

CEN/TC 251 & HL7 International Agreement to collaboration on the IPS

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In view of the fact that:

CEN/TC 251 has been funded by the European Commission to contribute to the global standardization of a Patient Summary and to deliver:

- The European Standard for the International Patient Summary (IPS) based on the eHN Guidelines for cross-border unscheduled care
- Guidance on the EN for European Implementation of an International Patient Summary

HL7 International has accepted a revised project scope statement for IPS (previously known as HL7 InterPAS) that aims to deliver:

- A patient summary CDA template (and possibly a FHIR profile) for use in emergency or unplanned care under the universal realm.

Agree on a Shared Vision for the IPS:

“In order to further the care for citizens across the globe, we agree to collaborate on a single, common International Patient Summary (IPS) specification that is readily usable by all clinicians for the (cross-border) unscheduled care of a patient.”

Agree on a common scope for the CEN and HL7 IPS projects:

“The IPS specification shall focus on a minimal and non-exhaustive Patient Summary, which is specialty-agnostic and condition-independent, but still clinically relevant.”

Express their intent to collaborate under the following principles for the IPS:

- A. The standards specification for the IPS will be **implementable**
 - Promote (the evolution and convergence of) existing standards
 - Rely on solutions that are already implemented or ready for implementation
 - Consider new or additional solutions as they become available
- B. The standards specification for the IPS will be applicable for **global use**
 - Strive for global accessibility of standards for free
 - Strive for a core set of globally accessible and usable terminologies and value sets
 - Include free text in addition to the structured codes as needed
 - Do not include local solutions in the core specification that are not available in other jurisdictions

- C. The standards specification will be **extensible and open** to future use cases and solutions
 - The IPS provides common content that can be extended and specialized for other use cases, or localized for specific jurisdictional needs
 - The IPS is open to emerging solutions for unresolved issues or improvements
- D. The standards specifications and their implementation must be **sustainable** through:
 - A robust maintenance and update process for the IPS
 - A process to ensure clinical validity of the IPS, meeting
 - clinical requirements (including workflow)
 - clinical documentation requirements
 - information quality requirements
- E. We will **manage the expectations** of the IPS standards specifications among stakeholders, by
 - stipulating the role of the IPS as a foundation for others to extend
 - justifying the inclusion of items in the IPS within the limited context of unplanned (cross border) care.

CEN/TC 251 and HL7 International will engage on a personal and organizational level to their best efforts in order to achieve these common goals under the stated principles.

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