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## **HL7 Names Two New Advisory Council Members**

Joyce Sensmeier and Walter Suarez to serve on HL7 Advisory Council

**Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA – January 28, 2013** – Health Level Seven® International (HL7®), the global authority for interoperability and standards in healthcare information technology with members in 55 countries, today announced that HL7's Board of Directors has named Joyce Sensmeier, MS, RN-BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, FAAN, Vice President of Informatics for HIMSS, and Walter Suarez, M.D., PhD, Director of Health IT Strategy of Kaiser Permanente, to serve a two-year term on HL7's Advisory Council.

"We are pleased to have Joyce Sensmeier and Walter Suarez join HL7's Advisory Council," said Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD, CEO of HL7. "Ms. Sensmeier provides a unique perspective to the Council with leadership role in HIMSS and Integrating the Health Enterprise (IHE) as well as her expertise in nursing informatics. Dr. Suarez brings a wealth of national and international experience including serving as a member of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) and as a member of HIT Standards Committee of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology."

Joyce Sensmeier MS, RN-BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, FAAN is Vice President of Informatics at HIMSS, the largest U.S. not-for-profit, cause-based association focused on providing global leadership for the optimal use of information technology for the betterment of healthcare. She is responsible for the areas of clinical informatics, standards, interoperability, privacy and security.

Dr. Suarez serves as co-chair of the Sub Committee on Standards of the NCVHS and co-chair of the Privacy and Security Work Group of the HIT Standards Committee of the ONC. He has provided project management, technical and policy consulting services and project/program evaluation services to health care provider organizations, health plans, Medicaid and Medicare programs, Public Health agencies and vendors in the areas of Health IT/HIE, public health data standards, health disparities, quality measurement, health information privacy and security standards, and HIPAA standards including Transactions and Code Sets (TCS) and the National Provider Identifier (NPI).

### **About Health Level Seven International (HL7)**

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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