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HL7 Argonaut Project Takes Major Step Forward for FHIR

ANN ARBOR, MI, USA – February 27, 2018 – Health Level Seven® International (HL7®), the global authority for interoperability in healthcare information technology with members in 55 countries, and the Argonaut Project today announced the Argonaut Project 2018 projects. These projects continue the Argonaut Project's efforts to simplify and standardize the exchange of healthcare data using open internet standards and protocols. The Argonaut Project's specification and testing work has already sparked faster adoption of the HL7 Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) standard in EHR systems, in health exchange networks such as Carequality and CommonWell, and in consumer-facing experiences such as the iPhone® Health app. The 2018 projects further expand the Argonaut Project's focus to other key use cases using the HL7 FHIR and OAuth standards.

The Argonaut Project is a collaboration of vendors and providers to accelerate adoption of HL7 FHIR and OAuth standards by creating road-tested implementation guides accessible to developers seeking to build interoperability capabilities according to modern internet architectures.

"Interoperability grows when it is simple and addresses real clinical and business needs," said Micky Tripathi, the Project Manager of the Argonaut Project. "Our 2018 projects continue our focus on empowering patients and providers to exchange information important to them using modern internet conventions."

Each year, the Argonaut Project focuses on selected HL7 FHIR- and OAuth-based use cases of importance to patients, providers, and the healthcare industry. For 2018, the Argonaut Project will focus on three projects:

1. Clinical Notes, which will enable access to a common set of text-based notes & reports from EHR systems to complement the structured data already covered in the previously published Argonaut Data Query Implementation Guide
2. Bulk Data Access of Clinical Data, which will enable access to structured clinical data (CCDS/USCDI) for a roster of patients to complement the individual patient access already covered in the previously published Argonaut Data Query Implementation Guide
3. Simple Assessment Questionnaires, which will enable sharing of an organized set of textual questions and consistent capture and sharing of responses, for example, for an ACO that wants to implement consistent assessments and aggregate responses across disparate EHR systems

"The Argonaut Project is a remarkable example of how standards developers and implementers can work together to get the most benefit from interoperability standards," said Dr. Charles Jaffe, CEO of HL7 International.

About the Argonaut Project

The Argonaut Project is a private sector initiative to advance industry adoption of modern, open interoperability standards. The purpose of the Argonaut Project is to rapidly develop HL7 FHIR-based API and core data services specifications to enable expanded information sharing for electronic health records and other health information technology based on Internet standards and architectural patterns and styles. The Argonaut Project sponsors include: Accenture, athenahealth, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Cerner, Epic, Intermountain Healthcare, Mayo Clinic, MEDITECH, McKesson, Partners Healthcare, SMART at Boston Children's Hospital, Surescripts, and The Advisory Board. The Argonaut Project is managed under the auspices of Health Level Seven International. To learn more about the Argonaut Project, visit www.HL7.me/argonaut.

About Health Level Seven International (HL7)

Founded in 1987, [Health Level Seven International](http://www.hl7.org) 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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