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## **HL7 International and the Da Vinci Project Announce New Clinical Advisory Council**

*Clinician Input Will Improve Data Sharing and Efficiency*

**ANN ARBOR, Mich. – Jan. 23, 2020** – The leadership of the Da Vinci Project, a private sector initiative comprised of providers, payers and technology vendors, announced the creation of a Clinical Advisory Council to ensure that clinicians contribute strategic input, offer insight to challenges, and accelerate the adoption of HL7® Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) as the new standard to support and integrate value-based care (VBC) data exchange. The Da Vinci Project is one of several FHIR-based programs hosted by Health Level Seven® (HL7®) International, the global authority on interoperability of health information technology.

"The advisory council will provide a strong clinical voice in Da Vinci's strategic direction and help identify potential pitfalls, ultimately leading to more rapid adoption of Da Vinci's standards and solutions to improve data sharing and care," stated Co-Chair of the Clinical Advisory Council and Clinical Informatics Director, Privacy, Information Security & Interoperability, Sutter Health, Steven Lane, MD, MPH, FAAFP. He noted the council supplements the clinician input Da Vinci currently receives at the steering committee and at the individual implementation guide work group level.

"Current prior authorization workflows are perceived as a major burden for physicians and their staff, wasting precious clinician time and organizational resources, and contributing to physician burnout," said Co-Chair of the Clinical Advisory Council and Vice President and Chief Medical Informatics Officer, American Academy of Family Physicians, Steven E. Waldren, MD, MS.

"The Clinical Advisory Council will help ensure that a focus on clinical workflow optimization is at the forefront during Da Vinci's work," Waldren noted.

The Da Vinci Project is examining many use cases related to information exchange between clinicians and payers that currently burden clinicians and support staff. Appropriate automation promises to

provide greater efficiencies and alleviate the burden. [Use cases](#) cover five focus areas, including quality improvement, coverage details/burden reduction, member access, process improvement, risk adjustment and clinical data exchange. Specific examples include:

- Care/case management
- Concurrent review
- Prior authorization
- Care gap identification and management
- Quality metric reporting
- Risk adjustment

Da Vinci Project Technical Director Viet Nguyen, MD, stated, "The Clinical Advisory Council will leverage its members' collective real-world experience to provide feedback to the Da Vinci Project's Steering Committee to inform policy around specific technical implementation guides and to provide context regarding the challenges and barriers clinicians face. We thank the members of the council for their time, expertise and commitment."

For a list of Clinical Advisory Council members and their current Da Vinci work visit <https://confluence.hl7.org/display/DVP/Da+Vinci+Clinical+Advisory+Council+Members>.

### **About the Da Vinci Project**

As an HL7 FHIR Accelerator, the Da Vinci Project is a private sector initiative comprised of industry leaders and health information technology technical experts who are working together to accelerate the adoption of HL7® FHIR® as the standard to support and integrate value-based care (VBC) data exchange across communities. The Da Vinci Project focuses on minimizing the development and deployment of one-off solutions between partners with a goal to help all clinicians and health plans to better deliver clinical quality, value and care management outcomes. The core focus of phase one of the project is to deliver implementation guides and reference software implementations to the public for data exchange and workflows necessary to support providers and payers entering and managing VBC contracts and relationships.

For a full list of project members visit <http://www.hl7.org/about/davinci/members.cfm> and to learn more about the Da Vinci Project, visit [www.HL7.me/davinci](http://www.HL7.me/davinci).

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

Founded in 1987, [Health Level Seven International](#) is the global authority for healthcare information interoperability and standards with members in more than 55 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 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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For more information about the HL7 FHIR Accelerator Program, please visit: <http://hl7.org/about/fhir-accelerator/>.

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