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## **HL7 Announces New Advisory Council Members**

John Halamka, Jennifer Covich Bordenick, Micky Tripathi, Mariann Yaeger and other leaders to serve on HL7 Advisory Council

Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA – November 5, 2014 – Health Level Seven® International (HL7®), the global authority for interoperability in healthcare information technology with members in 55 countries, today announced that its Board of Directors has named the following individuals to serve a two-year renewable term on the HL7 Advisory Council:

- Dixie Baker, PhD, MS, senior partner, Martin, Blanck & Associates, LLC
- Paul Biondich, director, global health informatics program, Regenstrief Institute
- Jennifer Covich Bordenick, chief executive officer, eHealth Initiative
- Susan Dentzer, senior health policy advisor, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- John Halamka, MD, MS, chief information officer, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and co-chair, Health IT Standards Committee
- David McCallie, Jr., MD, vice president of medical informatics, Cerner Corporation
- Blackford Middleton, MD, MPH, MSc, FACMI, professor of biomedical informatics and medicine, Vanderbilt University Medical Center and chair, American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)
- J. Marc Overhage, MD, PhD, chief medical informatics officer, Siemens Healthcare
- Christopher Ross, MBA, chief information officer, Mayo Clinic
- Mark Segal, PhD, vice president of government and industry affairs, GE Healthcare IT
- Micky Tripathi, chief executive officer and president, Massachuttes eHealth Collaborative
- Andrew Wiesenthal, MD, director of healthcare practice, Deloitte Consulting, LLP
- Mariann Yeager, chief executive officer, Healtheway

These individuals will join current HL7 Advisory Council members, including: Russell Branzell, FCHIME, CHCIO, president and chief executive officer of the College of Healthcare Information

Executives (CHIME); Carl Dvorak, president, Epic; Andrew Roddam, vice president and global head of epidemiology at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK); Mary Ann Slack, director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, U.S. Food and Drug Administration; Don Sweete, chief executive officer of the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization (IHTSDO), John Tooker, MD, MBA, chief executive officer emeritus, American College of Physicians; and Jeremy Thorp, director of business architecture, Health and Social care Information Center.

"These leaders represent a broad spectrum of global stakeholders who are committed to advancing health through information technology. We are delighted to welcome them to the HL7 Advisory Council," said Charles Jaffe, MD, PhD, CEO of HL7. "Their strategic expertise and diverse experience will contribute greatly to HL7's goal of improving the quality of care and reducing costs by overcoming the barriers to interoperability."

In recent years, HL7's Advisory Council was instrumental in the organization's decision to license its standards and implementation guides free of charge as well as the development of programs and services to address the needs of those who implement HL7 standards. The Advisory Council's current focus is on addressing the recommendations from the ONC's draft Interoperability Roadmap and the JASON Task Force, including the acceleration of the HL7 Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) standard.

Biographies of the HL7 Advisory Council members are available at: <a href="http://www.hl7.org/Special/committees/advisory">http://www.hl7.org/Special/committees/advisory</a>.

## **About Health Level Seven International (HL7)**

Founded in 1987, Health Level Seven International is the global authority for healthcare information interoperability and standards with affiliates established in more than 30 countries. HL7 is a non-profit, ANSI accredited standards development organization dedicated to providing a comprehensive framework and related standards for the exchange, integration, sharing, and retrieval of electronic health information that supports clinical practice and the management, delivery and evaluation of health services. HL7's more than 2,000 members represent approximately 500 corporate members, which include more than 90 percent of the information systems vendors serving healthcare. HL7 collaborates with other standards developers and provider, payer, philanthropic and government agencies at the highest levels to ensure the development of comprehensive and reliable standards and successful interoperability efforts.

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