

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Regarding

Joint Meetings

of

DICOM WG-20 & HL7 IISIG

This Memorandum of Agreement shall become effective on the date written below and is between:

Health Level Seven, Inc. ("HL7")
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Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104-4261

and the

DICOM Standards Committee ("DICOM")
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Effective Date: August 2, 2007

Statement of Purpose

HL7 has as its mission the goal of providing reliable standards for the exchange, management and integration of data that support clinical patient care and the management, delivery and evaluation of healthcare services. HL7 encourages the creation of flexible, cost-effective approaches, standards, guidelines, methodologies, and related services for the interoperability of healthcare information systems. *HL7 provides a forum for the effective and efficient communication between the constituents of the healthcare community as represented by its membership: an international community of healthcare organizations, vendors and developers of healthcare information systems, consultants and systems integrators, and related public and private healthcare service agencies.* Recognizing that complementary efforts are underway to create and extend comprehensive standards in the healthcare community, HL7 enters into agreements with other, independent, non-profit entities whose mission is to advance, nationally or internationally, the acceptance and usage of standards within healthcare. Such entities include, but are not limited to, other standards development organizations (SDO), industry associations or consortiums and other groups that share the vision of improved healthcare through standards.

The DICOM Standards Committee (DICOM) exists for the purpose of creating standards for the communication of bio-medical diagnostic and therapeutic images. Biomedical images are created by a wide range of biomedical specialties. DICOM consists of its members and secretariat – the national Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA). Membership in DICOM consists of biomedical professional organizations, manufacturing companies, trade associations, other standards developer organizations, and government agencies, worldwide that have a direct and material interest in the activities of DICOM. Proposed standards developed by DICOM are approved by its members. Standards are published by the secretariat, but they are international in scope. DICOM is proactive in having its standards adopted by standards developing and coordinating bodies including, but not limited to, CEN, JIRA and ISO.

To promote the coordination of their standards development activities, HL7 and DICOM agree that:

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Each party shall establish its own meeting schedules and may establish meetings with other organizations when convenient and desirable. Each party is encouraged to work with other standards-writing organizations (such as CEN, JIRA and ISO) toward harmonization of healthcare standards.

1.2 Joint meetings between DICOM and HL7 may be scheduled where such meetings serve a common purpose and are convenient to the respective organization's meeting schedules.

1.3 Each party to this agreement shall appoint a liaison to represent it to the other. It is expected, although not required, that these liaisons will not only be members of HL7 but also will be formally appointed representatives (or alternates) of companies, organizations or agencies that are members of DICOM or one of its working groups.

1.4 Any projects that HL7 and DICOM propose to undertake jointly shall be clearly defined and delineated by a joint project proposal. Such proposals must include:

- A succinct description of the proposed project,
- An estimate of time required and
- A statement regarding the resources that each party is expected to contribute.

No such projects may begin until approved by both parties to this agreement.

2.0 Rights Granted

2.1 To facilitate mutual interaction, HL7 will recognize formally appointed representatives (or alternates) of companies, organizations or agencies that are members of the DICOM's WG-20 as members of the Imaging Integration Special Interest Group (IISIG) for the express purpose of participating in IISIG meetings. In turn, DICOM will appoint the elected officers of the IISIG as members of WG-20 and extend such privileges as that entails.

2.2 Joint meetings of IISIG and WG 20 shall be planned and managed through the cooperation of their respective officers.

2.3 Joint meetings shall, at all times, be conducted within the rules of both organizations. If, during the course of a joint meeting, a vote is taken relative to either organization's standards, or

to conduct other business specific to either HL7 or DICOM, then, the relevant procedures of the respective organization shall be enforced.

2.4 Except for straw votes taken at joint committee meetings, DICOM members may not participate in HL7 chapter or general membership ballots unless they also hold HL7 membership. Similarly, HL7 members may not vote on DICOM ballots unless they are also members of DICOM.

2.5 While DICOM members are encouraged to participate in HL7 technical committees or special interest groups, they may not seek leadership positions within HL7 unless they also hold HL7 membership. Likewise, while HL7 members are encouraged to participate in DICOM working groups, they may not seek leadership positions within DICOM unless they also hold membership in DICOM.

2.6 DICOM membership does not convey free access to or the right to distribute the HL7 standard. Likewise, membership in HL7 does not convey free access to or the right to distribute the DICOM standard.

3.0 Objectives

Through participation in joint meetings, the members of HL7 and DICOM may:

- Contribute to the development of the HL7 Reference Information Model (RIM),
- Propose extensions to the DICOM and HL7 standards where appropriate and
- Develop mappings between the DICOM and HL7 standards.

4.0 Fees and Payments

4.1 Members of DICOM are encouraged to attend any HL7 sponsored events. Fees will be assessed at the HL7 membership rate upon confirmation of DICOM membership.

4.2 HL7 members may, in turn, attend any DICOM sponsored events. DICOM membership fees shall apply to HL7 members who register through HL7 headquarters.

4.3 No monies shall be exchanged between DICOM and HL7.

5.0 Warranties

The parties hereto make no expressed or implied warranties other than those contained in this agreement.

6.0 Term and Termination

This agreement shall remain in effect until such time as either party terminates the agreement. Either party may terminate this agreement upon 30-days written notice.

7.0 Modifications

HL7 reserves the right to propose alterations to this agreement at any time by an action of the HL7 Board of Directors. Similarly, DICOM reserves the right to propose alterations to this agreement at any time by an action of the DICOM Standards Committee. The other party will

acknowledge within sixty (60) days the acceptance or rejection of such changes and/or amendments. In the event any such changes are unacceptable, either party may take advantage of the Termination provisions afforded above.

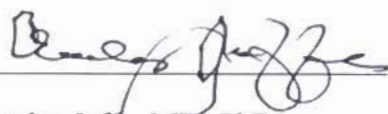
8.0 Miscellaneous


- 8.1 Nothing in this agreement shall grant ownership rights to – or any license under – the other's Standard or Trademarks.
- 8.2 There will be no exchange of mailing lists or general membership information.
- 8.3 Each party shall comply with all relevant provisions of this agreement.
- 8.4 This agreement constitutes the entire agreement and complete understanding of the parties hereto.
- 8.5 This agreement may only be modified by a signed amendment, duly executed by both parties.


Authorized Signatures:

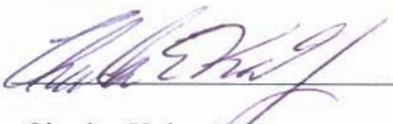
HEALTH LEVEL SEVEN, INC.

DICOM Standards Committee

Sign: 
Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD
Chief Executive Officer, HL7

Sign: 
Emmanuel Cordonnier
Industry Co-Chair, DICOM
Standards Committee

Sign: 
Mark McDougall
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Sign: 
Charles Kahn, MD,
User Co-Chair, DICOM Standards
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