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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

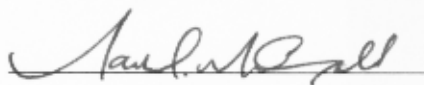
HL7 AND ASTM International are both not-for-profit standards developing organizations (SDOs) with complementary interests in creating and extending comprehensive standards in the healthcare community. ASTM has developed a Standard Specification for the Continuity of Care Record (CCR) and is developing an implementation guide for the same. HL7 has adopted a standard for Clinical Document Architecture (CDA), a standard for the functionality of an Electronic Health Record System (EHR) and a standard Reference Information Model (RIM). Since both SDOs want implementations based on these standards to be interoperable, both SDO's agree to actively pursue harmonization of the above-mentioned standards to enable easy interoperability.

HL7 and ASTM, in addition to the above-mentioned standards, encourage the harmonization and coordination of other existing standards and future standards initiatives as appropriate.

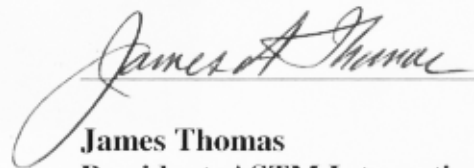
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