Approved Projects
The TSC approved the following projects:

**EHR-S Functional Profile for Health Information Exchange Metadata**, for EHR WG of Structure and Semantic Design Steering Division (SSD SD), at PI# 819. The scope of this project is to create a US Realm EHR Functional Profile describing the functions for an EHR system to support metadata required for patient demographics, provenance (source and type of data), and security and privacy in support of health information exchange.

**V 2.5.1 Implementation Guide: Orders & Observations; EHR-Laboratory Interoperability and Connectivity Specification (ELINCS) for Orders; US Realm (Short name: ELINCS Orders IG)**, for OO of SSD SD, at PI# 827. The EHR-Laboratory Interoperability and Connectivity Specification (ELINCS) Orders Implementation Guide is an HL7 V2.5.1-based messaging specification intended to provide implementers of electronic laboratory order interfaces between ambulatory electronic health record (EHR) systems and clinical laboratories with clear, standards-based guidance on how to format and populate the relevant order messages. This specification focuses exclusively on the electronic ordering of ambulatory clinical lab tests in the ambulatory setting for the US realm. Electronic ordering for other tasks and contexts is outside the scope of the ELINCS Orders specification at this time, including messaging for ordering tests within the clinical lab, ordering inpatient lab tests, ordering lab tests outside of the US Realm, and for special-purpose ordering such as radiology test orders and referral orders (i.e., "send-out" tests) placed between labs. This specification assumes that electronic orders are transmitted from an EHR system to a specific, known lab. It does not address the concept of order queues, clearing houses, or other transport-level mechanisms and protocols that may be used to transfer or hold orders for later retrieval by a lab selected to perform the lab service.

**Resource Directory Wiki**, for Process Improvement Committee (PIC) of Technical and Support Services Steering Division (T3SD), at PI# 791, will establish a wiki site as a "Resource Directory" for HL7 volunteer resources and available volunteer opportunities.” It will include two forums on the HL7 wiki to connect between needs and potential resources to support Working Groups in achieving work items and acquiring resources as well as engage interested HL7 members and identify areas to participate. The project will develop the wiki pages, establish procedures and policies for use of the wiki, develop and deploy the roll out strategy to the Work Groups, and define ongoing support and maintenance requirements.

**CDA Implementation Guide for the Exchange of Clinical Trial Subject Data: Patient Narratives**, for RCRIM WG of Domain Experts Steering Division (DESD), at Project Insight ID# 822, TSC Tracker # 2102, co-sponsored by Structured Documents WG of SSD SD. The project will reference the withdrawn Subject Data DSTU V3 message as a starting point to limit the scope of the CDA document to create a CDA R2 Implementation Guide. The scope of the CDA implementation guide is limited to the exchange of patient narratives, which are created as a summary document during the conduct of a clinical trial. The CDA Implementation Guide will focus on a constrained dataset that supports the exchange of both human and machine readable content.

**Guidance on Ballot Levels – Your input requested:** The wiki page for comments is available at http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=TSC_Guidance_on_Ballot_Levels, and comments can be entered until November 30th. At that time the TSC will review any comments, make changes, and roll this out at the January WGM. The current guidance document can be found at http://gforge.hl7.org/gf/download/trackeritem/1815/8598/BallotGuidance-2011-08-15.doc. Please contribute your suggestions, changes, affirmations and recommendations to ensure our ballot guidance is as thorough and comprehensible as possible.

Happy Halloween!

How to find TSC information
The TSC wiki site houses its minutes, process documents, templates, links to the ArB wiki and the TSC Issue Tracker, a list of current projects, and more. You can access the TSC wiki at: http://www.hl7.org/permalink/?TSCWiki. See the links below for instructions on how to view the list of projects and access the TSC Issue Tracker.

- TSC Tracker: link to http://gforge.hl7.org/gf/project/tsc/tracker/?action=TrackerItemBrowse&tracker_id=313
- Project Insight Searchable Database: link to http://www.hl7.org/permalink/?searchableProjectIndex
- Project List on GForge: link to http://gforge.hl7.org/gf/project/tsc/frs/?action=FrsReleaseBrowse&frs_package_id=98
- Project Insight: link to http://www.hl7.org/permalink/?ProjectInsight, (requires PMO-assigned log in credentials)