Welcoming Comments

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Standards are a Prerequisite to Functionality

“Well, then,” said Milo, not understanding why each one said the same thing in a slightly different way, “wouldn’t it be simpler to use just one? It certainly would make more sense.”

The Phantom Tollbooth
Norton Juster
HL7 in Stage 1 Meaningful Use

- HL7 Standards named in the ONC Final Rule
  http://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/hhsifr.cfm

- V2 Messages
  - HL7 V2.3
  - HL7 V2.5.1
  - HL7 V2 Immunization Implementation Guide
  - HL7 V2 Laboratory Reporting Guide

- CDA Implementation Guides
  - Continuity of Care Document (HL7 CCD, HITSP/C32 variant)
Semantic Interoperability

“If you cannot measure it, you cannot improve it.”

Lord Kelvin (1824-1907)
Oh, to Dream

Oh, to find a structured terminology, rich in domain completeness; steeped in description logic, consistency, and finesse.

Oh, to find a clinical document spec, model-derived XML, consensus-based and precise, stakeholders engaged as well.

Oh, imagine if you can, coupling the two. A conjugial partnership, codes, nestled in structured fields, two standards, joined at the hip.

Dare I dream of an unambiguous world? Dare I dream of what might be? Yes! Yes! We'll have semantic interoperability!!