IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP:
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March 11–13, 2014
Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel
3869 Park Center Rd.
Herndon, VA 20171

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An HL7 Implementation Workshop is a three-day educational event where live hands-on workshops, specially selected by the HL7 Education Work Group, are taught to those interested in learning more about and implementing the HL7 standards and related work products. The workshops allow attendees to get in-depth hands-on training in addition to presentation style tutorials. These workshops focus on HL7 specific topics such as Version 2, Version 3, Clinical Document Architecture (CDA®), and Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®).

Why should I attend?

This is an invaluable educational opportunity for members of the healthcare IT community who want to learn how to implement the standards as we strive for greater interoperability among healthcare information systems. Our workshops 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 Implementation Workshop are:

Location

Herndon, VA – The Hilton Washington Dulles Airport is conveniently located only three miles from the Washington Dulles (IAD) terminal and 30 minutes from Washington, DC. Explore the surrounding area via the complimentary shuttle service and discover the historic town of Herndon and nearby Reston, VA. The Hilton Washington Dulles Airport hotel is set in an excellent central location close to many popular tourist attractions. Discover the largest collection of aviation and space artifacts in the world at The National Air & Space Museum’s new Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, less than two miles from the hotel. Shop till you drop at the Reston Town Center, packed with a host of unique stores, contemporary cafes, restaurants and a movie theatre. Explore the nation’s capital and take in the culture and sights such as the White House and Washington Memorials as well as an array of shops, restaurants and nightlife.

Efficiency

Our concentrated 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’ll get HL7 training straight from the source. Our instructors are not only HL7 experts—they are the people who help develop the HL7 standards.

Certification Testing

Become HL7 certified. HL7 is the sole source for HL7 certification testing—now offering testing on Version 2.7, Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) and Version 3 Reference Information Model (RIM).

Economical

Implementation workshops offer an 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 February 24, 2014 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 implementation workshop will be held at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon, VA, 20164. To reserve your room, please call the hotel directly at +1 (703) 478-2900 or go online at http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/virginia/hilton-washington-dulles-airport-IADAHHF/index.html and enter the group code HL7 to apply our room rates.

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 International in US funds drawn on a US bank ONLY) to the following address:

Health Level Seven International
3300Washtenaw Ave. Suite #227
Ann Arbor, MI 48104 USA

Fax
You may fax registration and credit card information to: +1 (734) 677-6622.

Register Online
Online registration is available until the end of the day ET on March 3, 2014 at www.HL7.org. For your convenience, you can pay via credit card directly on the website, or print the registration form and mail it with payment.

Early Bird Registration
Registrations and payment must reach us by the end of the day E.T. on February 24, 2014 to receive the special Early Bird rate. Please see the 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 March 11-13, 2014. Payment in full is required at the time of registration.

For more information, please contact Mary Ann Boyle at: +1 (734) 677-7777 ext. 141 or maryann@HL7.org
## Schedule at a Glance

### HL7 Version 2.x & Meaningful Use Track
**Tuesday, March 11 / 8:30 am – 5:30 pm**

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### HL7 CDA® Release 2 & Meaningful Use Track
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**Hands-On FHIR® Track**
Tuesday, March 11 / 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

- **Presentation:** Introduction
- **Exercise:** Solving problems with FHIR

  *Break*

- **Presentation:** Drilling into resources
- **Exercise:** Craft a resource instance

  *Lunch*

- **Presentation:** RESTful FHIR
- **Exercise:** CRUD operations with FHIR

  *Break*

- **Presentation:** Searching with FHIR
- **Exercise:** Perform FHIR queries

**Wednesday, March 12 / 8:30 am – 5:30 pm**

- **Presentation:** Presentation: FHIR messages and documents
- **Exercise:** Create a FHIR document

  *Break*

- **Presentation:** Advanced FHIR and architectural approaches

  *Lunch*

- **Presentation:** Profiles and conformance
- **Exercise:** Define a FHIR profile (with extensions)

  *Break*

- **Presentation:** Implementing FHIR
- **Exercise:** Build a simple FHIR client (using libraries)

**Thursday, March 13**

- **9:00 am – 12:30 pm**
  - Version 2.7 Control Specialist Certification Test Review
  - CDA Specialist Certification Test Review
  - Quality Reporting Document Architecture

- **1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**
  - HL7 Version 2.7 Control Specialist Certification Test
  - HL7 CDA Specialist Certification Test
  - HL7 Version 3 RIM Certification Test
**HL7 and Meaningful Use**

The US Federal Regulations require that certified EHRs utilizing specified health information technology (HIT) standards be used when satisfying meaningful use criteria to receive Medicare and/or Medicaid incentives and avoid penalties. Healthcare interoperability is viewed as a critical part of meaningful HIT, allowing for information sharing across the continuum of care. Several HL7 standards and implementation guides as well as related vocabulary standards are referenced in the standards regulation to support EHR healthcare interoperability functions. This workshop has been designed by the HL7 Education Work Group for those interested in learning more about implementing HL7 in the context of Meaningful Use.

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**HL7 Version 2.x and Meaningful Use Track**

**Tuesday – Wednesday, March 11-12 / 8:30 am – 5:30 pm**

HL7 Version 2 appears in the Stage 1 regulations as a means for facilitating the communication of immunizations and other public health data. While not specified in the initial rule, it is the de facto standard for communication of lab results, clinical orders, and patient demographics — all necessary elements in the meaningful use of health information technology.

**This Track Will Benefit:**
- Those having limited or no experience with HL7 or those new to HL7 who need to implement HL7 Version 2.x messaging for Meaningful Use rules compliance

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

**HL7 Version 2.x Base Standards**
- What is HL7?
- Paradigms: messages, documents, services. Profiles, transport, content, and vocabulary
- Basic concepts: messages, documents, services, transport, content, and vocabulary
- HL7 Version 2.x main chapters: admission, observations, and orders
- Which message to use and when
- HL7 Version 2.x messages from the inside out: data types, fields, and segments
- Version 2 implementation guides
- Need for implementation guides and what comprises an implementation guide
- Implementation guide examples and how to create an implementation guide

**HL7 Version 2.x and Meaningful Use**
- Meaningful Use requirements (short/long term) related to HL7 Version 2.x standards
- HL7 guides for reportable laboratory results and immunization messages: use cases, message types, vocabulary, caveats
- HL7, Meaningful Use and vocabularies

**Faculty:**

*Patrick Loyd:* Co-Chair, Technical and Support Services Steering Division – HL7 Technical Steering Committee; Co-Chair, Education Work Group; Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents Work Group; Sole Proprietor, ICode Solutions

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**HL7 EVENTS ARE GREEN!**

*Bring Your Laptop to Your Tutorials and Your Certification Exams!*

To reduce HL7’s carbon footprint, its meetings are now largely paperless. HL7 no longer provides printed tutorial materials on-site. All materials will be distributed electronically to tutorial participants with a provided flash drive that will be distributed on site. It is important that you bring your laptop to this meeting for all tutorials. Free WiFi internet access will also be provided.
**HL7 CDA® Release 2 and Meaningful Use Track**  
Tuesday – Wednesday, March 11-12 / 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

The HL7 C-CDA®, an implementation guide of the Clinical Document Architecture, was referenced for data portability, transitions of care, view download and transmit to third parties and clinical summary requirements for Meaningful Use Stage 2 certification. The focus of the course will be to provide hands on experience with CDA, enabling participants working in small teams, to create CDA document instances, starting with simple examples, and working towards creation of full C-CDA documents. Along the way we will review concepts related to interoperability, overview the CDA standard including its data types, header elements, narrative constructs, and reference the constraint specifications in the C-CDA implementation guide to create conformant C-CDA documents.

**This Track Will Benefit:**
- Those having limited or no experience with HL7 or those new to HL7 or CDA who need to implement CDA Release 2 documents for Meaningful Use rules compliance

**Upon Completion of This Track, Students Will Know:**
**HL7 CDA Release 2 Base Standards**
- What is HL7?
- Paradigms: messages, documents, services
- Basic concepts: messages, documents, services, transport, content, and vocabulary
- HL7 CDA Release 2 use cases and scenarios
- CDA Release 2 data types
- CDA Release 2 structure: body, header
- Clinical statement: CDA Release 2 entries. CDA Release 2 constraining: implementation guides

**HL7 CDA Release 2 and Meaningful Use**
- Meaningful Use requirements (short/long term) related to CDA Release 2 standards
- CDA templates and C-CDA, including CCD templates
- HL7, Meaningful Use and vocabularies

**Faculty:**
*Calvin Beebe:* Treasurer, HL7 International Board of Directors; Co-Chair, HL7 Structure & Semantic Design Steering Division – HL7 Technical Steering Committee; Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents Work Group; Co-Editor, CDA; Technical Specialist, Information Services, Mayo Clinic – Rochester, MN

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**HL7 Hands-On FHIR® Track**  
Tuesday – Wednesday, March 11-12 / 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

FHIR (Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources) is HL7’s newest standards family and has received considerable attention due to its focus on ease of implementation and use of off-the-shelf web technologies. FHIR is starting to be leveraged by many projects as a faster, easier way to achieve healthcare interoperability.

**This Track Will Benefit:**
- Those who will be directly implementing FHIR interfaces as well as architects and project leads who will be making decisions about where/how FHIR might be used within an organization

**Upon Completion of This Track, Students Will Know:**
- What is HL7 FHIR?
- How do I navigate the FHIR specification?
- How does FHIR compare to other HL7 standards (Version 2, Version 3, CDA, etc.)
- What are the target implementation environments for FHIR?
What are resources and how are they structured?
How can FHIR’s RESTful interface be used to manage and query resources?
How are the document, messaging and services paradigms supported by FHIR?
Advanced FHIR topics such as contained resources, order/order response, operation outcome, etc.
What are some of the architectural strategies that can be used for FHIR solutions?
How can the FHIR libraries be used to jump-start the development of FHIR applications?

Prerequisites:
- Familiarity with XML or JSON and some background in software development is recommended (Hands-on exercises will be easier if attendees have an XML or JSON editing environment)

Faculty:
Lloyd McKenzie: Co-Chair, FHIR Management Group; Co-Chair, HL7 Modeling & Methodology Work Group; Member, FHIR Editorial Team; Consultant, Gordon Point Informatics

Version 2.7 Control Specialist Certification Test Review
Thursday, March 13 / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
This tutorial reviews the message definition and processing rules and data type definitions of the Control chapters of the HL7 Version 2.7 standard. Upon completion of this tutorial, students will be better prepared to take the HL7 Version 2.7 Control Specialist Certification Test. Note that students are also expected to prepare for the test by previous study of Chapter 2 (Control), Chapter 2A (Data Types) and Chapter 2B (Conformance) of the HL7 Version 2.7 standard.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- Anyone preparing for the HL7 Control Specialist Certification Test
- Interface analyst specialists and managers who need to understand the technical aspects of HL7 interfaces

Faculty:
Patrick Loyd: Co-Chair, Technical and Support Services Steering Division – HL7 Technical Steering Committee; Co-Chair, Education Work Group; Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents Work Group; Sole Proprietor, ICode Solutions

CDA Specialist Certification Test Review
Thursday, March 13 / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm
Upon completion of this tutorial, students will be better prepared to take the CDA Certification Test.

This Tutorial Will Benefit:
- Anyone preparing for the CDA Certification Test
- System analysts or clinical application developers wanting in-depth understanding of the CDA Release 2 standard
**Prerequisites:**
- Participants are encouraged to carefully read the CDA Release 2 standard
- Introduction to Version 3 (Part 1) as well as the CDA Introductory and Advanced tutorials are strongly recommended

**Faculty:**
Calvin Beebe: Treasurer, HL7 International Board of Directors; Co-Chair, HL7 Structure & Semantic Design Steering Division – HL7 Technical Steering Committee; Co-Chair, HL7 Structured Documents Work Group; Co-Editor, CDA; Technical Specialist, Information Services, Mayo Clinic – Rochester, MN

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**Quality Reporting Document Architecture**
Thursday, March 13 / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

This tutorial will describe constraints on the Clinical Document Architecture Release 2 (CDA R2) header and body elements for Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA) documents. QRDA is a document format that provides a standard structure with which to report quality measure data to organizations that will analyze and interpret the data. Quality measurement in healthcare is complex. Accurate, interpretable data efficiently gathered and communicated is key in correctly assessing that quality care is delivered.

The standard has been named as one of the requirements for EHR certification in the Meaningful Use Stage 2/3 Standards certification criteria.

**This Tutorial Will Benefit:**
- Users, implementers and developers of health IT solutions that need to integrate with patient or clinician focused reference content

**Upon Completion of This Tutorial, Students Will Know:**
- How to use a standard structure with which to report quality measure data to organizations that will analyze and interpret the data

**Faculty:**
Chris Millet: Co-Chair, Clinical Quality Information Work Group; Senior Director, e-Measurement, National Quality Forum

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**HL7 Version 2.7 Control Specialist Certification Test**
Thursday, March 13 / 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Health Level Seven is pleased to offer certification testing on HL7 Version 2.7, 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 test 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 Chapters 2, 2A and 2B of the HL7 Version 2.7 standard (the standard may be obtained via HL7 membership or non-member purchase on www.HL7.org).

Note: You will need to bring your laptop to take the exam. We have changed to online certification.

Note: Simply taking the courses offered at this workshop will most likely not be sufficient to pass the test. We strongly recommend a combination of the aforementioned to fully prepare yourself for the test.
**HL7 CDA Specialist Certification Test**  
Thursday, March 13 / 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Health Level Seven is pleased to offer certification testing on HL7 CDA Release 2. Certification testing is offered to those participants who want to demonstrate that they have a working knowledge of the CDA Release 2 standard. Healthcare systems analysts, medical software programmers, and medical informatics faculty and students are all potential candidates.

The knowledge required to pass the test can be obtained by attending HL7 education sessions, by field work dealing with HL7 CDA based applications, or simply by self-study of the HL7 CDA Release 2 Standard. Please refer to the Study Guide on the HL7 Training and Certification page of the HL7 website for details on the content covered by the test.

**Note:** You will need to bring your laptop to take the exam. We have changed to online certification.

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

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**HL7 Version 3 RIM Certification Test**  
Thursday, March 13 / 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Health Level Seven is pleased to offer certification testing on the HL7 Version 3 Reference Information Model (RIM) 2.36. Note that the RIM is the foundational base of all Version 3 artifacts. Certification testing is offered to those industry participants who are expected to have a working knowledge of the HL7 Version 3 RIM or its derived artifacts. Interface analysts, healthcare systems analysts, medical software programmers, and medical informatics faculty and students are all potential candidates.

The knowledge required to pass the test can be obtained by self study of the RIM and its associated normative structural vocabulary as well as through participation in the HL7 working group meetings, HL7 education sessions, and field work implementing HL7 Version 3 artifacts. Please refer to the Study Guide on the HL7 Training and Certification page of the HL7 website for details on the content covered by the test.

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1. Contact Information:

First Name     Last Name     Nickname
(This name will appear on your badge.)
Title/Position      Organization      Email
Address
City       State    Zip    Country
Telephone         Fax

2. Registration Fees:

The Quality Reporting Document Architecture and HL7 certification test review tutorials, and certification testing are not included in the packages and must be registered for separately.

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