



ANNOUNCEMENT OF VERSION 3 BALLOT OPENINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 2008 BALLOT CYCLE

August 5, 2008

Health Level Seven (HL7) invites you to take part in the formation of ballot groups for the upcoming September 2008 ballot cycle. The candidate standards and other documents described in this announcement are expected to ballot prior to HL7's September 2008 Working Group Meeting (WGM). Comments received in response to these ballots will be addressed at that WGM running September 14-18 in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Please note that this announcement is limited to those ballots with open ballot pool enrollment; original consensus group ballots are detailed in a separate announcement.

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Ballot Overview

Ballot Open/Close Dates

Most ballot pools in this document will open and close for voting on the following dates. Exceptions for a specific pool are listed with that pool.

Ballot Open Date: August 5, 2008

Ballot Close Date: September 8, 2008

Ballot Pool Enrollment Period

Ballot pool enrollment will be available from a date at least two weeks preceding the ballot pool opening date and will continue until one week before ballot pool close. While the exact dates are dependent upon individual pool ballot open and close dates, in general the sign-up period dates are as follows:

Ballot Pool Sign-Up Open Date: July 21, 2008

Ballot Pool Sign-Up Close Date: September 1, 2008

Please be aware that these dates may not be accurate for all ballot pools. To sign up, point your browser to <http://www.hl7.org/ctl.cfm?action=ballots.home>. **Important Note:**

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Beginning with this cycle, **ballot pool signup will close one (1) week** before the ballot close date. This is also the final date non-members can sign up for Paid Participation in the ballot.

Ballot Listing

This section details the candidate/draft standards and other documents that HL7 intends to ballot before the upcoming September WGM. Please note that the following details about specific items are subject to review by the HL7 Technical Steering Division:

- Approval of all projects initiating any ballot item
- Approval of titles for new candidate and draft standards and other documents
- Approval of new candidate Draft Standards for Trial Use
- Approval of ballot level for those items moving directly to Normative ballot

Any changes from the initial details in this announcement will be identified in the ballot announcement document released when the September 2008 ballot cycle opens.

In addition, please be aware that some of the listed ballot pools are closed to additional enrollment. Original consensus group ballots are subsequent ballots of material previously balloted at the normative level and are limited to the members of the original consensus group, as stipulated in the HL7 Governance and Operations Manual (GOM), section 14.03.04 - Consensus Group for Subsequent Normative Ballots of the Same Content. Accordingly, these ballot pools are closed to sign up on the HL7 Ballot Desktop. The affected pools are identified in this document. For complete details on original consensus group ballots, please refer to the indicated section of the GOM.

Standards Classifications

These items are based on or associated with the following standards classifications:

- Version 3 Messaging
- Version 3 Specifications, Infrastructure and Foundation

A section is devoted to each of the standards classifications below.

Note: Due to their later ballot opening date, the **Clinical Document Architecture, Release 2 ballot items** will be announced in a separate document.

Ballot Listings by Classification

Version 3 Messaging

The **Clinical Decision Support Work Group** announces the formation of ballot groups for the following documents:

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Clinical Decision Support; Virtual Medical Record (vMR), Release 1 (1st For Comment Only Ballot)***

This document will create an initial recommendation for an HL7 “Virtual Medical Record (vMR) for CDS” data model that is based on the HL7 v.3 RIM format.

The vMR will represent clinical data that can be exchanged between local medical systems and the point of care through a middleware layer that translates the data into a standardized format.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_CDS_VMR_R1_O1_2008SEP

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- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Order Set Publication, Release 1 (1st DSTU Ballot)***
This proposal specifies a draft standard for the maintenance and sharing of order set content between cooperating healthcare and administrative enterprises. This ballot includes a reconciliation with the draft Domain Message Information Model of Structured Documents, includes revisions to the Refined Message Information Model requested in the previous ballot cycle and responds to deficiencies in the documentation identified by other HL7 members.
Unique Ballot Id: V3_OSP_R1_D1_2008SEP

The **Clinical Genomics Work Group** announces the formation of a ballot group for the following document:

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Clinical Genomics; Genetic Variation, Release 1 (1st Normative Ballot)***
This ballot document stems from industry need. During the DSTU period, the area that has been experimented the most in the Clinical Genomics Domain is the genetic variations area, and therefore it is the first topic we progress to Normative. This document consists of changes done after ballot reconciliation of the comments received during the January 2008 ballot cycle.
Unique Ballot Id: V3_CG_GV_R1_N1_2008SEP

The **Community Based Collaborative Care Work Group** announces the formation of a ballot group for the following document:

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Medical Records; Composite Privacy Consent Directive, Release 2 (1st For Comment Only Ballot)***
This RMIM is based on the normative A_DataConsent CMET and a Consent Directive Grouper class to enable grouping of consent directives.
Unique Ballot Id: V3_MR_CPCD_R2_D1_2008SEP

The **Financial Management Work Group** announces the formation of ballot groups for the following documents:

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Claims and Reimbursement: Special Authorization, Release 1 (1st DSTU Ballot)***
The Special Authorization topic in the Claims and Reimbursement domain provides a mechanism for a Provider to request inclusion of a service and/or product as a covered benefit under a patient's insurance policy. Typically, the product is not covered under the patient's insurance and a coverage extension request is required before the product can be paid.
Unique Ballot Id: V3_CR_SA_R1_D1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) Style Guide, Release 1-US Realm (1st DSTU Ballot)***
The style guide, as the name suggests, is the precursor to any future domain-specific work. To ensure that each team participating in the MITA project is developing consistent artifacts, we need a common style guide. The style guide will include patterns and guidances on the use of the modeling language and tools. It needs to be reviewed and vetted to ensure that it meets the needs of this

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community. For classification purposes it fits more in the category of methodology documentation.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_MITASG_R1_D1_2008SEP

The **Laboratory Work Group** announces the formation of a ballot group for the following document:

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Laboratory; Result, Release 1 (1st Normative Ballot)***

The Laboratory Result Topic comprises the models, messages, and other artifacts that are needed to support messaging related to laboratory results. The material in this ballot constitutes Release 1 of the Laboratory Result Topic within the Laboratory Domain. The following changes have been made to the material being balloted

 - **Substantive Changes:**
 - Remove Query Reject, Result Suspend and Result Resume Trigger Events
 - Update Result Reject and Result Confirm trigger event description
 - Add missing attribute level descriptions for Result Query
 - Update application roles and remove the query value for Result Event Abort interaction
 - Add receiver responsibilities to Find Result Query interaction
 - Update Result Query ActMoodCode to be fixed as "EVN"
 - Update Result Query InvestigativeSubject.id, ProcessStep.code and SpecimenCollectionProcess.effectiveTime to be fixed as class attribute tag
 - Remove Placer Order CMET from Result Model until Composite Order CMET is available (Lab Result Release 2)
 - Replace Data Enterer participation with Transcriber participation
 - Update Device.typeCode fixed as "DEV" and add attribute level description
 - Update Consumable.typeCode as "CSM" and add attribute level description
 - **Non-Substantive Changes:**
 - Update Result Confirm Interaction Sending and Receiving Application Roles
 - Update Interactions to use Order Placer as Receiving Application Role except Result State Change interaction
 - Rename Result State Change interaction to Result Tracking
 - Update State Transition diagrams to use lowercase states
 - Add Introduction section to explain use of focal and component acts
 - Update contributors and diagram sizing to follow publishing guidelines
 - Switch Result Event Abort interaction structured sort name with its display name

Unique Ballot Id: V3_LB_RESULT_R1_N1_2008SEP

The **Modeling and Methodology Work Group** announces the formation of ballot groups for the following documents:

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- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Common Message Element Types (Normative), Release 7 (3rd Normative Ballot)***

This document describes the models, message types, and other artifacts that are used to express common concepts in a single domain or across multiple modeling domains, know as CMETs. The following CMETS which previously passed committee ballot in either January 2008 or May 2008 or are being reballoted at the normative level are included in this ballot:

ID	Name	Level	Previous
COCT_MT030000	E_LivingSubject universal	M	M
COCT_MT030100	E_NonPersonLivingSubject universal	M	M
COCT_MT030107	E_NonPersonLivingSubject informational	M	M
COCT_MT030200	E_Person universal	M	M
COCT_MT030207	E_Person informational	M	M
COCT_MT050000	R_Patient universal	M	M
COCT_MT050007	R_Patient informational	M	M
COCT_MT410000	R_ExposureAgentCarrier universal	M	C
COCT_MT411000	R_ExposureAgentFomite universal	M	C
COCT_MT410300	R_ExposureAgentVector universal	M	C
COCT_MT840000	E_PublicHealth Entity universal	M	C
COCT_MT840100	E_PublicHealthNonPersonLivingSubject universal	M	C
COCT_MT840200	E_PublicHealthPerson universal	M	C
COCT_MT840300	E_PublicHealthVector universal	M	C
COCT_MT840500	E_PublicHealthPathogen universal	M	C
COCT_MT841000	E_PublicHealthFomite universal	M	C
COCT_MT841100	E_PublicHealthMaterial universal	M	C
COCT_MT841200	E_PublicHealthManufacturedMaterial universal	M	C
COCT_MT841300	E_PublicHealthPlace universal	M	C
COCT_MT841400	E_PublicHealthOrganization universal	M	C
COCT_MT841500	E_PublicHealthPhysicalEntity universal	M	C

Unique Ballot Id: V3_CMET_R7_N3_2008SEP

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Common Message Element Types (Committee), Release 7 (3rd Committee Ballot)***

This document describes the models, message types, and other artifacts that are used to express common concepts in a single domain or across multiple modeling domains, know as CMETs. This ballot covers new material, updated and revised material from previous committee ballots, and material intended to replace existing normative CMETs:

ID	Name	Level	Previous
COCT_MT??0000	A_Benefit universal	C	New
COCT_MT??0005	A_Benefit basic	C	New
COCT_MT??0005	A_ProviderContract basic	C	New
COCT_MT050003	R_Patient contact	C	C
COCT_MT080000	R_Specimen universal	C	New
COCT_MT080100	R_Specimen minimal	C	New
COCT_MT080200	R_Specimen lite	C	New
COCT_MT430000	R_LabTestKit universal	C	C
COCT_MT440000	A_ValuedItem universal	C	C
COCT_MT440001	A_ValuedItem identified	C	C
COCT_MT440004	A_ValuedItem minimal	C	C
COCT_MT440005	A_ValuedItem basic	C	New
COCT_MT440007	A_ValuedItem informational	C	C

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Unique Ballot Id: V3_CMET_R7_C3_2008SEP

The **Orders and Observation Work Group** announces the formation of a ballot group for the following document:

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Blood, Tissue, Organ; Donation, Release 1 (3rd Committee Ballot)***

The BTO domain currently contains message standards for the transmission of donor and blood product information. For instance, between a blood center and other facilities, such as a transfusion service, an off-site donor testing laboratory, a hospital, and/or a plasma manufacturing company. Balloted materials were updated to reflect changes to address ballot reconciliation comments. Many changes were made to the wording and artifact references were added to the storyboards.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_BTO_DONATION_R1_C3_2008SEP

The **Public Health/Emergency Response Work Group** announces the formation of a ballot group for the following document:

- ***HL7 Version 3 Domain Analysis Model: Tuberculosis Surveillance, Diagnosis, Treatment and Research, Release 1 (2nd Informative Ballot)***

The Tuberculosis (TB) Domain Analysis Model will describe the TB diagnosis and treatment space to facilitate the exchange and promote reuse of information between all parties involved in TB surveillance, treatment, and research, thereby improving treatment, reducing the infection rate and shortening the time to new therapies. The modifications to the Tuberculosis Domain Analysis Model include expanding the Activity model to better support Public Health notification. Concept Domains and types have also been modified based on comments received. Latent Tuberculosis information has been expanded to include additional concepts and definitions that were not originally part of the previous DAM. Standard codes such as UCUM have been included to comply with HL7 standards. Spelling and other typographical errors have been corrected. Revisions to the data element spreadsheet have been made. Permissible value sets within the spreadsheet that contain items with varying semantic types within the same data element have been separated. Data element names and definitions have been clarified to improve comprehension and to match the permissible value sets.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_RR_TBDAM_R1_I2_2008SEP

The **Regulated Clinical Research Information Management Work Group** announces the formation of ballot groups for the following documents:

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Drug Stability Reporting (eStability), Release 2 (1st DSTU Ballot)***

The HL7 V3 Drug Stability Reporting (eStability), Release 2 incorporates changes identified in the use of Release 1 of the standard in an FDA pilot. The standard provides stability data in a standard electronic format so that it may be viewed as it appears on paper or electronic paper by regulatory agencies and industry. The revised standard includes changes to “Code” elements, the addition of nullFlavor, new types for AssociatedStudy, Reference, Component1,

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StudySponsor. Changes were made to StabilityStudy, StudyOnBatch, test, component2, now component3, storage and ID. Removed from the standard are Organization, and Reference to NarrativeBlock.xsd.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_DSR_R2_D1_2008SEP

- ***HL7 Version 3 Implementation Guide: Drug Stability Reporting (eStability), Release 2 (1st Informative Ballot)***

This Implementation Guide (IG) is for the use of the Health Level 7 (HL7) Stability Standard, Release 2. The IG describes the basic requirements needed for using the standard and the requirements needed for submitting information to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) using the standard.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_IG_DSR_R2_I1_2008SEP

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Public Health; CDISC Content to Message - Study Design, Release 1 (1st DSTU Ballot)***

This standard provides information included in a study protocol and protocol amendments including planned interventions, assessments, analyses, eligibility criteria, visits, etc. Planned sequence of events for the study: The standard provides the ability to compare actual subject progress to the study plan. The message is applicable to studies that are performed to determine the quality, safety and efficacy of regulated products.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_CDISC2MSG_SD_R1_D1_2008SEP

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Public Health; CDISC Content to Message - Study Participation, Release 1 (1st DSTU Ballot)***

This standard describes:

- Who is involved in the conduct of a study,
- What the roles of the involved parties are,
- When they are involved, and,
- Where there involvement is.

This standard applies to studies that are performed to determine the quality, safety and efficacy of regulated products.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_CDISC2MSG_SP_R1_D1_2008SEP

[Original Consensus Group ballot; closed to additional enrollment. Voters are reminded that only changes resulting from the previous normative ballot comments are open for review; comments related to previously balloted material will be found out of scope.]

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Structured Product Labeling, Release 4 (2nd Normative Ballot)***

This is the forth release of the Structured Product Labeling standard (SPL R4). SPL release 4 is an extension of the SPL release 3 content to cover medical devices and to enable the use of SPL in biologics and veterinary product labeling. This ballot is to reconcile the following change:

- For Organization the id had been constrained to 0 to 1; a change was made to revise this to a 0-to-many relationship.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_SPL_R4_N2_2008SEP

The **Structured Documents Work Group** announces the formation of a ballot group for the following document:

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- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Structured Documents Architecture, Release 1 (1st Normative Ballot)***

In this project the Structured Documents committee will focus on the development of the D-MIM and supporting documentation for structured documents, based on inputs from current HL7 publications and projects. We will coordinate with other SIGs and TCs in HL7, including Pediatrics Data Standard SIG, Government Projects, Decision Support and others to help determine the requirements for the D-MIM. The following changes have been made since the last revision:

- Revised scope section to clarify intent and purpose of this ballot,
- Added material about human readability, and discussion of documents and messages.
- Updated interactions section to describe the contained material as potential requirements.
- Removed note on audio and video content.
- Removed use of flow concept from description of document structures.
- Updated description of level 2 to conform to common definition used for CDA.
- Added D-MIM Walkthrough.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_SDA_R1_N1_2008SEP

Version 3 Specifications, Infrastructure and Foundation

The **Attachments, Infrastructure and Messaging, Structured Documents and Vocabulary Work Groups** announce the formation of a ballot group for the following document:

- ***HL7 Implementation Guidance for Unique Object Identifiers (OIDs), Release 1 (1st Informative Ballot)***

This is an informative document describing how to obtain and manage the OIDs used as identifiers in clinical documents and other HL7 artifact instances.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_OIDS_R1_I1_2008SEP

The **Infrastructure and Messaging Work Group** announces the formation of ballot groups for the following documents:

Alternate Ballot open date: March 29, 2008

Alternate Ballot close date: August 29, 2008

(Please note that this candidate standard was originally announced for the May 2008 ballot cycle; however, due to the length of the ballot period, this ballot pool is being carried forward into the September 2008 cycle.)

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: ISO Datatypes, Release 1 (3rd DSTU ballot)***

This document provides a UML and XML implementation of the datatypes, and is in effect Release 2 of the XML ITS datatypes. This document is shared and jointly balloted between HL7, CEN, and ISO. The document has been extensively modified to conform to ISO publishing standards, updated for semantic changes made to the Abstract Datatypes R2, and extended in scope to cover the structured narrative from CDA/SPL. In addition, many new

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conformance rules have been brought across from the abstract datatypes so that the document is less dependent on the abstract datatypes.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_ITS_ISODT_R1_D3_2008MAY

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Master File/Registry Infrastructure, Release 2 (1st DSTU Ballot)***

The Master File/Registry domain comprises the classes and attributes needed to support Master Files and Registries. It does so by providing a Trigger Event Control Act that can be associated through a subject participation either with an entity (a Role) or with an act. This domain focuses on the Master File/Registry specific extensions to the generic Trigger Event Control Act. Refer to the Message Control Act Infrastructure Introduction for general details on Trigger Event Control Acts.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_MFMI_R2_D1_2008SEP

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Message Control Act Infrastructure, Release 2 (1st DSTU Ballot)***

As discussed in the Transmission Infrastructure Introduction, the "Trigger Event Control Act" contains administrative information related to the "controlled act" which is being communicated as a messaging interaction. A Trigger Event Control Act describes the 'action' that is happening to the subject of the message (the payload). The Trigger Event Control Act contains details about the trigger event for the message such as who, when, where and why.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_MCAI_R2_D1_2008SEP

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Message Control Query Infrastructure, Release 2 (1st DSTU Ballot)***

The Query Infrastructure domain specifies the formation of information queries and the responses to these queries to meet the needs of healthcare applications using the HL7 version 3 messaging standard.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_QUQI_R2_D1_2008SEP

The **Vocabulary Work Group** announces the formation of a ballot group for the following document:

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Common Terminology Services, Release 2 (1st For Comment Only Ballot)***

The purpose of an HL7 SFM is to identify and document the functional requirements of services important to healthcare. Accordingly, the CTS 2 service provides a critical component within the larger context of service specifications as it defines both the expected behaviors of a terminology service and a standardized method of accessing terminology content. This consistent approach to terminology interaction will benefit other business context services by providing a level of terminology interoperability that currently only exists in a limited form. This is a new document developed under the HSSP project framework.

Unique Ballot Id: V3_CTS_R2_O1_2008SEP

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Ballot Procedure

General Guidelines

The membership is reminded that ANSI rules dictate that all individuals who were in a normative ballot pool **MUST** be included in the initial ballot pool when the same document goes out for a subsequent normative ballot. Thus, if a document is going out for a 2nd normative ballot, all individuals who were active in the ballot pool (casting either an affirmative, negative or abstain) for the 1st normative ballot are automatically subscribed as members for the subsequent normative ballot.

HL7 will conduct these ballots according to its procedure for electronic balloting. Individuals who sign up for the ballot group will not receive a paper copy of the document or a paper ballot. Instead, they will be notified by e-mail when the ballot package is available. They will download the document from the HL7 web server and will enter their votes and comments using the HL7 Ballot Desktop.

If a member of the ballot group does not have access to the technology being used, or if the person can demonstrate that using the electronic process creates a substantial hardship, he/she may request a paper copy of the ballot package and/or vote using a paper ballot. Because of the extra expense and time delays associated with paper ballots, HL7 does not intend to provide the alternative of using paper to members who have access to the technologies and have no substantial hardship associated with their use.

Voting

HL7 members and others who are materially affected by the proposed standard and wish to participate in these ballots must join the respective ballot groups. This can be accomplished by logging on to the Ballot Desktop at the following URL: <http://www.HL7.org/ctl.cfm?action=ballots.home>. Alternately, members can call the HL7 office at (734) 677-7777 and request that the Ballot Group Declaration Form be faxed or mailed to them.

With the exceptions noted above, all voting related activity – joining ballot pools, downloading or reviewing ballot content, uploading comments and voting – is done through the Ballot Desktop. In addition, non-members wishing to take part in this or any HL7 ballot must use the Ballot Desktop to register. Those non-members wishing to use this option are referred to the Paid Participation in HL7 Ballots Instructions posted on the HL7 Ballot Desktop.

All ballot dates are inclusive: votes cannot be cast before the beginning date or after the ending date of a ballot pool. Please note that all times are tracked in the Eastern Time Zone (US). If you have any problems with the ballot desktop, joining, or voting, please contact the HL7 Director of Technical Services at webmaster@HL7.org before the closing of the ballot.

Negative Votes on Normative Ballots: Members are reminded of the following rules from the HL7 GOM regarding the submission of negative votes on normative ballots:

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- 14.06.03.01 Submission of Comments – Statements accompanying negative ballots should be submitted as an attachment to the ballot and clearly reference the particular ballot item(s) to which it pertains.
- 14.06.03.02 No Comments or Inappropriate Comments – Negative ballots not accompanied by comments or accompanied by inappropriate comments or comments of no relevance to the ballot proposal shall not be considered. Such ballots will be recorded as a “negative without comment” for the purposes of establishing a quorum and reporting to ANSI. However, these ballots shall not be factored into the numerical requirements for consensus. No effort shall be made to solicit comments from the submitter of a negative without comment.

Important Notes

IMPORTANT NOTE on Balloting Rules: Due to changes in the HL7 Governance and Operations Manual (GOM), the rules under which balloting takes place have changed slightly. These changes can be summarized as follows:

- The definition for the Consensus Group for Subsequent Normative Ballots of the Same Content (GOM: 14.03.04) has changed. The consensus group for subsequent ballots "shall consist of those individuals, members or nonmembers, who submitted a ballot by the close of the ballot response period; whether affirmative, negative, or abstain." For complete details, please refer to the indicated section.
- While committee ballots are no longer recognized under the GOM, those ballots previously identified at committee level (i.e.- those balloted at this level in previous ballot cycles) will continue on this track until they achieve approval and/or are deemed ready to advance to a normative ballot.
- As a reminder, the new quorum and approval levels identified in the GOM will apply to all ballot pools. They are as follows:
 - Informative Ballots – No quorum requirement; 60% affirmative votes for approval.
 - DSTU Ballots – No quorum requirement; 60% affirmative votes for approval.
 - Normative Ballots – Minimum 10 HL7 members in ballot pool; 60% returning votes for quorum; 75% affirmative votes for approval.
 - Committee ballots grandfathered in will be run under the same requirements as Review ballots and, in addition, under the same Review ballot reconciliation guidelines.

Reconciliation Rules: The balloting of all items listed in this announcement is contingent upon completion of the appropriate ballot reconciliation activities as indicated the HL7 GOM sections 13, for Review ballots, and 14, for Normative ballots.

Concurrent Ballots: This ballot cycle, voters will notice that there are two ballot pools listed in addition to those announced in this document:

The "HL7 EHR Behavioral Health Functional Profile, Release 1" ballot is an out-of-cycle ballot closing on August 3, 2008. Due to this ballot's close proximity with the scheduled ballot open date it was considered necessary to include it in the listing for

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the September Ballot Cycle on the Ballot Desktop. For full details, please refer to the ballot announcement document specific to this ballot on the HL7 Ballot Desktop.

The "HL7 Version 3 Standard: ISO Datatypes, Release 1" ballot is being run concurrent with an ISO ballot of the same material; this required a five-month ballot period, which is outside the scope of our normal ballots. Therefore, the full ballot pool has been carried forward to this cycle for the convenience of those voting in this pool. For full details, please refer to the ballot announcement document specific to this ballot on the HL7 Ballot Desktop.

Unique Ballot IDs: Each ballot document has a unique Ballot ID that can be found following its descriptive text. In addition, updated ballot comment spreadsheets will be available on the balloting website at the time the ballots open.

Help

ISSUE – Ballot Pools Not Displayed: If you navigate to the Ballot Desktop and it does not correctly display the ballot pools you have previously signed up for, please click the “September 2008 Ballot Cycle” link in the left-hand navigation pane. This will resolve 90% of users’ issues.

ISSUE – Ballot Pools Not Open for Enrollment: When enrolling in ballot pools, you may notice that some pools are not available for enrollment. This is either because the enrollment period for that ballot has closed, or that ballot is a subsequent normative ballot and is limited to the original consensus group of that ballot.

IMPORTANT: Should you have issues voting, it is important that you contact us before the close of the ballot. Communications received after a ballot has closed cannot be honored.

OTHER ISSUES - Should you have any other issues logging in to the Ballot Desktop, signing up for ballot pools or voting, please contact either Don Lloyd (dlloyd@HL7.org), Technical Publications Manager, or Michael Kingery (mkingery@HL7.org), HL7 Webmaster.

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Appendix A – Listing of Ballots by Ballot Level for All September 2008 Cycle
Ballots

For Comment Only Ballots

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Clinical Decision Support; Virtual Medical Record (vMR), Release 1 (1st For Comment Only Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_CDS_VMR_R1_O1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Common Terminology Services, Release 2 (1st For Comment Only Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_CTS_R2_O1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Medical Records; Composite Privacy Consent Directive, Release 2 (1st For Comment Only Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_MR_CPCD_R2_D1_2008SEP

Informative Ballots

- ***HL7 EHR System Long Term Care Functional Profile, Release 1 (1st Informative Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: EHR_LTCFP_R1_I1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Implementation Guidance for Unique Object Identifiers (OIDs), Release 1 (1st Informative Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_OIDS_R1_I1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Standard for CDA Release 2: Imaging Integration; Basic Imaging Reports in CDA and DICOM, Release 1 (2nd Informative Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: CDAR2_II_BIMGRPTS_R1_I2_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 2 Implementation Guide: Clinical Genomics; Fully LOINC-Qualified Genetic Variation Model, Release 1 (1st Informative Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V2_CG_LOINCGENVAR_R1_I1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Domain Analysis Model: Tuberculosis Surveillance, Diagnosis, Treatment and Research, Release 1 (2nd Informative Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_RR_TBDAM_R1_I2_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Implementation Guide: Drug Stability Reporting (eStability), Release 2 (1st Informative Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_IG_DSR_R2_I1_2008SEP

Draft Standard for Trial Use Ballots

- ***HL7 Implementation Guide for CDA Release 2 - Level 3: Healthcare Associated Infection Reports, Release 2 (1st DSTU Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: CDAR2L3_IG_HAIRPT_R2_D1_2008SEP

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- ***HL7 Implementation Guide for CDA Release 2 - Level 3: Personal Healthcare Monitoring Reports, Release 1 (1st DSTU Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: CDAR2_IG_PHMRPTS_R1_D1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Implementation Guide for CDA Release 2: Operative Notes, Release 1 (2nd DSTU Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: CDAR2_OPRTVNOTE_R1_D2_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Standard for CDA Release 2: Quality Reporting Document Architecture, Release 1 (1st DSTU Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: CDAR2_QRDA_R1_D1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Claims and Reimbursement: Special Authorization, Release 1 (1st DSTU Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_CR_SA_R1_D1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Drug Stability Reporting (eStability), Release 2 (1st DSTU Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_DSR_R2_D1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: ISO Datatypes, Release 1 (3rd DSTU ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_ITS_ISODT_R1_D3_2008MAY
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Master File/Registry Infrastructure, Release 2 (1st DSTU Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_MFMI_R2_D1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Message Control Act Infrastructure, Release 2 (1st DSTU Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_MCAI_R2_D1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Message Control Query Infrastructure, Release 2 (1st DSTU Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_QUQI_R2_D1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) Style Guide, Release 1 (1st DSTU Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_MITASG_R1_D1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Order Set Publication, Release 1 (1st DSTU Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_OSP_R1_D1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Public Health; CDISC Content to Message - Study Design, Release 1 (1st DSTU Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_CDISC2MSG_SD_R1_D1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Public Health; CDISC Content to Message - Study Participation, Release 1 (1st DSTU Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_CDISC2MSG_SP_R1_D1_2008SEP

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Committee Ballots (Grandfathered)

- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Blood, Tissue, Organ; Donation, Release 1 (3rd Committee Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_BTO_DONATION_R1_C3_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Common Message Element Types (Committee), Release 7 (3rd Committee Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_CMET_R7_C3_2008SEP

Normative Ballots

- ***HL7 EHR System Records Management and Evidentiary Support Functional Profile, Release 1 (1st Normative Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: EHR_RMESFP_R1_N1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Messaging Standard Version 2.7: An Application Protocol for Electronic Data Exchange in Healthcare Environments (2nd Normative ballot)***
Unique Ballot ID: V27_N2_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Clinical Genomics; Genetic Variation, Release 1 (1st Normative Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_CG_GV_R1_N1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Common Message Element Types (Normative), Release 7 (3rd Normative Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_CMET_R7_N3_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Laboratory; Result, Release 1 (1st Normative Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_LB_RESULT_R1_N1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Structured Documents Architecture, Release 1 (1st Normative Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_SDA_R1_N1_2008SEP
- ***HL7 Version 3 Standard: Structured Product Labeling, Release 4 (2nd Normative Ballot)***
Unique Ballot Id: V3_SPL_R4_N2_2008SEP

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Appendix B – Changes from Initial Announcement

Items Withdrawn from Balloting

- The Structured Documents Work Group has withdrawn the following item from balloting this cycle: "HL7 Implementation Guide for CDA Release 2: Plan-to-plan Personal Health Record (PHR) Data Transfer, Release 1" (Unique Ballot ID: CDAR2_IG_P2PPHRDATATRANS_R1_I2_2008SEP).
- The Clinical Decision Support Work Group has withdrawn the following item from balloting this cycle: "HL7 Version 3 Standard: GELLO: A Common Expression Language, Release 2" (Unique Ballot Id: V3_GELLO_R2_O1_2008SEP).
- The Orders & Observations Work Group has withdrawn the following item from balloting this cycle: "HL7 Version 3 Standard: Observations; Common Observation, Release 1" (Unique Ballot Id: V3_OB_CMNOBS_R1_N3_2008SEP)
- The Orders & Observations Work Group has withdrawn the following item from balloting this cycle: "HL7 Version 3 Standard: Observations; Observation Request, Release 1" (Unique Ballot Id: V3_OB_OBSREQ_R1_N2_2008SEP)
- The Orders & Observations Work Group has withdrawn the following item from balloting this cycle: "HL7 Version 3 Standard: Orders; Composite Order, Release 1" (Unique Ballot Id: V3_OR_COMPORD_R1_N2_2008SEP)
- The Orders & Observations Work Group has withdrawn the following item from balloting this cycle: "HL7 Version 3 Standard: Orders; Orders and Request Pattern, Release 1" (Unique Ballot Id: V3_OR_ORPTRN_R1_N2_2008SEP)

Changes to Ballot Level or Iteration

- The ballot level for "HL7 Messaging Standard Version 2.7: An Application Protocol for Electronic Data Exchange in Healthcare Environments" was incorrectly identified as "1st Normative ballot." The correct iteration is "2nd Normative ballot." This correction did not require a change to the Unique Ballot ID.
- The ballot level for "HL7 Version 3 Standard: Clinical Genomics; Genetic Variation, Release 1" was incorrectly identified as "1st DSTU ballot." The correct level is "1st Normative ballot." This change required a change in the Unique Ballot ID from V3_CG_GV_R1_D1_2008SEP to V3_CG_GV_R1_N1_2008SEP.
- The ballot level for "HL7 Version 3 Standard: Common Terminology Services, Release 2" has been changed from DSTU to For Comment Only. This change required a change in the Unique Ballot ID from V3_CTS_R2_D1_2008SEP to V3_CTS_R2_O1_2008SEP.
- The ballot level for "HL7 Version 3 Standard: Medical Records; Composite Privacy Consent Directive, Release 1" has been changed from DSTU to For Comment Only. In addition, as this is an update to the "HL7 Version 3 Standard: Medical Records; Data Access Consent, Release 1" the release number has been changed. These changes required a change in the release number to "HL7 Version 3 Standard: Medical Records; Composite Privacy Consent Directive, Release 2" and a change to the Unique Ballot ID from V3_MR_CPCD_R1_D1_2008SEP to V3_MR_CPCD_R2_D1_2008SEP.

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- The ballot level for " HL7 Version 3 Standard: Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) Style Guide, Release 1-US Realm " was incorrectly noted as Informative; the correct level is DSTU. This change required a change in the Unique Ballot ID from V3_MITASG_R1_I1_2008SEP to V3_MITASG_R1_D1_2008SEP.

Changes to Ballot Name

- The name for the "HL7 Version 3 Standard: Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) Style Guide, Release 1" ballot has been further clarified to indicate that it is a US Realm only ballot. The corrected name is "HL7 Version 3 Standard: Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) Style Guide, Release 1-US Realm (1st Informative Ballot)". This correction did not require a change to the Unique Ballot ID.