HL7 Offers Free Ambassador Webinar—HL7 Version 2: Electronic Lab Reporting to Public Health

Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA – July 8, 2011 – Health Level Seven® International (HL7®), the global authority for interoperability and standards in healthcare information technology with members in 55 countries, will present a complimentary Ambassador webinar on the HL7 Version 2.5.1 Implementation Guide: Electronic Laboratory Reporting to Public Health on Wednesday, July 13 from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm EDT.

The HL7 Version 2.5.1 Implementation Guide: Electronic Laboratory Reporting to Public Health supports the submission of reportable laboratory results to public health. This implementation guide was recently named under the federal regulation in the United States to support meaningful use requirements. This webinar will show how public health is using laboratory data today and how the implementation guide addresses meaningful use requirements as well as state and local laboratory reporting requirements. The webinar will also provide information on the following:

- Current status of public health adoption of the implementation guide
- Tools developed by public health to aid adoption of the implementation guide
- Lessons learned from current adopters of the guide
- Future updates to the guide

Austin Kreisler, technical fellow at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), chair of the HL7 Technical Steering Committee, co-chair of the HL7 Structured Documents Work Group and past co-chair of the HL7 Orders and Observations Work Group, will be presenting the webinar. Mr. Kreisler is the principal author of the HL7 Version 2.5.1 Implementation Guide: Electronic Laboratory Reporting to Public Health as well as a co-author of the HL7 Version 3 Laboratory Result standard.

To register for this free webinar, please visit http://www.hl7.org/events/ambassador072011/.

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