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Educational Summit

July 11–13, 2006

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An HL7 Educational Summit is a three-day educational event where live tutorial sessions, specially selected by the HL7 Education Committee, are taught to those interested in learning more about and implementing the HL7 standards and related work products. These tutorials focus on HL7-specific topics such as Version 2, Version 3 and Clinical Document Architecture as well as general interest industry topics such as Electronic Health Records and Claims Attachments.

Why Should I Attend?
This is an invaluable educational opportunity for the healthcare IT community as it strives for greater interoperability among healthcare information systems. Our classes offer a wealth of information designed to benefit a wide range of HL7 users, from beginner to advanced. You’ll take away valuable HL7 knowledge and skills that you’ll be able to apply immediately in the real world.

Among the benefits of attending the HL7 Educational Summit are:

Location: Philadelphia, PA – The Renaissance Philadelphia Hotel is located one mile from the Philadelphia Airport and offers convenient travel from anywhere in the country.

Efficiency: Our concentrated three-day format provides maximum training with minimal time investment.

Quality: Our high-quality training in a small classroom setting promotes more one-on-one learning.

Expert Instructors: You will receive HL7 training straight from the source. Our instructors are not only HL7 experts — they are the people who help produce the HL7 standards.

Certification Testing: Become HL7 Certified. HL7 is the sole source for HL7 certification testing — offering testing on V2.5. The first 25 three-day registrants will have their certification fee refunded.

Economical: Educational Summits offer a more economical alternative for companies who want the benefits of HL7’s on-site training but have fewer employees to train.

General Information
Cancellation/Refund Policy
Prepaid registrants who cancel prior to June 16, 2006 will receive a full refund minus a $50 processing fee. After that date no refunds will be given. Tutorials that do not meet minimum attendance requirements may be cancelled. In this event, registrants may attend an alternate tutorial of their choosing or request a refund for the cancelled tutorial only.

Hotel
The Educational Summit will be held at the Renaissance Philadelphia Hotel, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19113. To reserve your room, please call the hotel directly at (610) 521-5900. Be sure to mention you are with the Health Level Seven block. The special HL7 rate is $159 + tax per night. You must register by June 23, 2006 to receive this rate.

Ground Transportation and Parking
Taxi fare from the Philadelphia Airport to the hotel is approximately $12. There is no charge for parking at the hotel.

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Avis Rent-a-Car
HL7 has secured special rates from Avis for this meeting. To take advantage of these rates, please call Avis at (800) 331-1600, mention that you are part of the HL7 group, and provide the following Avis Meeting Rate Discount Number: D188914. You may also log in at: www.avis.com.

Meals
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, July 11, 2006 from 5pm to 6pm.
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Tuesday, July 11, 2006
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How Do I Register?

**Mail:** Please complete the registration form on the inside of this brochure and mail it (along with credit card information or a check payable to Health Level Seven in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank ONLY) to the following address:

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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**Fax:** You may fax registration & credit card information to: (+1) (734) 677-3128.

**Register On-line:** On-line registration is available until midnight E.T. on July 3, 2006 at www.HL7.org. For your convenience, you can pay via credit card directly on the Web site, or print the registration form and mail it with payment.

**Early Bird Registration:** Registrations and payment must reach us by June 19, 2006 to receive the special Early Bird rate. See registration form on the inside back page.

**Advance Registration / Payment:** Advance registrations MUST include payment. Registrations received without payment will not be processed until the time that payment is received.

**On-site Registration:** On-site registrations will be accepted July 11-13, 2006 and will require payment in full at the time of registration.

For more information, please contact the HL7 Registration Center at:  
(+1) (734) 677-3126 or reginfo@HL7.org
Intro to Version 2.x: Parts 1 & 2 (T1)
Tuesday, July 11 / 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

HL7 and the Claims Attachments Recommendation, Part 1 (T2)
Tuesday, July 11 / 9am – 12:30pm

The class begins with a background on the standard electronic attachments solution and an overview of the standards involved, as well as business / operational considerations. An introduction to the standards will be made, however detailed information related to the standards is included in the Claims Attachments Part 2 tutorial. Other topics covered include healthcare industry initiatives around attachments, a report on the first electronic claims attachments pilot using the standards, and finally the regulatory process that will ultimately mandate these standards under HIPAA and how to participate in this process. While there will be a brief general background review, this tutorial is geared toward those with a working knowledge of HIPAA, specifically the standard transactions.

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:
• Which standards are being recommended for electronic Claims Attachments as well as the business processes that are affected by them
• All about the regulatory process, as well as what others in the industry are doing with these standards

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
• Anyone interested in learning about the development of national standards for healthcare attachment (claims and other) information
• Individuals responsible for HIPAA transaction implementation

Faculty:
Maria Ward: Co-chair, HL7 Attachments Special Interest Group; Member of the DSMO Steering Committee; Member of NUCC; Sr. Associate, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

EHR-S Functional Model (T3)
Tuesday, July 11 / 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 on-going EHR TC projects like PHR, Glossary, Profiles and Interoperability Model.

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

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
This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- Those seeking information on interoperability and standardization of Electronic Health Records

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

HL7 and the Claims Attachments Recommendation, Part 2 (T4)
Tuesday, July 11 / 1:45pm – 5pm

The Claims Attachments Recommendation Tutorial Part 2 will drill down into the detail of all of the standards involved, including the X12 277, 275 and HL7 CDA for attachments. Additionally, participants will learn about how LOINC codes are the key to this solution and how they are used in this specific context. Information about the HL7 Implementation Guide and Additional Information Specifications as well as the X12 Implementation Guides will be discussed. This class is geared toward those who are responsible for understanding and/or implementing these standards from a technical as well as operational perspective. Attendees should know that there will be a fair amount of technical discussion. There will be no background on HIPAA or the claims attachments initiative in general offered in this tutorial. This tutorial is geared toward those with a working knowledge of HIPAA and the transactions adopted under HIPAA, as well as the basics of the claims attachments recommendation.

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:
- The technical requirements of both the X12 and HL7 CDA Standards / Implementation Guides, as well as the use of LOINC in these standards

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- Anyone interested in learning about the details of the national standards for healthcare attachment (claims and other) information; additionally, individuals responsible for HIPAA transaction implementation from an IS / IT perspective should attend

Prerequisites:
Claims Attachment Recommendation Part 1 Tutorial

Faculty:
Maria Ward: Co-chair, HL7 Attachments Special Interest Group; Member of the DSMO Steering Committee; Member of NUCC; Sr. Associate, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

HL7 V3 Reference Models (T5)
Tuesday, July 11 / 1:45pm – 5pm

This tutorial provides an in-depth review of the HL7 V3 reference models (RIM, Datatype, and Vocabulary). The HL7 V3 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.

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

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

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

Faculty:
Virginia Lorenzi: Manager, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital
Introduction to Version 3: Parts 1 & 2 (W6)
Wednesday, July 12 / 9am – 5pm

This class provides a general overview and introduces fundamental concepts required to understand Health Level Seven’s newly emerging Version 3 family of standards. Included in the class is:

- The general rationale for V3
- Overview of V3’s two key concept—messaging and documents (CDA)
- Overview of the V3 publication (ballot and standard)
- Essential concepts and terminology necessary to understand the static models of V3 used by all V3 objects (messages, documents, etc)
- Introduction to the V3 dynamic model for message interactions
- How a simple message is wrapped for transmission

A walkthrough of a simple example will be provided. The latest V3 ballot publication can be accessed and downloaded from: http://www.hl7.org/v3ballot/html/welcome/introduction/index.htm.

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:
- General understanding of the purpose, function, and format of V3 messaging and documents
- Proficiency in V3 terminology including the RIM, RMIM, and all Messaging Components
- Knowledge of scope, contents, and organization of the V3 publications

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- Anyone interested in V3 implementation or standards development
- Anyone interested in more advanced V3 classes on messaging and CDA

Prerequisites:
- Experience with healthcare interfacing would be helpful
- Experience or training with systems (development, integration, and/or implementation) required
- It is assumed that the student has some familiarity with the HL7 organization and its processes (balloting procedures, etc)

Faculty:
Virginia Lorenzi: Manager, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital

Version 2.5 Implementation Certification (W7)
Wednesday, July 12 / 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

Introduction to Vocabulary (W8)
Wednesday, July 12 / 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.

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

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- Those seeking an overview to terminology and LOINC and SNOMED in particular
**Version 2 Message Profiles and Conformance (W9)**
Wednesday, July 12 / 1:45pm – 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.

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

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- Anyone interested in HL7 interoperability

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

Faculty:
*Stanley Huff, MD*: Co-Chair, Vocabulary Technical Committee; Senior Medical Informaticist, Intermountain Healthcare

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**Application of Vocabulary in HL7 (W10)**
Wednesday, July 12 / 1:45pm – 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

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

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

Prerequisites:
- Introduction to Vocabulary

Faculty:
*Stanley Huff, MD*: Co-Chair, Vocabulary Technical Committee; Senior Medical Informaticist, Intermountain Healthcare

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**HL7 Version 2.5 Certification Exam (W11)**
Wednesday, July 12 / 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).

You must pay for the Certification Testing at the time of registration in order to be eligible for this special offer. If you are among the first 25 three-day registrants, your test fee will be refunded to you using the same method you used to make payment.

**Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) Introductory Tutorial (Th 12)**

Thursday, July 13 / 9am – 12:30pm

The Clinical Document Architecture is HL7’s specification for standards-based exchange of clinical documents. CDA is based on the concept of scalable, incremental interoperability and uses Extensible Markup Language (XML), the HL7 Reference Information Model (RIM) and controlled terminology for structure and semantics. This tutorial presents the business case for CDA, its primary design principles and an overview of the technical specifications. The session describes CDA projects in the United States, Europe and Asia/Pacific and the tools available for CDA creation, management and distribution. It describes the current work on CDA summary documents including the Care Record Summary (CRS) and the Continuity of Care Document (CCD).

**This Tutorial Will Benefit:**

- Managers considering CDA for local implementations
- Product managers considering support for CDA
- Public Health officials and those building information exchange networks
- Implementers beginning to work with CDA

**Prerequisites:**

- Introduction to Version 3 (Part 1) recommended

**Faculty:**

*Calvin Beebe:* Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents TC, Co-Editor, CDA; Technical Specialist, Information Services, Mayo Clinic - Rochester, MN

**Using V3 Messaging to Support Public Health (Th 13)**

Thursday, July 13 / 9am – 12:30pm

The class discusses the need for standards to support data exchange within the public health community. It describes the way in which HL7 Version 3 is being used in the United States to provide solutions to longstanding problems. The class will describe ongoing work at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to implement transactions to support public health reporting. The particular areas covered include communicable disease reporting, adverse event notification and vital statistics reporting. The presentation will describe the requirements that needed to be addressed, examine the process of implementing the interfaces, and discuss the challenges that needed to be addressed. The class assumes a general knowledge of Version 3 messaging in order to concentrate on describing the specific features of the public health messages, and on working through the issues encountered during implementation.

**This Tutorial Will Benefit:**

- Those interested in learning about the means used to implement V3, and in better understanding the challenges of constructing these interfaces
Those with an interest in public health informatics, and the use of HL7 Version 3 to address challenges in that area

Faculty:
Mead Walker: Chair, HL7 Architectural Review Board; Mead Walker Consulting

Case Studies in HL7 (Th 14)
Thursday, July 13 / 9am – 12:30pm

HL7 Case Study 1: IHE integration
This case study describes how the US Veterans’ Health Administration is implementing HL7 V2 messages from the Scheduled Workflow profile of the Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) Radiology Technical Framework to facilitate interoperation between the VA’s VistA information system and commercial imaging Picture Archiving and Communications Systems (PACS).

HL7 Case Study 2: CPOE Interfaces at NewYork-Presbyterian
This case study provides an overview of how HL7 V2 is employed at NewYork-Presbyterian to facilitate electronic communication and processing of physician orders. Challenges, opportunities and lessons learned will be discussed including the issues of integrating function and process with automated interfaces.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
• Implementation Project Managers
• Anyone implementing order entry and ADT interfaces
• Standards developers of clinical domains

Prerequisites:
• Some knowledge of HL7 V2 (which could be obtained from the introductory tutorial) would be helpful. Otherwise, experience with healthcare systems implementation.

Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) Advanced Tutorial (Th 15)
Thursday, July 13 / 1:45pm – 5pm

CDA implementation requires understanding the CDA refinement of the RIM (the CDA RMIM), the Version 3 data types and how these combine with controlled vocabularies to form “clinical statements.” This tutorial reviews the principles of semantic interoperability with CDA and how these are reflected in the CDA model and implemented in the CDA schema. It reviews the CDA RMIM, Schema and Datatypes and a detailed walkthrough of samples of CDA documents, coded using Clinical Statements.

Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will:
• Have an overview of CDA’s components
• Have insight into the XML markup required to implement solutions
• Have a better understanding of the issues surrounding semantic interoperability using CDA

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
• Those needing to learn more about CDA, Release Two and its derivation from the RIM and issues relevant to implementing CDA 2.0 solutions
• Implementers needing to work with CDA, and wanting a review of the details

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

Faculty:
Calvin Beebe: Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents TC, Co-Editor, CDA; Technical Specialist, Information Services, Mayo Clinic - Rochester, MN

Faculty:
Mike Henderson: Principal Consultant, Eastern Informatics
Virginia Lorenzi: Manager, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital
Thursday, July 13 / 1:45pm – 5pm

The use of HL7 Version 3 to implement interfaces within a particular application context can have hidden complexities. While Version 3 has been designed to reduce the amount of required site specific negotiation, it is not possible to simply pull the message specification(s) “out of the box” and install it. This tutorial guides the student through the analysis process, and addresses issues necessary for building robust interface solutions. It covers:

- Documentation of message specifications
- Implementation considerations for data types
- Managing vocabulary from the implementation perspective
- Procedures to address refinement and localization of the standard
- Tips and strategies for successful implementation

This class also provides a lead-in for Version 3 Implementation Part 2: Implementation Mechanics.

**Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:**

- How to develop and carry out a plan for creating Version 3 interfaces
- How to read and write Version 3 message specifications
- Design tips and strategies

**This Tutorial Will Benefit:**

- Analysts and Architects who need to map HL7 Version 3 messages to or between computer applications
- Project Managers responsible for Version 3 implementation projects
- Anyone considering Version 3 early adoption

**Prerequisites:**

- A basic understanding of Version 3 is a requirement (such as the Introduction to Version 3 Tutorials). More advanced (XML ITS and Wrappers) are encouraged as well.

Previous experience in V2 implementations will be of value.

**Faculty:***

Mead Walker: Chair, HL7 Architectural Review Board; Mead Walker Consulting

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**Messaging Workbench (Th 17)**
Thursday, July 13 / 1:45pm – 5:00pm

This tutorial will introduce the main features of the Messaging Workbench tool. The Messaging Workbench (MWB) facilitates many aspects of HL7 V2 messaging development including specification production, analysis and testing. The MWB leverages its integrated libraries of all HL7 Version 2 artifacts to maximize productivity in the interface development process. The following topics will be covered as they relate to the features of the MWB:

- Building HL7 Conformance Profiles (a.k.a Message Specifications)
- Reporting
- Interoperability
- Reverse Engineering of Profiles from Message Instances
- Testing Services:
  - Message Instance Validation
  - Message Instance Generation

**This Tutorial Will Benefit:**

- Analysts, developers and project managers responsible for production and/or maintenance of HL7 V2 interfaces

**Faculty:**

Peter Rontey: Computer Specialist, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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**Be sure not to miss the HL7 Networking Reception**
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EARLY BIRD prices are reflected in RED below. EARLY BIRD registrations with payment must reach us by midnight E.T. on June 19. Advance registration pricing is in BLACK and must be received with payment by midnight E.T. on July 3. After this date, registrations must be made and paid for ON-SITE ONLY. A continental breakfast, buffet lunch and two refreshment breaks are included each day with the price of registration.

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2. Registration Fees:

Registrants are eligible for all tutorials on the day(s) for which they’ve registered. However, HL7 Certification Testing is not included in the packages and must be registered for separately.

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Payment must be included in order to process your registration.

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- Check (Make check payable to Health Level Seven, Inc.)
- Credit Card: Visa, Master Card, American Express, Diner’s Club

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4. Schedule of Tutorials:

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