HL7 EHR TC

Request for Public Comments on the Draft Conformance Documents for the EHR-S Functional Model and for Profiles

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Reader's Guide

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Welcome! Welcome to HL7's Electronic Health Record Technical Committee's (EHR TC) request for public comment on the (draft) *"Conformance Clause"* document and the *"How To Guide"* documents" (the "Documents"), the Conformance Criteria for the EHR-S Functional Model and for Profiles.   A request for public comment is not a ballot; it is a method of inviting stakeholders to view work-in-progress and offer valuable feedback, insight, and recommendations during the early stages of a working group's effort. Can't wait to see the Document? Take a look at:
"HL7_EHR_Conformance_Documents_for_Public_Comment.doc".

What are they? The Documents are designed to help stakeholders who write conformance criteria to write them in a uniform manner.

Who created them? The HL7 EHR Technical Committee established a Conformance Criteria Project Team in May of 2004. The Documents are the result of their efforts.

Who will use them? The Documents will be used by people who desire to create Statements of Conformity for the EHR-S Functional Model and for people who desire to create Profiles (which are subsets of the EHR-S Functional Model).

What feedback should you provide? Please let us know, for example,:
- Will the Documents meet the industry's needs?
- Is the level of detail adequate?
- If you were to write a statement of conformity for a profile, would the guidance provided enable you to succeed?
- Will disparate stakeholders be more inclined to develop consistent statements of conformity by using the Documents?
- Are the relationships between Minimum Function Sets, Profiles, the EHR-S Functional Model, and Statements of Conformity clear to you?

All comments and feedback on the Documents will be made on the "HL7_EHRS PublicComments_Conformance_Clause-and-Guide_PC1_2005JAN.xls" spreadsheet. NOTE: See Appendix A (below) for instructions on providing your feedback

Conclusion Please don't hesitate to contact the EHR TC if you have questions. And if you would like to join the team, please feel free to contact us and help us with future iterations of this document and with the EHR-S DSTU.

Thanks for your feedback!
DUE DATE – January 17, 2006 – 5pm PT

If you have questions regarding the method for providing feedback, please contact Karen VanHentenryck (karenvan@hl7.org) at HL7 Headquarters.

APPENDIX A: How to Provide Public Comments

To fill out and submit the Public Comments spreadsheet:

1) Review the documents that are the subject of the public comment period.

2) Record individual comments on particular sections of the respective documents on the Public Comments spreadsheet.

   a. First, fill out the "Submitter" tab (worksheet) so that we know who you are.
   b. Next, for each comment that you would like to make, fill in a new row on the "Public Comments" tab. (Note: see the "Instructions" tab for an explanation of the various tabs, fields, and drop-down listboxes.)
   c. Finally, save your spreadsheet.

3) Send your completed spreadsheet as an attachment to an email to EHRcomment@hl7.org . Please place "Conformance Public Comment" in the email subject line.

If you encounter issues with the spreadsheet, please contact Karen VanHentenryck (karenvan@hl7.org) at HL7 Headquarters.