

# **EHR TC ANNOUNCEMENT – December 23, 2004**

## **The HL7 EHR TC Announces 25-day Public Comment Period, ending January 17, 2005, for ongoing HL7 EHR System Functional Model DSTU activities.**

The Electronic Health Record Technical Committee (EHR TC) of HL7 is pleased to announce to its members, and interested healthcare industry stakeholders, the formal opening of a 25-day public comment period, ending January 17, 2005 (at 5pm PT), for a draft “Conformance Clause” and draft “How To Guide” for developing conformance criteria as part of the maturation cycle for the HL7 EHR System Functional Model DSTU.

An updated, future version of this Conformance Clause, will become part of the normative portion of the Standard Overview chapter of the EHR-S DSTU.

As important background on conformance, please note the following:

1. Conformance criteria for each function are needed to move the EHR-S DSTU toward a normative standard.
2. There needs to be a methodology for expressing conformance criteria for a function.

The EHR TC has developed these two documents to mature the conformance criteria component of moving the DSTU toward a normative standard: 1) the proposed draft conformance clause, and 2) a conformance criteria crafting guide.

Those wishing to comment on the two draft conformance documents are encouraged to visit the HL7 website <http://www.hl7.org/ehr/downloads/> for further information. There, you will find a link to the EHR-S Public Comment – CONFORMANCE files, which will include the Conformance documents, a readersguide, and a comments spreadsheet. The EHR TC will review member and industry comments at the January HL7 workgroup meeting in Orlando.

You are encouraged to share this announcement with your colleagues. The EHR TC welcomes feedback from any and all interested industry stakeholders. No formal registration is required to participate in the comment process. Unlike the HL7 ballot process, there will not be individual comments back to participants. After the January meeting, a summary of the comments and the results of the EHR TC review will be sent to the TC list and posted as a download at the link above.

Please see the above documents for detailed instructions on how to provide your feedback.

The Health Level Seven (HL7) Electronic Health Record (EHR) Special Interest Group was established in January 2002. In May 2004 the SIG was promoted to a full HL7 Technical Committee, becoming the EHR TC. The EHR TC promotes the uptake of EHR implementation by setting standards for the functions that may be present, based on user selection, in an EHR System (EHR-S).