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## **HL7 Pledges to Empower Patients**

**San Diego, California, USA – September 14, 2011** – Health Level Seven® International (HL7®), the global authority on standards for interoperability of health information technology with members in 55 countries, today is pleased to announce that the HL7 Board unanimously agreed to pledge to engage and empower individuals to be partners in their health through information technology. This is the [HealthIT Pledge](#) for non-Data Holders as promoted by the U.S. Office of the National Coordinator (ONC). HL7 further encourages its members to take either the *Pledge for Data Holders* or the *Pledge for non-Data Holders* as appropriate. More details about the pledge can be found at the ONC website at <http://www.healthit.gov/pledge>.

We are pleased to join with ONC in this important national initiative, and we further encourage other healthcare standards development organizations to follow suit.

### **About 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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