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Update from Headquarters

HL7 FHIR DevDays Hits Another Home Run

HL7 and Firely organized the second HL7 FHIR **HL7** Executive Director DevDays in the United States on June 10-12 on Microsoft Corporation's campus in Redmond, Washington. The event attracted nearly 600 attendees.

The three pillars for DevDays are: education, sharing ideas and networking. The program featured over 100 educational sessions

and impactful keynote addresses, focused hackathons and invaluable networking opportunities. Experts from around the world were present to instruct, guide and discuss how best to implement the HL7 FHIR standard.

A well-produced five minute video with brief interviews and highlights from HL7 FHIR DevDays 2019 is available at:



https://www.youtube.com/

We are happy to recognize the special contributions from many individuals and organizations, including:

- Rien Wertheim, Ewout Kramer, Marita Mantle-Kloosterboer and their entire team at Firely
- Mary Ann Boyle, Pat Guerra, Melinda Stewart, Laura Mitter, Andrea Ribick, Wayne Kubick and our entire team at HL7
- Each of the speakers at the 107 sessions and subject matter experts
- Microsoft Corporation for their significant sponsorship as the host sponsor

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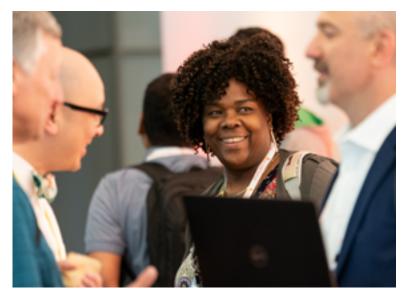














WGM in Montreal, Canada

We produced a productive HL7 International Conference and Working Group Meeting with 510 attendees at the Le Centre Sheraton Hotel, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, May 4-10, 2019. Over 50 HL7 work groups, committees and steering divisions convened meetings, of which 19 conducted co-chair elections for 27 leadership positions. Attendees also took advantage of 27 tutorials as well as a two-day FHIR connectathon.

I am pleased to also recognize the following organizations that helped sponsor our May Working Group Meeting in Montreal:

- Canada Health Infoway
- iNTERFACEWARE
- AEGIS
- Corepoint Health

Dave Shaver Recognized

Dave Shaver of Corepoint received special recognition at the Montreal WGM for sponsoring the Tuesday Night Party (TNP) for the past 20 years. Montreal's TNP was Corepont's final time hosting this event.

As a small token of appreciation, HL7 presented Dave with four Waterford crystal beer glasses (two mugs and two pilsner glasses) that were engraved with:



Sincere thanks to Dave Shaver for the thousands of beers he bought for HL7 members during 20 years of TNPs.

33rd Annual Plenary Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia

We are pleased to report that the theme for our upcoming plenary meeting will focus on innovative solutions to address today's interoperability challenges. More program details are available at www.HL7.org.

Please join us for the 33rd Annual Plenary & Working Group Meeting at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in downtown Atlanta. Highlights of the week of meeting activities include:



- HL7 FHIR Connectathon on Saturday-Sunday, September 14-15
- Plenary program on Monday, September 16
- 27 tutorials Monday-Thursday, September 16-19
- Work group meetings Monday-Friday, September 16-20
- One day FHIR Experience Workshop, Wednesday, September 18

Is your organization interested in sponsoring the upcoming WGM?
To learn more visit:

http://www.hl7.org/events/ sponsorWorkingGroupMeeting.cfm



Returning to Sydney, Australia for February 2020 WGM

We are thrilled to return to Sydney for an upcoming HL7 International Conference and Working Group Meeting, February 2-7, 2020.

HL7 Australia has negotiated special terms with Qantas Airlines where HL7 WGM attendees will receive a 13% discount. HL7 Australia has also negotiated terms with booking.com for your hotel arrangements. Please visit Booking.hl7.com.au to secure your special rates for hotel rooms.

More details on the program will be provided soon from HL7 Australia at: http://site.hl7.org.au/.

Benefactors and Gold Members

We are pleased to recognize HL7's 2019 benefactors and gold members, who are listed on page 25. Their support of HL7 is very much needed and sincerely appreciated. We are pleased to recognize our benefactors in all HL7 newsletters, on the HL7 website, at HIMSS and at our HL7 WGMs.

Organizational Member Firms

As listed on pages 26-28, HL7 is very proud to recognize the organizations who are HL7 organizational member companies. We sincerely appreciate their ongoing support of HL7 via their organizational membership dues.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones for good health along with plenty of hugs and laughter!

Mark O. M. Normall

HL7 Job Board

MEMBER BENEFIT

Are you looking for health IT experts with HL7 and FHIR experience? In response to increased demand for specialized IT skills, the continued adoption of HL7 FHIR and the proposed rule from CMS and ONC, HL7 recently relaunched the HL7 Job Board at www.hl7.org/jobs/index.cfm.

The job board provides a central location for the HL7 community to learn about openings aligned with their skills and for employers to gain visibility with implementers that have HL7 experience.

Free & Discounted Postings for Members

HL7 members receive free postings to the job board based on their membership level! Members also receive a discount on additional postings once free postings are complete.

- Benefactors receive five free postings
- Gold members receive three free postings
- Organization members receive one free posting

All members receive a discount on additional postings after free postings.

This valuable benefit puts open positions in front of a targeted talent pool...and HL7 promotes the job board to key audiences for maximum exposure.

If you have questions on this or other member benefits, please contact the Director of Membership, Linda Jenkins at Linda@HL7.org.

Member Spotlight on Bo Dagnall

Professional Life

Bo Dagnall is the Chief Technologist and Strategist for the Provider Segment of Perspecta's Healthcare Group where he drives innovation including the development of HealthConcourse (a digital platform for clinical data interoperability, knowledge delivery, analytics and process automation). He also represents the company in healthcare IT industry groups and standards developing organizations. He has worked for Perspecta (and with previous parent companies: EDS, HP/HPE and DXC) since 2003. Bo's background is in health informatics and enterprise architecture.

He has experience with clinical terminologies, information models, healthcare standards (e.g., HL7, FHIR), decision support, knowledge management and analytics. He regularly engages with leaders in the industry at large in innovation around healthcare interoperability, systems design, analytics, mobility, cloud and internet of things (IoT). Bo routinely presents at industry tradeshows and events where he speaks on the state of healthcare IT, the use and adoption of standards, optimal solution architectures and emerging trends and technologies.

Most of Bo's time at Perspecta has been spent in support for the VA, where he has worked directly on customer deliverables as well as internal innovation projects as an architect, informatician and chief technologist. He has supported projects including electronic health record repositories, SOA services, analytics and BI platforms, clinical data interoperability, clinical user experience design, and clinical terminologies and information models. In addition, Bo spent over three years in Australia standing up an enterprise architecture office for Queensland Health. In this role, he established architecture processes, vision, governance and deliverables defining the roadmap for Queensland Health's eHealth initiative.

Bo first began attending HL7 working group meetings (WGMs) at the January 2010 WGM in Sydney, Australia. Since that time, he has attended approximately two-thirds of all WGMs. He is actively involved in the development of HL7 FHIR and authored portions of the "FHIR for Architects" section of the specification. Bo and his team regularly attend HL7 FHIR Connectathons. In addition, Bo has been a participant of the ArB, Security and SOA Work Groups.

Personal Life

Bo is very family and community oriented. He has been married for 19 years to his wife, Ginger. They have two children. His son, Indigo, is a nine-year-old rambunctious and fun-loving kid who has a great sense of humor. His daughter, Geneva, is 14 years old and is a brilliant young lady with amazing artistic, athletic and academic talent, showing all the traits of a genius and a punky teenager simultaneously.

Bo works from home and lives in the small town of Idyllwild, California, with a population of 4,000 (10,000 in the summer when the local Palm Springs/LA/San Diego people come up to their vacation homes). He was born and raised there and returned 24 years later be closer to family and raise his own children. The town is a dry forest with an abundance of wildlife and is home to many hiking trails and bike trails as well as famous rock-climbing routes, including Tahquitz Rock and Suicide Rock. Unfortunately, he and his family have been evacuated from wildfires twice in the last five years, and two of the three roads to the town were washed out in a deluge on Feb 14, 2019.

Bo is an avid sports lover. His favorite teams are the Miami Dolphins and the Los Angeles Lakers. In his free time, Bo runs the local basketball league, plays softball and volleyball, and coaches middle school girls' basketball as well as his son's youth community sports teams.









Bo Dagnall and his family live in the small California town of Idyllwild, where he enjoys performing arts, sports, cooking and community life.

Likewise, he also has a love of the arts – Bo plays piano, is a member of a beat poetry group that performs every other month at local restaurants and bars, has acted in plays and performed in talent shows. He enjoys movies like *Pulp Fiction*, *Star Wars*, *Love Actually*, *Airplane!* and *Naked Gun*. His daughter

has turned him into a huge fan of the musical *Hamilton*. He also likes to pass the time playing poker, board games, ping pong, corn hole, and pickleball, among others. In addition, Bo loves to travel, cook (he's a lifelong vegetarian) and contributes to local charities and climate groups.

Process Points by PIC

HL7 Spotlight – Be A Mentor!

Most of us remember our first HL7 working group meeting (WGM). We might have been following the work for some time, and even been an active participant in some calls, but walking through those doors, checking in, and beginning to navigate the 40-ish work groups and week-long sets of meetings was a little daunting. Moreover, the tight-knitted HL7 community has its own quirks – the language spoken at WGMs is not English (or any other national language for that matter) and is interspersed with not only technical and health acronyms, but HL7's dialect of those.

The Mentor program was established to help first-time (or not quite first-time) attendees to understand, navigate and effectively participate in their first meeting, and to make that process a little easier. Sometimes mentor relationships extend beyond the WGM, but most often mentors serve as that familiar face, that experienced voice, and that "big brother" type guide there to help. Unfortunately, the program is often starved for volunteers due to lack of awareness, ignorance around how to participate, or concerns about the effort involved. Here are a few questions or misconceptions to consider, and to hopefully encourage more of you to help mentor a new attendee:

"I don't have enough experience to be a mentor."

One doesn't need to be a 30-year HL7 participant to mentor. Anyone with a general familiarity with how HL7 works, a reasonable understanding of major activities within the community and the key individuals involved in them, and a willingness to help would be a great mentor.

"What would be expected of me?"

You'll be asked to "coach" one of the new participant activities, likely sitting at a new attendee table. We generally place two to three mentors at each "New Attendee" table. First-time attendees self-select where they sit, but frequently take advantage of the opportunity. From there, just engage in conversation. Tell them where you work and your focal areas. Find out their interests. Make recommendations about

which work groups they might consider visiting. Help show them the ropes. That's it.

Those wanting to go the "extra mile" might seek out some of the new attendees intermittently over the coming days to check-in with them. Often having a familiar face and someone to whom they can ask the "dumb question" can make a huge difference in their perception of HL7, and in their willingness to come back and volunteer.

"I am so busy at HL7. I can't make the time commitment."

There is a common misconception that being a mentor is a sustained commitment and a heavy burden. The fact is that your commitment can be as small as spending just one lunch session at a "new attendee" table, talking with attendees, fielding questions, and helping them connect with the right work groups or individuals.

"I would sign up, but I'm not sure I can continue to participate."

No worries. While many mentors elect to participate meeting after meeting, it is not a requirement, nor is it an expectation. We would welcome your help, and that participation would make a difference to the new attendees you engage.

"How do I sign up?"

We have been working with HL7 Headquarters to include a sign-up option as part of your working group meeting registration. Simply "tick the box" that indicates that you're willing to help mentor for THAT meeting, and we'll work with you and your schedule.

Note: This process point has been brought to you courtesy of the HL7 Process Improvement Committee. Our role is to help keep HL7 working smoothly and to advocate on behalf of the membership to help address issues and concerns that are raised. We are available at working group meetings, or at pic@lists.hl7.org.



News from the HL7 Project Management Office

PSS & ONC Grant Funded Project Updates

Confluence/Jira and the Project Scope Statement (PSS)

The Project Scope Statement 'form' on Confluence is undergoing continuous improvement as updates and tweaks are made based on user feedback, which has been greatly appreciated. The vast majority of newly submitted PSSs are via Confluence, which means we plan to retire the MS Word version in the near future.

The PSS review/approval workflow pilot continues. The Jira workflow systematically alerts necessary groups that a project has been submitted to them for review. The group can approve, reject or request additional information from the project facilitator. Additionally, the workflow alerts the PMO of any stagnant review requests, thus ensuring a PSS proceeds smoothly and quickly through all the required approvals.

A centralized overview for each PSS is available in Confluence and includes the progress of approval, involved work groups, and links to the applicable Jira workflow and can be viewed at: https://confluence.hl7.org/display/PSS/Project+Scope+Statement.

ONC Grant Project Updates for HL7

Once again, the ONC extended their grant to continue supporting the Consolidated Clinical Document Architecture (C-CDA) and HL7 Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR*) development and implementation. The grant award will support \$1.36 million in projects for fiscal year 2020.

Work continued on projects funded under the current fiscal year 2019 ONC grant. As of Q4, 2019, efforts included the following:

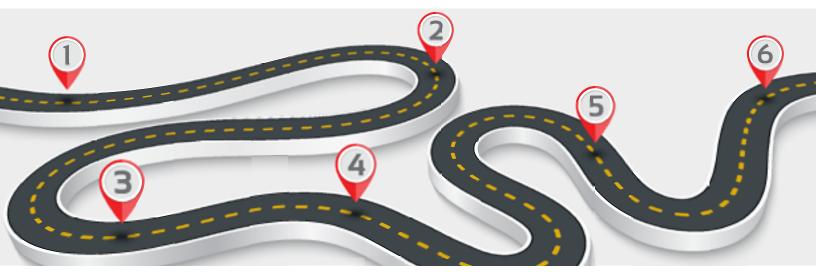
- 1. Flat FHIR (Bulk Data & Push)
- Unified HL7 Terminology Governance (UTG) Pilot
- 3. C-CDA Implementation-A-Thons
- 4. Improve FHIR JIRA Ballot Process and Tooling
- 5. FHIR Implementation Guide Publication Coordinator
- 6. FHIR Connectathon Administrator
- 7. Compare IPS & Argonaut US Core IGs
- 8. FHIR Product Support
- 9. US Core Ballot Reconciliation Support
- 10. FHIR Education
- 11. C-CDA Companion Guide Update
- 12. C-CDA Release 2.2 Phase 1
- 13. FHIR IG Training & Workshop
- 14. FHIR Bulk Data Meeting

Details of each project can be found on the ONC Grant Project Page at: https://confluence.hl7.org/display/PMO/ ONC+Grant+Project+Page.

HL7 appreciates ONC's continued support of C-CDA and FHIR for 2019 and beyond. ■



By Dave Hamill, Director, HL7 Project Management Office





Tooling Update

Rest Stops Along the Way

As our ongoing retooling journey continues, it's worth a brief stopover now and then to check the roadmap and chart our progress. Since our last update, we've now completed our migration to Confluence, and it has rapidly established itself as the pulse of committee interactions. All work groups should now be using Confluence for agendas, minutes and other work group activities and other content.



By Wayne Kubick, CTO HL7 International

Meanwhile, the initial phase of cutting over to JIRA as our primary tool for issue tracking (to replace GForge Tracker) is waiting for a window between ballot cycles but should begin in earnest after the September WGM with a target of completing transition by early next year. Once we migrate issue tracking, we'll resume work on adapting JIRA to support future HL7 ballots.

One quiet, but highly significant improvement to our collaboration toolset has been the recent implementation of single sign-on between Confluence and JIRA. This means that once you've logged into either of these tools, the other will also be simultaneously available. It's an important milestone because

many of the new tooling features, such as online forms, will actually involve both products working together. You can keep abreast of new functions and help features in Confluence at confluence.hl7.org.

Project Scope Statement

As I noted in my last tooling update, we're decoupling forms like the Project Scope Statement (PSS) into separate online modules in an effort to make them easier to complete in smaller chunks, encourage more timely review and approval, and keep the content one-click-away online in Confluence. Our goal is to eliminate forms as email attachments. With the PSS, we would like to see new projects announced soon after they are conceived, with only some

brief descriptive material, so that they're more visible to the community and offer participants to get involved on the ground floor. Adding additional content like milestones and co-sponsors will happen later in the process once more is known. We will also be seeking to make the entire PSS available to all relevant parties (work groups, steering divisions, US Realm, etc.) during a simultaneous, common review period. Once the final updates are completed, the form will be routed using JIRA workflow for TSC review and approval. With online forms and JIRA workflow we should be able to easily track our forms just like we track our Amazon shipments, and hopefully make this process considerably less onerous for co-chairs.

We are currently in the process of reviewing an assessment and requirements analysis of all of our ballot systems and other associated process forms. This will help us prepare our budget requests for beginning a longterm project to modernize our entire balloting environment.

UTG System

Our new Unified Terminology
Governance (UTG) system
entered alpha testing in July and
is still moving toward production
rollout in early 2020. UTG, which
will provide the single source of
truth for HL7 terminologies as
well as a modern replacement
for harmonization, also makes
extensive use of JIRA workflow.
Most recently, we've added the
Atlassian BitBucket tool which
provides a source repository more
closely integrated with Confluence
and JIRA.

FHIR IG Publication Tooling

In addition to these developments in our collaboration tooling stack, the FHIR team has also made significant processing in improving the capacity, operational efficiency and sustainability of the FHIR IG publication tooling environment. Along with providing a more stable, operational publishing environment for FHIR implementation guides (IGs), the FHIR IG Publisher is also being considered for publishing other HL7 standards, beginning with C-CDA. The ability to support multiple templates for publishing separate documents will also make it possible for the FHIR IG Publisher to support additional HL7 standards and perhaps even publications by certain external partner organizations later this year. This enhanced tooling, together with the availability of process checklists and some new training material, should help the

community scale up to handle a higher volume of upcoming IGs become the more efficient at reviewing a more consistent set of ballot documents.

EA Cloud

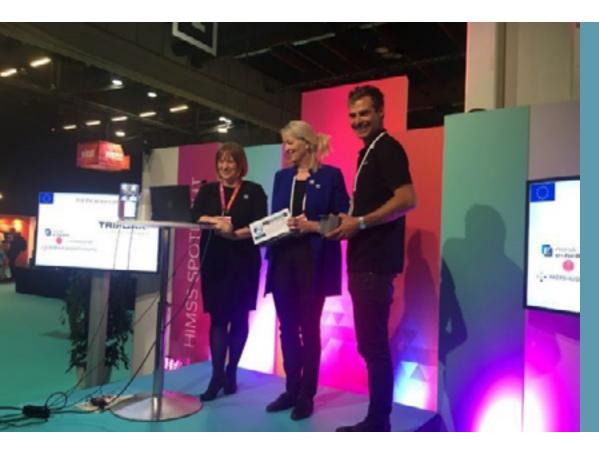
One final wayside update – our Enterprise Architect (EA) Cloud environment is now available for general use as part of our transition to cloud computing. This will make it easier for people to share and review EA models, though it won't entirely replace the need for the more robust EA client for model development. Directions are available on the Tools & Resources web page at http://www.hl7.org/participate/toolsandresources.cfm?ref=nay

The long journey continues, and we hope to have many more interesting sites to visit until our next rest stop, though we still have plenty of miles to go.

Upcoming International Events

September 12, 2019	www.ehealthsummit.ch	
Swiss eHealth Summit 2019	Bern, Switzerland	
October 7-10, 2019	www.himssasiapacconference.org	
HIMSS AsisaPac19	Bangkok, Thailand	
October 23-24, 2019	www.ihic.info/	
IHIC 2019	Warsaw, Poland	
February 1-7, 2020	www.HL7.org	
HL7 May International Conference & WGM	Sydney, Australia	
October 31-November 1,	www.snomed.org/news-and- events/events/snomedct-expo	
SNOMED CT Expo 2019	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	

November 16-20, 2019	www.amia.org/amia2019	
AMIA Annual Symposium	Washington, DC	
February 17-21, 2020	www.gsl.org/events/526/gsl-glob- al-forum-2020	
GS1 Global Forum 2020	Brussels, Belgium	
February 24-26, 2020 HEALTHINFO 2020	www.healthinf.biostec.org	
	Velleta, Malta	
March 9-13, 2020 HIMSS20 - HL7 Booth #2921	www.himssconference.org	
	Orlando, FL	



Janne Rassmussen with the Trillium II Award Winners: Professor Anne Moen from the University of Oslo, Norway and Jens Kristian Villadse from Trifork

Promoting Awareness & Innovative Use of HL7 FHIR International Patient Summary

Trillium II Award

In 2019, the Trillium II Project launched a prize to promote the awareness and innovative use of the HL7 FHIR International Patient Summary (IPS) by health companies and organizations. IPS standards advance the vision of the patient summary as a window to a person's health information and highlight the value of health data as a social good and human right, i.e. it makes key health information about a person available when and where it is needed.

What Did We Learn?

CEN and HL7 have worked closely for two years to deliver pragmatic standards and implementation guides, and the Trillium II project has supported this work strategically. Thus, the Trillium Prize was also our chance to see if this work has been successful in spreading the knowledge and guidance on IPS implementation.

After an internal eligibility review process, we had nine finalists who

each in their own way has a strong and ambitious plan for how to innovate using the IPS standard. They came from small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), governments and public authorities, private companies and multi-national consortia. They represent Latin America, North America and Europe. This demonstrates that IPS is truly global and end-users in all countries can benefit from it.



By Janne Rasmussen, Consultant at MedCom, Denmark, and Administrative Coordinator, Trillium II Project



Catherine Chronaki, FHL7, Secretary General, HL7 Foundation, Trillium II Project Scientific Coordinator

Who Were the Finalists?

The prize finalists have applied IPS across a range of different types of applications and use cases across the health and care continuum:

- FrailSafe: IPS for Frailty Risk Assessment by Gruppo SIGLA
 (IT) demonstrates interoperability with HL7 FHIR IPS to
 share key health data among healthcare systems.
- Expanding Shared Medication Record to IPS by Trifork A/S
 (DK) aims to build, tune and expand the Shared Medication
 Record (SMR) established by the Danish Health Data
 Authority in 2007 with IPS for all Danes when abroad.
- 3. CAPABLE Tool for Active Use of IPS by Patients in All Health and Care Interactions by University of Oslo, Akerhus Univerity Hospital, Norwegian E-Helse AS (NO) wants to empower citizens to actively collect, manage and update clinical and personal health data such as IPS, info leaflets, appointments, diet and nutrition needs, etc.
- 4. Care Consumers Mediating Sharing of Their IPS Among Care Providers by Drimpy (NL) allows care consumers to supervise and share their health data in the personal health record (PHR) available in the drimpy.com eHealth portal.
- 5. *IPS Connecting Ambulances to Hospitals* by North Denmark Region (DK) use the IPS to integrate the prehospital patient record on tablets used by paramedics in ambulances with the electronic patient record at the hospitals/healthcare systems of all five Danish regions. This will go live by the end of 2019.
- 6. *IPS as Part of Telehealth Platform* by Ask Your Pharmacist (CAN) use IPS for clinical data support to health professionals in unscheduled teleconsultations.
- 7. IPS in the Latin American Network for Cooperation in Health Informatics by RACSEL (UY) plans to use IPS for health data exchange and will upgrade the currently used Clinical Summary Document to HL7 FHIR IPS.
- 8. *IPS as Minimum Data Set for Electronic Health Record Sharing* by HL7 Argentina (AR) will deploy the IPS as the minimum data set shared among providers.
- 9. *MedicalData* by MyData S.A. (AR) is proposing use of pictograms to convey essential health information in the IPS for use in emergency situations and alleviate language barriers when travelling abroad.

Who Were the Judges?

The finalists were reviewed by an international jury, who selected the Trillium II Prize winners for the most innovative use of the IPS. The members of the jury were:

Elaine Blechman, CEO, Prosocial Applications, Inc. and Professor Emerita, University of Colorado

Christopher Chute,

DrPH, MD, Chief Research Information Officer, Johns Hopkins Medicine

Gora Datta, FHL7, Group Chairman, CAL2CAL Corporation

Dee O'Sullivan,

Director, myhealthapps. net, PatientView

Mike Short, Chief Scientific Adviser, Department for International Trade, UK

Jeremy Thorp, Past Director of Business Architecture, NHS UK

Patricia Van Dyke, RN, Past Chair, HL7 International Continued from page 17

Trillium II Award

Who Were the Winners?

The winners of the Trillium prize competition for the most innovative idea or use of the International Patient Summary (IPS) standard were announced at the HIMSS & Health 2.0 European Conference in Helsinki on June 13, 2019.

Ultimately, the judges selected two winners who represent two initiatives that truly reflect the transformative power of the IPS in health and care. They also demonstrate how standards can serve as infrastructure to innovation, both incremental building on existing solutions as well as disruptively challenging the status quo. The winners are:

- Trifork (Denmark), which
 proposes to extend the
 nationally operational Danish
 Shared Medication Record
 service, funded by the Danish
 Health Data Authority to
 provide Danish citizens
 with their patient summary
 information when abroad.
- CAPABLE (Norway), which aims to provide citizens a tool that empowers them to actively use their personal health information in the IPS to make healthy nutritional choices, being mindful of food and medication combinations.

While Trifork is an infrastructure driven project to facilitate safe care, CAPABLE is very much an empowerment tool for the citizens



Winners of the the Trillium II award with their prize reflecting disruptive (IPS vertical) and incremental (IPS horizontal) innovation.

to be in control of their health and wellness. What is common to both projects is the need for health data that is provided through stable, safe and trusted interfaces. This is exactly what the HL7 FHIR IPS standard is about.

IPS standards, when consistently adapted and tailored to specific use cases, can be implemented in electronic clinical documents in the HL7 FHIR format or as collection of FHIR resources from a library of building blocks.

Reusable building blocks for allergies, medication, problems and conditions, lab results, and images, care plans, etc. are rapidly emerging to advance health data quality, safety and trust, delivering interoperability anytime and anywhere.

Implementations of the IPS building blocks are already advancing proof of concept implementations of the Electronic Health Record Exchange Format recommendation¹ announced by the European Commission in February 2019.

The winners of the Trillium II Prize Competition also realized early the importance of the IPS building blocks.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/exchange-electronic-health-records-across-eu

Shared Medication Record IPS Extension

In 2007, the Danish Health Data Authority set out to establish a nationwide Shared Medication Record, containing up-to-date information on every citizen in Denmark and shared across all local systems in the healthcare sector. Trifork was selected as the vendor and has been part of building, tuning, expanding and driving the system since the beginning. Introducing IPS is a natural next step to the range of national services in the Danish healthcare infrastructure. Using existing well-established services such as the Shared Medication Record eases the transition for existing systems toward a national support for IPS in Denmark. It also makes it safer to cross borders for both Danes as well as international citizens while still being able to receive the correct medical care should it be needed.

For more information on a Shared Medication Record IPS extension, please contact: jvi@trifork.com

CAPABLE

CAPABLE aims to empower citizens to make active use of

their health information and the University of Oslo, Akershus University Hospital and Norsk e-helse AS are part of the project. The vision for CAPABLE is to support every citizen who wants to collect, curate and/or complement, and control their personal health information. The content suggested in the IPS is an excellent starting point to include data like e-prescription, medication list and information leaflets, appointments and clinical summary as well as special diet and nutritional requirements. This can drive innovation by allowing for and supporting citizens in efforts to collect, manage and safely keep clinical and personal health information, starting with a) better use of medication, b) understand the role of nutrition for health, especially related to medication, c) coordinate data from primary care, hospitals and other relevant sources. The "CAPABLE-tool" will be available to citizens to be used as they like at all points of need. Citizen can be the carrier of their health information using the "CAPABLE-tool" in all

their health information using the "CAPABLE-tool" in all interactions with the health and care system; a visit to a specialty clinic, hospitalization in Norway, Scandinavia as well as abroad (cross-border), in consultation with general practitioner or primary care institutions (nursing home or a skilled care facility), or

in private clinics. Making citizens aware of the benefits in carefully selected health information in the IPS with the "CAPABLE-tool" comes with concrete opportunities and potential to improve digital health literacy, empower and engage people, and use their resources wisely to improve the quality of life and overall wellbeing.

When fully deployed, we expect the "CAPABLE-tool" to impact health and care in multiple ways and by allowing citizens to help there is potential to create significant value for the citizen, the health system and society.

For example, in Norway alone the lack of compliance in medication management is estimated to cause some 2,000 premature deaths every year with direct costs of five billion NOK per year. A recent cost-benefit analysis suggests that prevention and treatment of nutritional problems may contribute to 800 million NOK in reduced hospital costs and additional reductions in primary care.

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The IPS Global Community of Practice for Digital Health Innovation has been set up to continue sharing IPS experiences and tools beyond the project and the prize.

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Managing Health Data in Canada

CIHI's Newest Reporting System is on FHIR®

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides essential information on Canada's health systems and the health of Canadians. CIHI provides comparable and actionable data and information used to accelerate improvements in healthcare, health system performance and population health across Canada. Established in 1994, CIHI currently has 28 pan-Canadian databases across various health sectors. It protects the privacy of Canadians by ensuring the confidentiality and integrity of healthcare information.

Three of CIHI's 28 databases use interRAI assessment instruments for data collection:

- The Continuing Care Reporting System (CCRS), launched in 2003, contains information on individuals receiving continuing care services in hospitals or long-term care homes in Canada. Data is collected using the Resident Assessment Instrument Minimum Data Set (RAI-MDS 2.0©).
- The Home Care Reporting System (<u>HCRS</u>), launched in 2006, contains information on clients served by publicly funded home care programs in Canada. It uses the Resident Assessment Instrument-Home

- Care (RAI-HC©) and the interRAI-Contact Assessment (interRAI-CA©).
- The Ontario Mental Health
 Reporting System (OMHRS),
 launched in 2005, contains data about
 individuals receiving adult inpatient
 mental health services in Ontario, as
 well as individuals receiving services
 in youth inpatient beds and selected
 facilities in other provinces. OMHRS
 data is collected using the Resident
 Assessment Instrument-Mental
 Health (RAI-MH 2.0©).

CCRS, HCRS and OMHRS are not interoperable with each other for several reasons. Firstly, the development of the databases took place separately



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and at different times, therefore the integration between them was not part of the design. Secondly, earlier versions of the RAI assessment instruments were used for each database.

While the instruments contain similar or identical questions, some of the identifiers and responses are different; therefore, it was difficult for clinicians to share the information across different care settings. Thirdly, each database uses a CIHI custom-developed data submission specification that is not interoperable.

Building an Integrated interRAI Reporting System

The suite of interRAI assessments has evolved from what CIHI currently collects in CCRS, HCRS and OMHRS. interRAI enhanced and updated the instruments used in long term care, home care and inpatient mental health by leveraging the commonality which existed across the instruments and using standardized language. As a result, it became much easier to share this health information across sectors in a consistent and reliable way. The suite has also been expanded to include palliative care, community mental health, child and vouth mental health, and others. The industry has responded positively to these changes, and several jurisdictions across Canada have adopted or are transitioning to the instruments from the integrated assessment suite in several healthcare sectors.

This new landscape provided CIHI with an opportunity to promote interoperability while reducing data submission burden for stakeholders. The new Integrated interRAI Reporting System (IRRS) will manage the information captured by organizations using these new versions of the instruments. This is a multi-year project to house and report on information collected from interRAI assessments across a number of healthcare settings and population groups including seniors, mental health and addictions, as well as child and youth mental health. Initially, IRRS will capture data from the following instruments:

- interRAI Child and Youth Mental Health (<u>ChYMH</u>)
 Inpatient
 - interRAI Child and Youth
- InterRAL Child and Youth
 Mental Health (ChYMH)
 Community-based
- interRAI Child and Youth Mental Health (<u>ChYMH</u>)
 - Screener
- interRAI Long Term Care Facility (<u>LTCF</u>)
- interRAI Home Care (HC)

The integrated suite of interRAI assessment instruments uses iCodes, which are unique identifiers for identical questions across various assessment instruments. The use of iCodes in IRRS enables integration of data from various assessment instruments.

While an easier integration of data across instruments is already a significant milestone, IRRS will provide a number of additional benefits. For instance, the system will support a high availability operation, based on cloud and microservices designs. It will also enable a much easier integration with data submitters due to the use of RESTful APIs. IRRS will foster a dramatic simplification and create efficiencies in both vendor development and implementations

through the use of a standard that is reusable between jurisdictions, and a design that leverages a centralized business rules validation engine. Finally, IRRS will operate in nearreal-time, shortening the data submission, validation and access cycles from quarterly to seconds. This will enable information to be more readily available to support point-of-care, organizational and system decisions - following a "collect once, use many times" approach. All of this will make it easier to follow a person's healthcare information across settings, which will encourage continuity of care and contribute to improved health outcomes.

Selection and Implementation of HL7 FHIR®

The team considered a number of possible data exchange standards for use in IRRS including HL7 FHIR®, HL7 CDA®, and custom implementation. The team used several criteria for its selection process: standards maturity; extent of adoption; licensing; existing usage at CIHI; implementation complexity; and external opportunities. After reviewing and weighing the options and considerations, the team decided to adopt the HL7 FHIR® standard for IRRS.

Several reasons led to choosing HL7 FHIR®. It is evolutionary from existing standards. HL7 FHIR greatly improves implementation capabilities through adoption of industry technology standards (e.g. REST APIs, XML, JSON, Messaging/Documents, etc.). Its open license arrangement removes barriers to adoption and implementation.

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Even within the context of the IRRS project, the vendor community on several occasions has asked the team whether IRRS would leverage HL7 FHIR for data submission. Furthermore, significant opportunities exist for CIHI to contribute to further evolution of HL7 FHIR, as well as its use to support interRAI assessment instruments which greatly align with CIHI's values as an organization that promotes the development and adoption of standards. Using HL7 FHIR in IRRS is one of the early largescale implementations of the standard in Canada.

IRRS uses HL7 FHIR R3 (3.0.1) for the data format and REST for the data exchange; HAPI-**FHIR** framework developed by University Health Network is used for processing FHIR messages while the **OpenAPI** Specification is used to document the various **REST** operations that IRRS provides. All the appropriate FHIR resource profiles, code systems, value sets and other supporting documentation are published using the HL7 Implementation Guide Publisher tool and distributed to the vendor community.

To facilitate mapping of interRAI data elements to FHIR resources, interRAI data elements were organized into three major data groupings: 1) demographic; 2) encounter; and 3) assessment. In general, demographic data were mapped to the FHIR *Patient* resource; encounter data to the FHIR *Encounter*

resource; and assessment data to the FHIR Ouestionnaire and QuestionnaireResponse resources. Profiles and extensions have been kept to a minimum, but where HL7 FHIR has not supported a data element, an extension was created (e.g. one extension created supports patients' birth sex). IRRS supports creation, deletion, update and query of FHIR resources by implementing the corresponding FHIR API operations. To ensure that HL7 FHIR is leveraged to its maximum potential, an external expert consultant was retained in the early phase of the project to provide guidance.

Approach for Use of Terminology

The use of terminology in IRRS followed several guiding principles, which are listed below:

Conform to HL7 FHIR Requirements

IRRS uses FHIR's assigned value set or code system for attributes where FHIR requires them. For example, the *maritalStatus* attribute in FHIR Patient resource. which corresponds to interRAI's iA4 - Marital Status, has an associated value set designated as "extensible". This conformance designation on the value set requires that if an appropriate code exists in the FHIR value set, it must be used. The approach to conform to FHIR's value set requirement necessitated creation of maps between interRAI and FHIR codes.

Minimize Mapping of Data

In support of this principle, interRAI codes and descriptions for permissible values were used as-is in IRRS, unless as previously noted, FHIR required use of a specific value set or code system.

However, to reduce the number of value sets developed and maintained for IRRS, an extensive analysis and harmonization of associated permissible values for interRAI data elements was undertaken.

For example, several interRAI data elements such as *iG1aa - IADL Meal preparation – performance, iG2a - ADL Bathing – performance, iZZ1aa - Familiar indoor - performance,* etc. use the same set of permissible codes.

In this case, one value set was created and reused for each.
As an outcome of this analysis and harmonization, while IRRS contains 740 coded data elements, only 167 value sets were created.

Maximize Interoperability

IRRS leveraged international code systems for value sets whenever appropriate. For example, <u>SNOMED CT</u> was used for route of administration and <u>UCUM</u> was used for units of measure corresponding to interRAI's *iM1d1 - Route of Administration* and *iM1c1 - Unit* data elements, respectively.

Success Factors

Several factors contributed to the successful adoption of HL7 FHIR in IRRS. Foremost is the multi-disciplinary collaboration among experts in clinical, business, technical and standards areas that ensured appropriate mapping of: (a) interRAI data elements to FHIR attributes and (b) interRAI codes to FHIR value sets and other code systems such as SNOMED CT, UCUM and HL7.

Access to open source FHIR reference implementation frameworks such as HAPI-FHIR from University Health Network has greatly shortened the implementation timeframe and allowed the technical team to concentrate on business specific logic and not worry about proper serialization/marshalling of FHIR messages.

Although the technical team had previous experience on a smaller implementation of HL7 FHIR, access to an externally retained expert has greatly helped the technical team to understand the inner workings of HL7 FHIR and has facilitated the maximal use of the standard's capabilities in IRRS. Lastly, prior work conducted to compile the permissible values from various interRAI assessment instruments has greatly helped in the analysis and harmonization to support the development of value sets and code systems.

Conclusion

HL7 FHIR lends support to many goals that IRRS aims to

achieve, including near-real-time validation and submission of interRAI assessments.

It also supports interRAI's integrated suite of assessments very well as demonstrated by the minimal use of extensions and profiles. The implementation of HL7 FHIR in IRRS, coupled with the use of interRAI's iCodes, is expected to promote integration of data from various healthcare sectors. This, in turn, provides benefits to patients, clinicians, and the health system as a whole.

We believe that others who are embarking on similar initiatives can leverage the work the team has done to implement interRAI's integrated suite in HL7 FHIR.

HL7 Standards Approved by ANSI Since May 2019

Name	Designation	Date
HL7 Version 3 Standard: Security and Privacy Ontology, Release 1	ANSI/HL7 V3 SECPRONT, R1-2014 (R2019)	05/31/2019
HL7 Version 3 Standard: Patient Administration; Patient Registry, Release 1	ANSI/HL7 V3PA PATREG, R1-2014 (R2019)	06/07/2019
HL7 Healthcare Privacy and Security Classification System, Release 1	ANSI/HL7 PRIVECLASSSYS, R1-2014 (R2019)	06/07/2019
HL7 Version 3 Standard: Privacy, Access and Security Services; Security Labeling Service, Release 1	ANSI/HL7 V3 PASS SECURITY LABELSRV, R1-2014 (R2019)	06/07/2019
HL7 Version 3 Standard: Personnel Management, Release 1	ANSI/HL7 V3 PM, R1-2005 (R2019)	06/07/2019
HL7 Version 3 Standard: Retrieve, Locate, and Update Service (RLUS), Release 1	ANSI/HL7 RLUS, R1-2013 (R2019)	07/19/2019
HL7 Version 3 Standard: Pharmacy; Medication Order, Release 2	ANSI/HL7 V3 RXMEDORDER, R2-2014 (R2019)	07/19/2019

Using HL7 FHIR for Value-Based Care Models

Da Vinci Project Progress Update

The Da Vinci Project is empowering providers and payers to positively impact clinical quality, cost and care management outcomes by demonstrating how HL7 FHIR can be used to create the scalable solutions to fuel the exchange of critical data necessary for value-based care (VBC) models to succeed.

Da Vinci funds the creation of implementation guides (IG) and reference implementations (RI) to improve and even automate the specific workflows to support payer and provider collaboration.

Launched in January 2018, the Da Vinci Project is fostering a community where members and industry experts can commit time, knowledge and resources to advance use case development. The teams are focused on efficient exchange of clinical data that is timely, appropriate and specific.

The Da Vinci Project invites stakeholders to join the growing number of organizations standing up their initial implementations and are exercising initial IGs and RIs at the HL7 FHIR Connectathon in Atlanta on September 14-15, 2019. Stakeholders can contribute by providing feedback during public calls or start their own implementation project directly between trading partners. There are now seven implementation guides in the ballot process as well as a set queued up for voting in the September ballot pool. The community continues to grow as members define the next set of business challenge to be solved. The HL7 FHIR community:

- Works with payers, vendors and providers to define technical requirements;
- Fuels IG development;
- Builds reference implementations that are now available via open sand box environments and built with a test-focused development model to ensure requirements meet needs of larger community.

Beginning in August the team will complete discovery work on the next three use cases:

- Gaps in Care
- Patient Cost Transparency
- Risk Based Member Identification with FHIR Bulk **Data Access**

You can find all active use case artifacts and collateral



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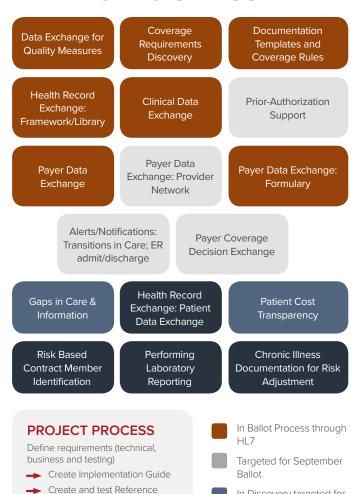
Use cases in discovery

(some may be balloted in

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January 2020)

2019 USE CASE INVENTORY & STATUS



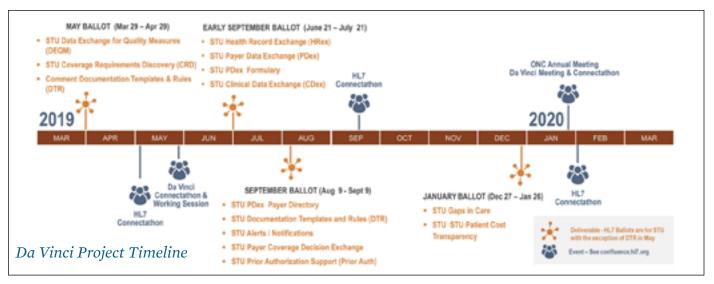
here: https://confluence.hl7.org/display/DVP/ Da+Vinci+Use+Cases.

Implementation (prove the guide

works)

Pilot the solution

Deploy the solution



The May Meeting at Guidewell

The Da Vinci Project held a three-day onsite meeting at the GuideWell, Florida Blue campus. The event included the first Da Vincifocused Connectathon as well as early discovery work on the business requirements and challenges that members believe can be developed into FHIR implementation guides.

The Connectathon portion of the event sold out the week before and included over 90 attendees. The overall meeting attracted 112 attendees participating across two sessions, representing 47 organizations including providers, payers, EHRs, integration vendors and consultants.

Connectathon

The Da Vinci team is thankful and beyond excited that over 45 public participants found the time and resources to join the Connectathon. Participants exercised and tested seven use cases.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our track leads, some of whom had just returned from the HL7 Connectathon in Montreal at the beginning of May. The following individuals were track leads at the event:

- Clinical Data Exchange (CDex) & Health Record Exchange (HRex) - Lisa Nelson and Lloyd McKenzie
- Payer Data Exchange
 (PDex) Mark Scrimshire and
 Tony Benson
- 3. Payer Date Exchange Formulary David Hill
- 4. Prior Authorization Support (PAS) – Robert Dieterle and Anupam Goel
- Clinical Reasoning
 Track (DEQM) Michael
 O'Keefe and Nikolai
 Schwertner
- 6. Documentation Templates and Rules (DTR) – Larry Decelles and Keeyan Ghoreshi
- 7. Prior Authorization Support– Jay Walonoski

View the video of end of session read outs here: https://vimeo.com/340222882.

For more on active and planned
Da Vinci use cases, please see the
Confluence page at:

https://confluence.hl7.org/display/ DVP/Da+Vinci+Use+Cases.

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Working Session

During the working session portion of the event, over 55 Da Vinci members participated in active discussions on four new use cases. The use cases and session leaders are listed below:

- Patient Cost Transparency
 Jocelyn Keegan and Viet
 Nguyen, MD
- Alerts Linda Michaelsen and Bob Dieterle
- Gaps in Care Gini
 McGlothin, Linda Michaelsen
 and Viet Nguyen, MD
- Payer Coverage Decision
 Exchange Julia Skapik, MD
 and Bob Dieterle

The power of face-to-face working sessions and concentrated inputs cannot be overstated. Over 2,000 focused hours on Da Vinci work is now a reality thanks to the generosity of our hosts at Guidewell, the hard work of the HL7 team to support Da Vinci to make these events a reality, and all of the participants including coders, architects, and subject matter experts and their respective organizations for their time and investment in Da Vinci's efforts.

Criteria to Guide the Implementation Community

What Is a MODAL VERB, and Why Do I Care?

In recent years, I have seen many examples of specifications being developed which have improperly specified requirements. In one case, the document stated, "You ought to think about requiring this attribute."

A specification that lacks verifiable criteria provides no restrictions on or guidance to the implementation community and is, at best, a white paper.

MODAL VERBS are used in standards documents to define verifiable criteria to which conformance can be claimed. These criteria guide the implementation community.

The Cambridge dictionary defines a modal verb as "a verb used with another verb to express an idea such as possibility that is not expressed by the main verb" (Cambridge Dictionary, 2019).

HL7 uses modal verbs consistent with (ISO*/IEC*, 2018).



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Verb	Usage	Negation
"SHALL"	 Requirement: conveys objectively verifiable criteria to be fulfilled and from which no deviation is permitted if conformance with the document is to be claimed. [i] Do not use "must" as an alternative for "SHALL". Do not use "MAY NOT" instead of "SHALL NOT" to express a prohibition. 	"SHALL NOT"
"SHOULD"	Recommendation, an expression, in the content of a document, that conveys a suggested possible choice or course of action deemed to be particularly suitable without necessarily mentioning or excluding others [ii]	"SHOULD NOT"
"MAY"	 Permission, an expression, in the content of a document, that conveys consent or liberty (or opportunity) to do something [iii] Do not use "possible" or "impossible" in this context. Do not use "CAN" instead of "MAY" in this context. Do not use "might" instead of "MAY" in this context. 	"MAY NOT"
"CAN"	 Possibility or Capability, an expression, in the content of a document, that conveys expected or conceivable material, physical or causal outcome, or the ability, fitness, or quality necessary to do or achieve a specified thing [iv] "CAN" refers to the ability of a user of the document or to a possibility open to him/her. 	"CAN NOT"

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[ii] ibid

[iii] ibid

[iv] ibid

Real world examples are shown below:

Mandatory behavior:

One SHALL NOT swim in the pool.

Recommended behavior:

One SHOULD NOT swim in the pool.

Recommended behavior based on vague capability:

One SHOULD NOT swim in the pool if one is a non-swimmer.

Recommended behavior based on testable capability:

One SHOULD NOT swim in the pool if one CAN NOT swim.

Permissive behavior based on vague capability:

One MAY swim in the pool if one is a swimmer.

Permissive behavior based on capability:

One MAY swim in the pool if one CAN swim.

Non-permissive behavior based on capability:

One MAY NOT swim in the pool if one CAN NOT swim.

Best practice behavior based on capability:

One SHALL NOT swim in the pool if one CAN NOT swim.

The following examples, while grammatically correct, are not testable because they depend on assumptions and circumstances not included as well as the extent to which one is a non-swimmer:

One SHALL drown if one is a non-swimmer.

One SHOULD drown if one is a non-swimmer.
One MAY drown if one is a non-swimmer.

One CAN drown if one is a non-swimmer.

Consider the following example:

If one were to fall off the dock into the water:

One SHALL drown. (It is a requirement that one drown).
One SHOULD drown (it is best practice to drown).
One MAY drown (one has permission to drown).
One CAN drown (one has the capability, or possibility of drowning).



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By the Governance and Operations Committee Members

Annual Work Group Co-Chair Elections Changes Coming in 2020

The September 2019 Working Group Meeting (WGM) will be last time that work group (WG) co-chairs are elected during a WGM. Starting in 2020, WG co-chair elections will be transitioned to an annual schedule matching the current schedule for Board and Technical Steering Committee elections. For those of you unfamiliar with that process:

- Nominations open May 1 and continue through June 15;
- The election period is July 1 through July 30
- Runoffs, if necessary, are held from August 7 through August 21.
- The results are announced during the Plenary Session/September WGM
- Elected individuals are seated January 1 of the following year.

Work group co-chairs will continue to serve two-year terms without term limits. Terms will be adjusted to run from January 1 of the year seated through December 31 of the following year.

As part of the transition to the new election cycle, those WG co-chair positions subject to election in 2020 will have their current term extended through December 31, 2020. Those newly elected or re-elected WG co-chairs in the July 2020 election will take their positions on January 1, 2021 serving through December 31, 2022.

Similarly, current WG co-chairs with terms ending in 2021 will have their terms adjusted to serve through December 31, 2021. The 2021 WG co-chair election will result in those elected/re-elected WG co-chairs beginning their term January 1, 2022 serving through December 31, 2023.

Work groups will continue to have the option to appoint interim co-chairs where circumstances dictate. It is possible that with the move to annual elections the interim WG co-chair may be asked to serve a longer term. For example; a co-chair elected during the January 2019 WGM steps down during the September 2019 WGM and the WG decides to appoint an interim co-chair to fill the position. While the interim WG co-chair may be nominated to fill the seat, the next election of WG co-chairs won't

take place until July 2020. This means the interim co-chair would serve through December 31, 2020 with the newly elected WG co-chair (who may be the interim co-chair) taking their seat January 1, 2021.

It should be noted that the extended service for interim WG co-chairs was mentioned as possibly posing a burden on those called to serve given that in the past it may have only required a commitment of three or four months. Therefore, a proviso has been added to the GOM to allow work groups to designate a specific term for interim co-chairs when deemed appropriate. Theoretically, a WG could appoint a new interim WG co-chair to serve between each WGM; however, it is hoped such action would be used as a last resort rather than the preferred option given the burden it would place on HL7 staff.

Depending on the number of co-chairs serving a given WG, the appointment of an interim co-chair and subsequent election activity may affect the concept of leadership continuity. In the example above, the term of the WG co-chair who stepped down in September 2019 would have run through December 31, 2021; however, their replacement (elected July 2020) would be serving a term of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. If the newly elected WG co-chair is one of two serving the WG, this may result in both WG co-chairs being up for election/reelection in 2022. In such a case, the WG should consider the WG co-chair election in 2020 to be for a one-year term (subject to reelection in 2021) to retain continuity of leadership.

A similar circumstance may result from the transition in that some work groups may find themselves in the position of having most, if not all, of their co-chairs up for election in 2020 or 2021. Should this occur, any work group affected is encouraged to have a portion, preferably half, of their co-chairs elected to one-year terms to restore continuity of leadership.

Questions or concerns may be addressed to the GOC list; any member of the GOC; or Linda Jenkins, the Director of Membership and Administrative Services, Linda@HL7.org



























































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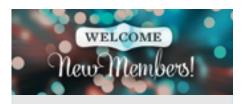
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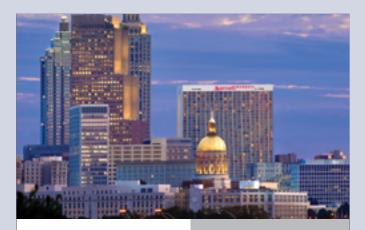
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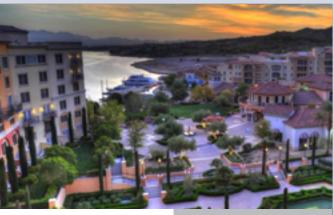
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