be provided each day at 10:30am and 3pm.

**Networking Reception**

Don’t miss the HL7 Networking Reception, **Tuesday, March 7, 2006 from 5 to 6pm.**

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**Don’t miss the HL7 Networking Reception, Tuesday, March 7, 2006 from 5 to 6 pm.**
Intro to Version 2.x: Parts 1 & 2 (T1)

Tuesday, March 7 / 9am – 5pm

This tutorial introduces students to HL7 and the basic concepts of Version 2. It covers some of the standard’s fundamental chapters including Control, Patient Administration, Order Entry and Results Reporting.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:

• Those new to HL7

Faculty:

Mike Henderson: Principal Consultant, Eastern Informatics

EHR-S Functional Model (T2)

Tuesday, March 7 / 9am – 12:30pm

This informative tutorial provides an in-depth look at the EHR-S Functional Model which now includes conformance criteria, and is currently being balloted to become a normative ANSI standard. The tutorial will also include related industry background information including a briefing on the standards initiatives of CCHIT and HITSP, as well as the status of ongoing EHR TC projects like PHR, Glossary, Profiles and Interoperability Model.

NOTE: this is a system functional standard, not a records/data standard.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:

• Those seeking information on interoperability and standardization of Electronic Health Records

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:

• Background and status of the EHR-S Functional Model as an impending ANSI standard
• Options to use the Functional Model for conformance and care setting profiles
• Background and status on HL7 and industry projects supporting EHR standards

Faculty:

Lenel James: Manager, Health Information Technology, BlueCross BlueShield Association

Introduction to Vocabulary (T3)

Tuesday, March 7 / 9am – 12:30pm

Brief topics include vocabulary use in the CDA, templates and information models, and Common Terminology Services. Some of these topics are dealt with more deeply and completely in the Vocabulary II tutorial.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:

• Those seeking an overview to terminology and LOINC and SNOMED in particular

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:

• The basic role and integration of terminologies into HL7 messages
• An understanding of the LOINC and SNOMED systems

Faculty:

Christopher G. Chute, M.D., Dr.P.H: Co-Chair, Vocabulary Technical Committee; Professor and Chair, Biomedical Informatics, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine
CCOW Overview Tutorial (T4)

Tuesday, March 7 / 1:45 – 5pm

This tutorial describes the HL7 CCOW specification and its front-end based approach to the visual integration of Web and Windows based applications. The CCOW Specification describes the architecture and interfaces used by applications and context management infrastructure components to synchronize multiple applications on the clinical desktop. The end-user of CCOW enabled applications experiences synchronization between the applications as if they were part of a single system, instead of behaving as multiple independent applications from different vendors.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:

- Healthcare application developers wanting to CCOW enable their application
- Healthcare providers looking to make their clinicians more efficient
- Anyone desiring an understanding of the CCOW specification

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:

- The components and architecture of a CCOW system
- How CCOW works.
- The interface and methods to support CCOW transactions
- How CCOW can enable standards based Single Sign-On
- How CCOW can further increase the productivity of your clinical staff

Prerequisites:
None

Faculty:

Eric Weaver: Technical Director Federal Systems, Sentillion Inc.

Application of Vocabulary in HL7 (T5)

Tuesday, March 7 / 1:45 – 5pm

This tutorial will cover the following topics:

- The need for using standard coded terminologies in HL7 messages
- Why the Vocabulary TC was created and its current role and mission within HL7
- A brief summary of Version 2.X terminology strategy

- An overview of the Version 3 coded data types
- How coded terminologies are represented in Version 3 messages
- How to register terminologies for use in HL7 messages
- A brief summary of the purpose of the Common Terminology Services specification

This Tutorial Will Benefit:

- People who want to participate in the work of the Vocabulary TC, and people who are planning to implement Version 3 messages

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:

- The history of the Vocabulary TC
- How to look up codes in the Version 2 tables
- How coded data is represented in version 3 messages
- How to register a terminology for use in HL7 messages
- Who to ask if they have questions

Prerequisites:

- Introduction to Vocabulary

Faculty:

Christopher G. Chute, M.D., Dr.PH: Co-Chair, Vocabulary Technical Committee; Professor and Chair, Biomedical Informatics, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine
Introduction to Version 3:
Parts 1 & 2 (W6)

Wednesday, March 8 / 9am – 5pm

Introduction to Version 3 (V3) Messaging is a rigorous introduction to HL7’s newly emerging messaging standard.

The first half of the class includes a general rationale for V3; an overview of the V3 publication (ballot and standard); and essential concepts and terminology necessary to understand, read, and “speak” V3.

The second half of the class surveys the functional content of V3 messaging and then provides a more extensive review of how V3 supports two essential functional areas: Patient Administration and Laboratory messaging.

Note that the class is based on the latest V3 ballot material. The latest V3 ballot publication can be accessed and downloaded from http://www.hl7.org/V3ballot/html/welcome/introduction/index.htm.

This Tutorial will Benefit:

• Anyone interested in V3 implementation or standards development

Prerequisites:

• Experience with healthcare interfacing would be helpful
• It is assumed that the student has some familiarity with the HL7 organization and its processes (balloting procedures, etc)

Faculty:

Virginia Lorenzi: Senior Technical Specialist, FCG Management Services at New York Presbyterian

Version 2.5 Implementation Certification (W7)

Wednesday, March 8 / 9am – 12:30pm

Upon completion of this tutorial, students will be better prepared to take the HL7 Certification Exam.

This Tutorial will Benefit:

• Anyone preparing for the HL7 Certification Exam
• Interface analyst specialists and managers who need to understand the technical aspects of HL7 interfaces

Faculty:

Mike Henderson: Principal Consultant, Eastern Informatics

HL7 Case Studies (W8)

Wednesday, March 8 / 9am – 12:30pm

HL7 Case Study 1: California Immunization Registry Case Study

This session presents an overview of the California Department of Health Services Statewide Immunization Information System (SIIS) project. The objective of the SIIS project is to use HL7 V2 message specifications to facilitate the exchange of immunization data between the nine regional registries operating in the state.

This session focuses on the development of an implementation profile and technical architecture to support the SIIS initiative.

HL7 Case Study 2: CDA at the Mayo Clinic – Rochester

This presentation will highlight the use of Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) at the Mayo Clinic,
Rochester. Over the last 6 years, Mayo has been working to improve its clinical documentation systems as it has migrated to an electronic medical record. The Clinical Notes II project and its use of CDA is just one of a number of initiatives undertaken to facilitate this. We will see where CDA is in use, what was learned, what benefits were obtained, what challenges were presented and what issues remain. The transmission of CDA documents within HL7 2.x interfaces will be highlighted, as well as the benefits of using standards base markup for clinical document integration will be highlighted.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- HL7 Implementation Project Managers
- Organizations considering using HL7 V2 to facilitate inter-enterprise interfaces
- Anyone implementing HL7 V2 for the first time

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:
- How to plan an HL7 V2 implementation
- The relationship between HL7 standard, implementation guide, and profiles

Prerequisites:
- None, however exposure to HL7 V2 and V2 Conformance would be useful

Faculty:
Abdul-Malik Shakir: Principal Consultant, Shakir Consulting
Calvin E. Beebe: Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents TC, Co-Editor, CDA R1, CDA R2, Technical Specialist, Information Services, Mayo Clinic – Rochester, MN

Version 2 Message Profiles and Conformance (W9)
Wednesday, March 8 / 1:45 – 5pm

This course is designed to explore the concept of conformance within HL7 Version 2 as described in Chapter 2 of Version 2.5. Additionally, this tutorial will demonstrate how we can apply message profiling to interoperability by improving clarity, simplifying implementations and streamlining testing. Participants will be introduced to tools that facilitate analysis and interoperability while, at the same time, fully documenting HL7 conformance.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- Anyone interested in HL7 interoperability

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:
- How to measure conformance using messaging profiling
- How vendors can document their applications’ implementations
- How providers can improve their RFP results by using message profiling
- How to use message profiles developed for specific domains
- The tools available to facilitate HL7 Version 2.x conformance efforts (Messaging Workbench and the Global Profile Library)
- More about HL7 conformance certification
- How to develop HL7 conformance documentation for Version 2

Prerequisites:
- Working knowledge of HL7 or other EDI standards (ASTM, X12)

Faculty:
Mike Henderson: Principal Consultant, Eastern Informatics

HL7 V3 Reference Models (W10)
Wednesday, March 8 / 1:45 – 5pm

This tutorial provides an in-depth review of the HL7 V3 reference models (RIM, Datatype, and Vocabulary). The HL7V3 Reference models are the foundation of HL7 V3. They are the models from which all V3 domain specifications are derived. This tutorial will expose the student to the details of the RIM, datatypes and vocabulary specifications.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- HL7 V3 specification developers and implementers
- Anyone interested in the HL7 RIM

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:
- The HL7 Reference Information Model
- The HL7 V3 Datatype Abstract Specification
- HL7 V3 vocabulary principles and specifications
Prerequisites:
• None, however exposure to HL7 V3 methodology is helpful

Faculty:
Abdul-Malik Shakir: Principal Consultant, Shakir Consulting

HL7 V2.5 Certification Exam (W11)

Wednesday, March 8 / 5:15-7:15pm
Health Level Seven is pleased to offer certification testing on HL7 V2.5, Chapter 2: Control. Certification testing is offered to those industry participants who are expected to have a working knowledge of the HL7 Messaging Standard. Interface analysts, healthcare systems analysts, medical software programmers, and medical informatics faculty and students are all potential candidates. The knowledge required to pass the exam can be obtained by participation in the HL7 working group meetings, by attending HL7 education sessions, by field work dealing with HL7 interfaces, or simply by self-study of Chapter 2 and 2A of the HL7 Standard Version 2.5 (the standard may be obtained via HL7 membership or non-member purchase on www.HL7.org).

Note: Simply taking the courses offered at this summit will most likely not be sufficient to pass the test. We strongly recommend a combination of the aforementioned to fully prepare yourself for the exam.

You can pre-register for the test by checking the appropriate box on the Educational Summit registration form on the next page, or sign up on the HL7 Web site (www.HL7.org).

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Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) Introductory Tutorial (TH12)

Thursday, March 9 / 9am – 12:30pm
This tutorial introduces the HL7 Specification for the exchange of structured clinical documents, “ANSI/HL7 CDA R2.0-2005” more commonly known as the Clinical Document Architecture - Release Two (CDA R2). The tutorial will describe the use case for the CDA, and overview of CDA specification, identify the extensions occurring to CDA via other related specifications and overview the conceptual structure of a CDA R2 document. The presentation will highlight current implementations of the CDA in the United States, Europe and Asia/Pacific and identify CDA’s place in the HL7 Version 3 family of standards.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
• Managers and technical staff implementing the CDA or considering CDA for implementation in a provider context or in a software solution.
• Product managers considering support for CDA
• Implementers beginning to work with CDA

Faculty:
Calvin E. Beebe: Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents TC, Co-Editor, CDA R1, CDA R2, Technical Specialist, Information Services, Mayo Clinic – Rochester, MN

V3 Medical Records / Information Management (TH13)

Thursday, March 9 / 9am – 12:30pm
The functional requirements for communicating medical documents or their status are explained...
in detail together with use case scenarios, and process flow diagrams. The complexities of document succession management and the assignment of unique identifiers is described. Trigger events, and the relationship to version 2.X of HL7 is covered as well as the relationship to CDA (Clinical document Architecture). The DIMM is presented. Future directions and potential use of this chapter to support the NHIN are discussed.

This Tutorial will Benefit:

• All those interested in transmitting medical (EMR) document in HL7 V3

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:

• Basic messaging for medical documents in Version 3

Faculty:

Wayne R. Tracy, MS: President & COO Health Patterns, LLC

Version 3 Modeling Tools (TH14)

Thursday, March 9 / 9am – 12:30pm

This tutorial will provide a step-by-step understanding of the tools that committee contributors and facilitators use to develop and submit content for HL7 Version 3 Message Standard Ballots. It will also cover tooling that committees and implementers can use to better document their specifications, including the ability to develop documentation targeted at different user groups. This will be a "hands-on" session with participants "following along" by running the tools on their own laptop computers. Instructions on downloading and installing the necessary tools will be provided to students in advance of the tutorial.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:

• Individuals who are supporting HL7 Committees, related project teams, and others involved in the documentation of messaging standards, and the creation and documentation of message designs

Scope:

The intent is to provide an overview of the tooling that supports ballot tooling from "end-to-end" including:

• Tooling architecture, including the place and potential uses of the HL7 Model Interchange Format (MIF)

• HL7 repositories - overview of contents and organization (brief)

• RoseTree – Use as a RIM and Vocabulary Browser (brief)

• "Publication Data base" - including WYSIWYG editing with XML Spy

• RMIM Design Tool in Visio - including design steps, use of shadows, textual documentation, validation, saving designs

• Creation of HMD and MessageType - creating these designs in RoseTree, once the RMIM is saved from Visio

• Creation of XML and Excel exports – Exporting these representations of an HMD with RoseTree, and formatting of the Excel view

• Generation of XML Schemas - Creation of XML schemas for the message designs using HL7-defines XSLT processes

Time permitting, we will also cover likely (or known) future changes to these tools

Prerequisites:

This tutorial pre-supposes a detailed familiarity with Version 3 terminology. At a minimum, the prospective student should have taken or have previous knowledge of the material addressed in the Introduction to Version 3 tutorials. Other courses on the V3 track, especially the V3 Implementation Part 1 class, are suggested as well. The tutorial will not cover V3 terminology, the RIM, representation of concepts in an RMIM, cloning, application roles, etc. It is presumed that the participants are conversant with these topics and simply need to know how to capture the artifacts with the tools.

Faculty:

George (Woody) Beeler, Ph.D.: Principal, Beeler Consulting, LLC; Chair, HL7 Modeling & Methodology TC

CDA, Release 2 - Advanced Tutorial (TH15)

Thursday, March 9 / 1:45 – 5pm

This presentation focuses on the advanced features of CDA R2. The main evolutionary steps in the second release of CDA are that both header and body are fully RIM-derived and there is a much richer assortment of elements (entries)
to optionally use within CDA document. CDA R2 enables clinical content to be expressed via these new entries and combined with controlled vocabularies to create “clinical statements”. It will highlight current work underway to enable semantic interoperability using CDA and provide students with gives a detailed walkthrough of a sample CDA Release 2 instance. It reviews the CDA RMIM, XML Schema and V2 Data types currently used by CDA Release Two.

**This Tutorial Will Benefit:**
- Those wanting to learn more about CDA Release Two. Its derivation from the RIM and issues relevant to implementing CDA 2.0 solutions

**Upon Completion of this Tutorial, Students will:**
- Have an overview of CDA Release Two components
- Have insights into the XML markup required to implement solutions
- Have a CD loaded with useful CDA references to take back home

**Prerequisites:**
- Completion of the Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) Introductory Tutorial recommended, but not required
- Basic knowledge of the Version 3 standard (as can be obtained from the Introduction to Version 3 tutorial series)

**Faculty:**
*Calvin E. Beebe*: Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents TC, Co-Editor, CDA R1, CDA R2, Technical Specialist, Information Services, Mayo Clinic – Rochester, MN

**Version 3 Message Wrappers and Transport (TH16)**
**Thursday, March 9 / 1:45 – 5pm**

This tutorial covers two Version 3 infrastructural areas in detail: Message Wrappers and Transport Protocols (e.g. ebXML, SOAP, Webservices, MLLP). It introduces how Version 3 messages are packaged, transmitted and acknowledged. It explains that all Version 3 message payloads are wrapped in two Message Wrappers. Its main focus is on these wrappers and on the relationship between HL7 messages and transport protocols in general. The details of individual transport protocols will NOT be covered.

**This Tutorial Will Benefit:**
- Anyone interested in Version 3 implementation
- Those interested in developing the Version 3 Standard

**Upon completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:**
- What Message Wrappers exist and how they should be used
- How Version 3 messages can be communicated using various Transport Protocols

**Prerequisites:**
- Completion of the Introduction to Version 3 Tutorial
- Basic knowledge of the Version 3 Standard

**Faculty:**
*Mark Tucker*: Senior Programmer Analyst, Regenstrief Institute, Inc.

**HDF UML Profile (TH17)**
**Thursday, March 9 / 1:45 – 5pm**

This tutorial provides an in-depth review of the HL7 Development Framework (HDF) metamodel, model interchange format, and UML profile. The HDF UML profile defines extensions to the UML metamodel required to produce HL7 V3 static information models.

**This Tutorial Will Benefit:**
- HL7 V3 specification developers and implementers
- UML modelers interested in producing V3 static information models

**Upon completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:**
- The HL7 Development Framework Metamodel
- The HL7 Model Interchange Format specification
- The HDF Static Information Model Profile

**Prerequisites:**
- None, however exposure to HL7 V3 methodology and tools is helpful

**Faculty:**
*Abdul-Malik Shakir*: Principal Consultant, Shakir Consulting
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Located on the shores of Lake Michigan, Chicago is home to the blues, world-class sports teams, an internationally acclaimed symphony orchestra, spectacular live theater, celebrated architecture, thousands of restaurants, fine museums and an array of shopping!

Visitors should plan on spending time at Chicago’s Museum Campus. The scenic park conveniently joins the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum, the Shedd Aquarium/Oceanarium, and the Field Museum of Natural History with easy access to all three locations.

In addition to world-renowned museums, Chicago is home to a variety of spectacular attractions including Navy Pier….the city’s lakefront playground.

Other compelling attractions include Buckingham Fountain at Grant Park, the Hancock Observatory, the Sears Tower Skydeck and the Art Institute of Chicago.

Chicago truly is the great American City….from stunning architecture and world-famous museums to lakefront parks and vibrant neighborhoods, Chicago offers a range of attractions that keep visitors coming back again and again!

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