Ann Arbor, Mich. – Feb. 25, 2021 – Health Level Seven® (HL7®) International, the global authority on interoperability of health information technology with members in 55 countries, today announced the appointment of three new members to the HL7 board of directors to serve a two-year term: Lori Evans Bernstein, MPH, co-founder and president, HealthReveal; Karen DeSalvo, M.D., MPH, chief health officer, Google Health; and Carolyn Petersen, MS, MBI, FAMIA, senior editor, Mayo Clinic.

“These leaders represent a broad spectrum of global stakeholders who are committed to advancing health through information technology. We are delighted to welcome them to the HL7 board of directors,” said Charles Jaffe, M.D., Ph.D., CEO of HL7. “Their strategic expertise and diverse experience will contribute greatly to HL7’s goal of improving the quality of care and reducing costs by overcoming the barriers to interoperability.”

About the Appointed Board Members

Lori Evans Bernstein, MPH, is the co-founder and president of HealthReveal, a clinical AI company dedicated to improving care and reducing costs for the chronically ill. She was previously the president of GSI Health, a nationally recognized population health and patient care coordination solution sold to Medecision. Lori has over 25 years of experience in health care and health IT with significant experience in the public and private health care sectors. In the private sector, she served as CEO of a provider solutions division of ActiveHealth Management, an Aetna owned company. In addition, she spent five years as the director of the Care Data Exchange division for CareScience, Inc. and worked for the strategic operations group of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in Northern California on access and operations improvement, and health IT implementation. In the public sector, Lori served as a Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health leading an Office of Health Information Technology Transformation, appointed by the governor to lead the first of its kind at the state level. At the federal
government level, Lori served as a senior adviser to the nation's first National Coordinator for Health Information Technology in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Karen DeSalvo, M.D., MPH, is the Chief Health Officer of Google Health. She is a physician executive working at the intersection of medicine, public health and information technology whose career has focused on improving health and eliminating disparities. Dr. DeSalvo leads a team of health professionals at Google who provide clinical guidance for the development of inclusive research, products and services. Before joining Google, she served as the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and acted as the Assistant Secretary for Health in the Obama administration. During her time at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Dr. DeSalvo focused on creating a more consumer-oriented, transparent and value-based health system. In addition, she served as the New Orleans Health Commissioner following Hurricane Katrina. Before that Dr. DeSalvo was Vice Dean for Community Affairs and Health Policy at the Tulane School of Medicine where she was a practicing internal medicine physician, educator, researcher and leader. She currently serves on the Council of the National Academy of Medicine.

Carolyn Petersen, MS, MBI, FAMIA, is a senior editor at Mayo Clinic, where she focuses on digital health information development for MayoClinic.org and other consumer-facing applications. She holds master’s degrees in biomedical informatics and exercise and movement science. She is also an American College of Sports Medicine-certified exercise physiologist. Carolyn is a past co-chair of the ONC Health Information Technology Advisory Committee and a consumer representative on U.S. Food and Drug Administration medical device advisory panels. In addition, she previously served on PCORI’s Healthcare Delivery and Disparities Research Advisory Panel as well as its Telehealth Advisory Panel. She is a member of the Ethics and Public Policy Committees of the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA), and a past chair of AMIA’s Ethical, Legal and Social Issues Working Group. Carolyn is a survivor of a pediatric cancer with research interests in improvement of long-term survivorship care, person-generated health data governance, and patient-developed health IT.

About Health Level Seven International (HL7)
Health Level Seven® International (HL7) is an ANSI-accredited, not-for-profit standards developing organization with the mission of empowering global health interoperability. With affiliates in over 30 countries, HL7’s global membership envisions a world in which everyone can securely access and use the right data when and where they need it. Widely implemented by vendor and health care systems, and required by governing bodies around the world, HL7 standards deliver solutions for health information technology, including HL7® Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®), Version 2 (V2) and Clinical Document Architecture (CDA®). For more information, visit HL7.org. www.HL7.org.