



Health Level Seven® International

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Health Level Seven Offers New Webinar Series

The first webinar is an introduction to HL7's role in developing interoperability standards to bring together the world's disparate healthcare systems.

Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA – May 26, 2010 – Health Level Seven® International (HL7®), the global authority for interoperability and standards in healthcare information technology with members in 55 countries, today announced the first in a series of HL7 Ambassador Webinars - "The HL7 Healthcare Connection."

The HL7 Healthcare Connection is a free webinar that will be held on Tuesday, June 8 from noon to 1 pm ET.

Grant Wood, senior IT strategist with Intermountain Healthcare's Clinical Genomics Institute, HL7 ambassador and member of the HL7 Clinical Genomics Work Group, will discuss how the implementation of HL7 standards and messaging architecture solves the problems of disconnected healthcare systems and serves as a vehicle for interoperability with disparate healthcare IT systems, applications and data architectures.

HL7's healthcare standards play a key role in the exchange of electronic data in much of today's global healthcare community and represent some of the most widely implemented healthcare standards in the world. HL7 standards provide a comprehensive framework that improves healthcare delivery, optimizes both clinical and administrative

workflow, creates a shared language, and enhances knowledge transfer among all healthcare stakeholders, including healthcare providers and their patients, government agencies, the vendor community, and other related standards groups.

This webinar is free and open to anyone interested in healthcare IT, and is the first in an ongoing series of HL7 Ambassador Webinars in development. To register, please visit <http://www.hl7.org/events/ambassador062010>.

HL7 Ambassadors present standardized presentations about HL7 as speaker volunteers. They are available to present at local, regional or national conferences. Please contact HL7 at +1 (734) 677-7777 if you would like to schedule an HL7 Ambassador for an upcoming event.

About HL7 International

Founded in 1987, Health Level Seven International is the global authority for healthcare Information interoperability and standards with affiliates established in more than 30 countries. HL7 is a non-profit, ANSI accredited standards development organization dedicated to providing a comprehensive framework and related standards for the exchange, integration, sharing, and retrieval of electronic health information that supports clinical practice and the management, delivery and evaluation of health services. HL7's more than 2,300 members represent approximately 500 corporate members, which include more than 90 percent of the information systems vendors serving healthcare. HL7 collaborates with other standards developers and provider, payer, philanthropic and government agencies at the highest levels to ensure the development of comprehensive and reliable standards and successful interoperability efforts.

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