HL7 Structured Documents Technical Committee Opens Balloting for CDA, Release 2.0 Implementation Guides for Care Record Summary (CRS) Documents, Levels 1 and 2; Invites Participation in Open Webinars — April 13 and April 19

Ann Arbor, Mich. — April 12, 2005 — The Health Level Seven (HL7) Structured Documents Technical Committee (SDTC) is proud to offer the first ballot for Clinical Document Architecture (CDA), Release 2.0 Implementation Guides for Care Record Summary (CRS) documents, Levels 1 and 2, US realm. Open Webinars, hosted by Dictaphone and McKesson, to introduce the Implementation Guides and to encourage participation in the ballot will be held Wednesday, April 13 at 3:30pm EDT and Tuesday, April 19 at 1pm EDT. (See end of release for sign up details.)

HL7’s CDA is content-neutral in the sense that it does not prescribe the clinical contents of a document, only the structure in which that content must be formatted and coded for exchange. These Implementation Guides establish a format and process for defining constraints on clinical content as well as the encoding of that content.

“This ballot represents our first opportunity to define content-specific CDA document types for a national constituency. We hope these documents get wide review and we look forward to their refinement in collaboration with the physician and implementer communities,” said Mark Shafarman, Chair of HL7.

The domain chosen is a summary-of-care document that often accompanies the transfer of care of a patient. The content was developed in conjunction with the HL7 Patient Care Technical Committee and is in part based on work done previously on CDA Implementation Guides for Claims Attachments. Internationally, this type of document is the most common first area of application for CDA. While these guides are designed for the United States, there are similar national and regional CDA implementations in use in Germany, Finland and Greece. Projects are also coming online in Canada and Japan, and others are in advanced planning stages in several other locations.
“Speaking as an individual and with a longstanding commitment to promoting simple, uniform solutions to assist with patient care, I see these ballots as positive steps on the path of the harmonization of CDA and CCR and look forward to the continuation and successful conclusion of the collaboration resulting in a single standard supporting transfer of care,” said Tom Sullivan, MD, Immediate Past President, Massachusetts Medical Society and ASTM E31.28, Co-Chair, Continuity of Care Committee (CCR).

It is the hope of the HL7 SDTC that the following several projects result from this first effort:

- Refinement and amendment of these guides, per the ballot reconciliation process
- Development of CRS Level 1 and 2 implementation profiles in collaboration with IHE
- Development of CRS Implementation Guides with field-level data (CDA Level 3) in collaboration with the HL7 Patient Care Technical Committee
- Development of detailed (CDA Level 3) Implementation Guides for “continuity of care records” (CCR) in collaboration with the ASTM E31 under the 2004 Memorandum of Understanding
- Development of Level 1, 2 and 3 Implementation Guides for additional domains including imaging reports and pathology
- Discussions with HL7 Affiliates on internationalization of the Care Record Summary

The ballot package for CDA, Release 2.0 Implementation Guides for Care Record Summary (CRS) Documents, Levels 1 and 2, which was released on April 1, contained the prose Implementation Guides, a sample document, rendering style sheet, and validation schemas in the Schematron language and in XSLT. The following links contain non-password-protected copies of the ballot packages:

http://www.hl7.org/Library/Committees/structure/CDA%20Care%20Record%20Summary%20IG%20Level%201%2Ezip
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 3:30PM EDT
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Audio:
1. Call MeetingPlace:
   - Toll-free (US only): 1-800-260-2140
   - Toll-free (Canada only): 1-866-701-6338
   - International Direct Dial: 1-617-231-2053
2. Press 1 to attend a meeting
3. Enter meeting ID (927063) followed by the # key
4. Follow the prompts to join the audio conference

Web:
Go to https://premium.meetingplace.net
1. Enter meeting ID (927063) and click ATTEND MEETING
2. Enter your name in the "My name is" box and click Attend Meeting
3. Click Yes to any Java warnings

TEST YOUR BROWSER BEFORE THE MEETING
Visit (https://premium.meetingplace.net) if you have not done so before, to test your web browser you will use in the meeting for compatibility with the web conference. Click on the "Browser Test" link at the bottom of the page to run the test. Turn off any pop-up stoppers, and click on the "START" the inspection now button on the bottom of the screen. This will inform you of any problems you might encounter.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1:00PM EDT
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Audio:
Dial-in Information: (877)581-9247 participation: 895921

Web:
Meeting Address: http://webmeeting.att.com
Meeting Number: 8775819247
Participant Code: 895921
* The first time you use the Web Meeting Service, you will need to download the client software. Web Meeting HELP & Software Downloads can be found at: https://www.teleconference.att.com/servlet/AWMlogin

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