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# HEALTH INFORMATICS STANDARD

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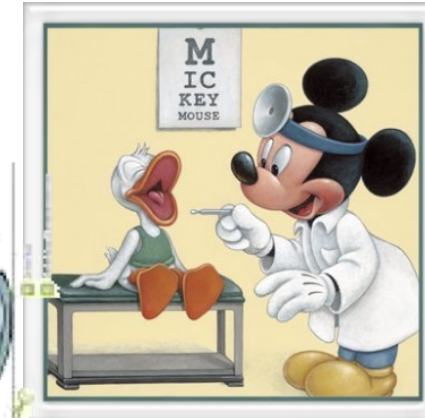


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# The healthcare heterogeneous scenario





# Interoperability



**Ability of different systems to work cooperatively allowing different users to share information and resources**

# Why standards?



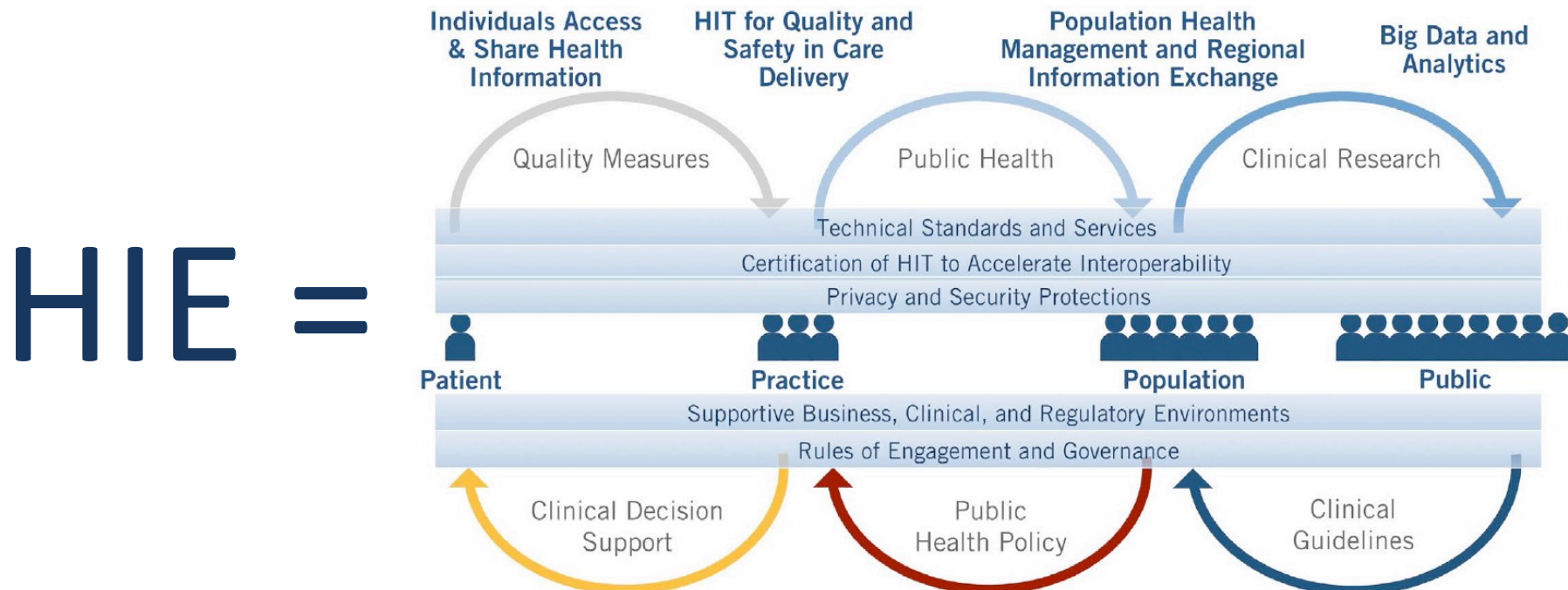
INTEROPERABILITY TYPE	HOW TO ADDRESS IT
Technological	Technological Standards
Structural	Communication Standards
Semantic	Terminologies and ontologies
Organizational	Processi
Governance	Frameworks and agreements
Legal	International legislation



# Health Information Exchange

According to [healthit.gov](http://healthit.gov), the official US site for Health IT information:

“Electronic health information exchange (HIE) allows doctors, nurses, pharmacists, other health care providers and patients to appropriately access and securely share a patient’s vital medical information electronically—improving the speed, quality, safety and cost of patient care”



From: “Connecting Health and Care for the Nation: A Ten Year Vision to Achieve Interoperable Health IT Infrastructure” – ONC 2014

# HIE expected scenario



- Exchange data among providers
- Provide secure access to healthcare documents for patients
- **Based on interoperability (technology/standards and semantic/archetypes-terminologies)**



## Standards: definition and scopes

- **Set of rules and definitions that specify how to carry out a process or produce a product**



- 1987 Technical report from the International Standards Organization → “Any **meaningful exchange of utterances** depends upon the prior existence of an **agreed** upon set of **semantic and syntactic rules**”
- Standards →
  - created and used to **make things or processes work** more easily and economically (sometimes, to work at all)
  - permit two or more disassociated people/parts to **work** in some **cooperative** way



# Computers and standards

- The first computers were built without standards
- Hardware and software standards were quickly developed for humans who need a more readable language →
  - standard character sets (ASCII, EBCDIC)
  - first standard computer language (COBOL)
  - hardware components depend on standards for exchanging information



# The standards development process: methods



## Ad hoc method

- A group of interested people and organizations agree on a standard specification.
- These specifications are informal and are accepted as standards through mutual agreement of the participating groups.
- Example: DICOM standard for medical imaging (American College of Radiology/National Electrical Manufacturers Association, ACR/NEMA)

## De facto method

- A single vendor controls a large enough portion of the market to make its product the market standard.
- Example: Microsoft Windows.

## Government-mandate method

- A government agency creates a standard and legislates its use.
- Example is HCFA's UB92 insurance-claim form.

## Consensus method

- A group of volunteers representing interested parties work in an open process to create a standard.
- Example: Health Level 7 (HL7) standard for clinical-data interchange.



# The development process





# Conformance and Certification

## CONFORMANCE

- Compliance with the standard
- Specific agreements among users of the standard who affirm specific rules will be followed.
- The conformance document identifies specifically what rules are followed in the process/system implementation

## CERTIFICATION

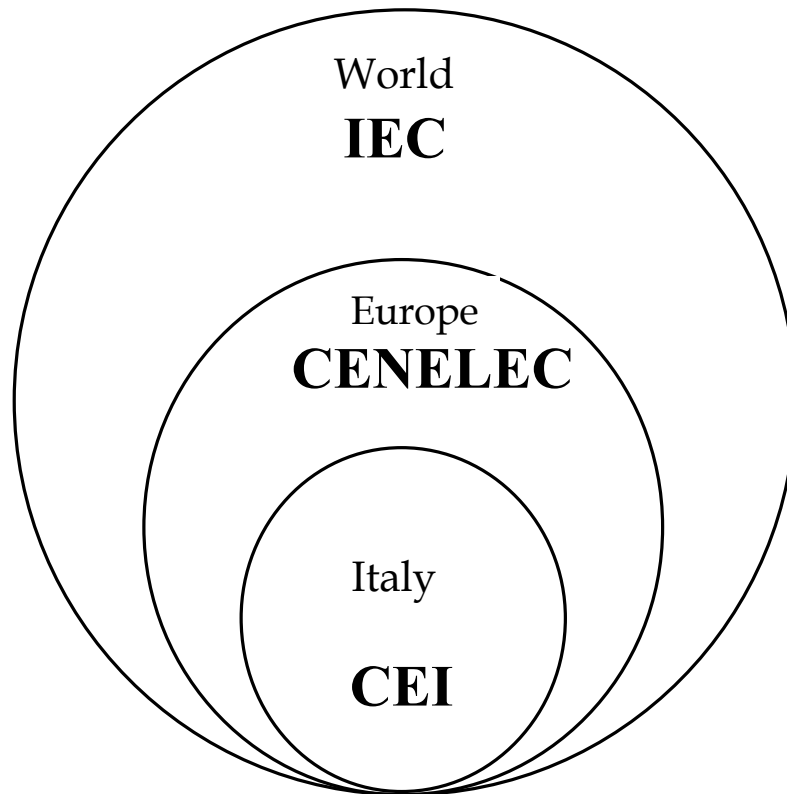
- A neutral body certifies that a vendor's product in fact does comply and conform with the standard.
- There is a verification stage that provides a "certificate"



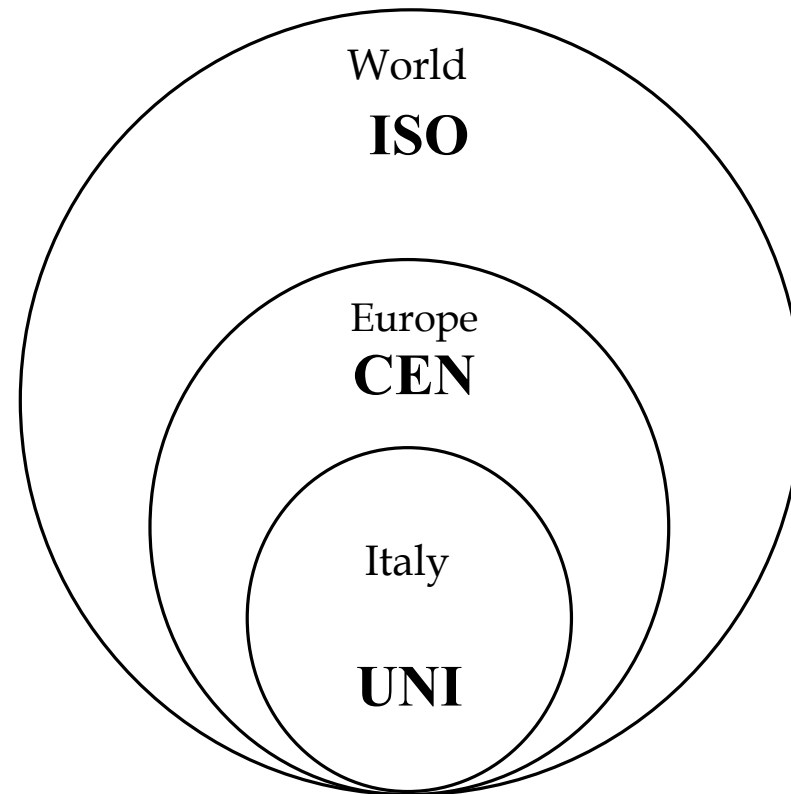
## Standards characteristics

- The standard definition process ensures that:
- **AGREEMENT** → Standards are created upon agreement because there was a consensus among who participated to the working group.
- **DEMOCRACY** → all the interested stakeholders can participate to the working groups and make observations and suggestions
- **TRANSPARENCY** → standardization bodies make the process and the different steps available to the public who is interested
- **VOLUNTARY** → Norms are a reference that the interested stakeholders voluntarily adopt.

## ELECTRICAL AREA

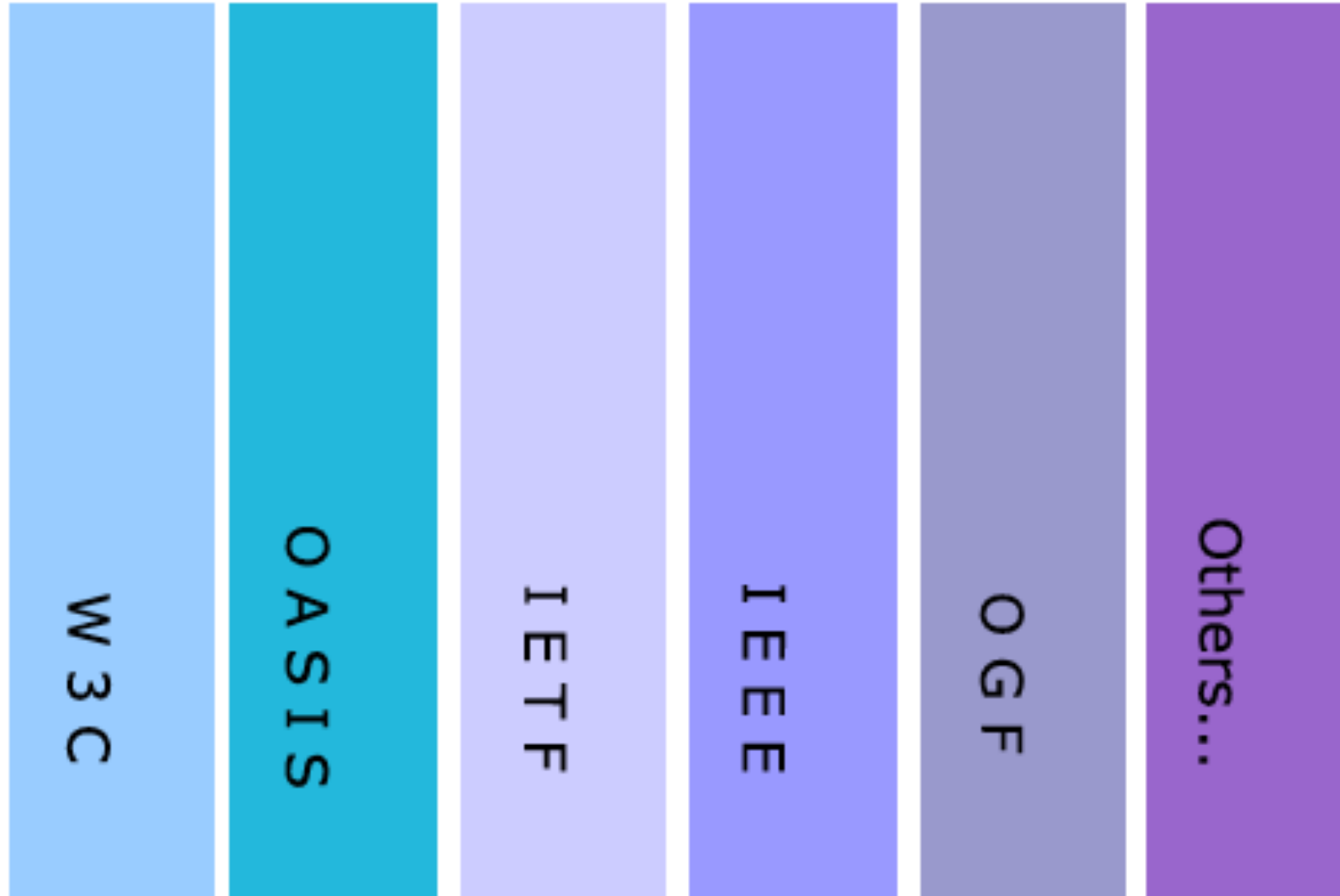


## OTHER AREAS





# Standardization bodies for ICT



# Standardization bodies for Medical Informatics



INTERNAZIONAL  
LEVEL

- CDISC - Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium
- CEN TC 251 - Health Informatics
- GS-1 - Supply chain standards system
- HL7 - Health level 7
- IHTSDO - Not-for-profit association that owns and maintains SNOMED CT
- ISO TC215 - Health Informatics

NATIONAL LEVEL



# HIPAA: a first law on standard adoption in medical informatics



- 1996 → Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- Signed into law → HIPAA requires that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) adopt standards for the electronic transmission of specific administrative transactions.
- These standards will apply to health plans, health-care clearinghouses, and health-care providers who transmit any health information in electronic form;



# Health Level 7 (HL7)



## Health Level Seven International

[www.hl7.org](http://www.hl7.org)

Founded in 1987, Health Level Seven International (HL7) is a not-for-profit, ANSI-accredited standards developing 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 2,300+ members include approximately 500 corporate members who represent more than 90% of the information systems vendors serving healthcare.



# What is HL7

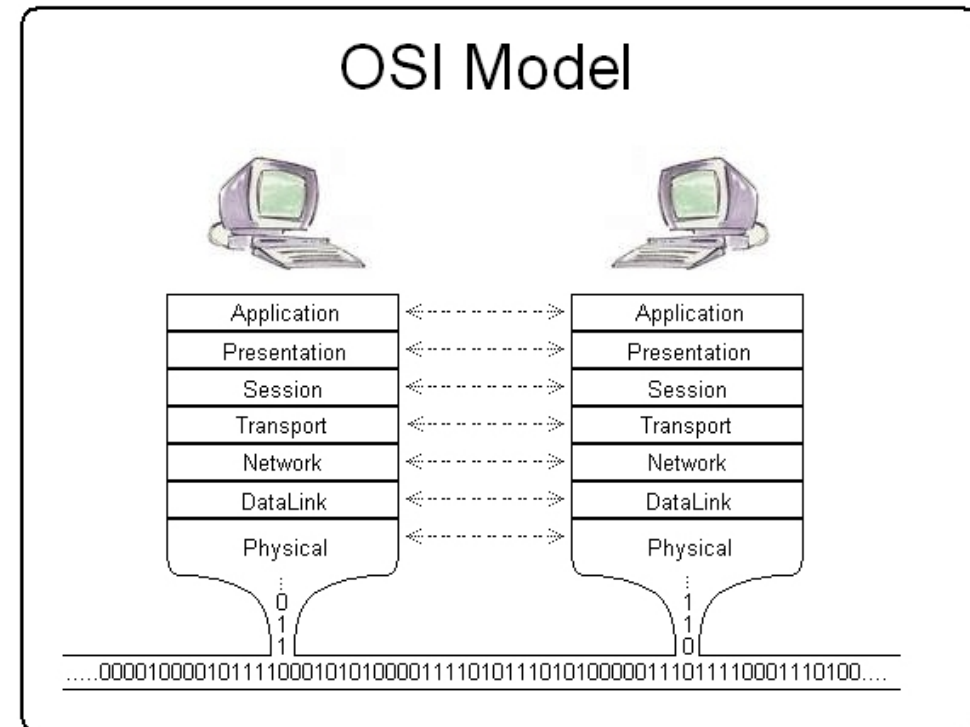
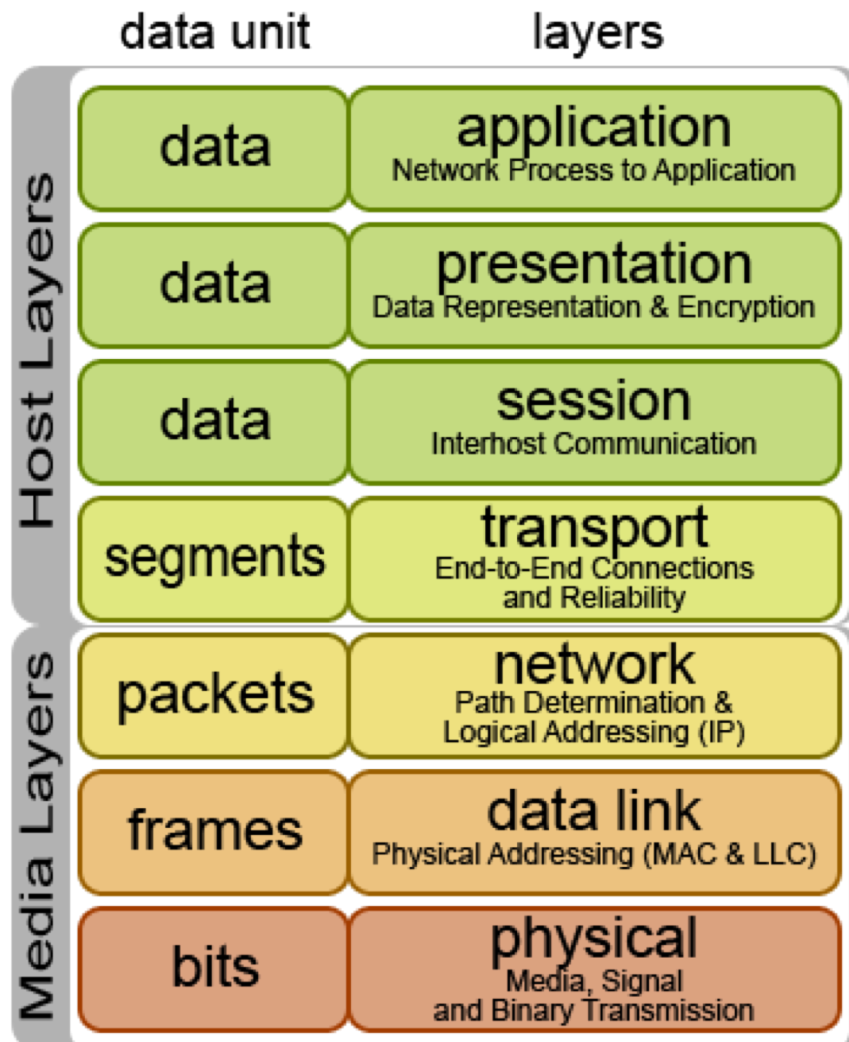
## Health Level Seven (HL7)

- ▶▶ An international standard development organization established more than 20 years ago
- ▶▶ Enables interoperability of healthcare information
- ▶▶ Creates standards for the exchange, management, and integration of electronic healthcare information
- ▶▶ Develops specifications, e.g., a messaging standard that enables disparate healthcare applications to exchange key sets of clinical and administrative data



# HL7: meaning

## OSI Model

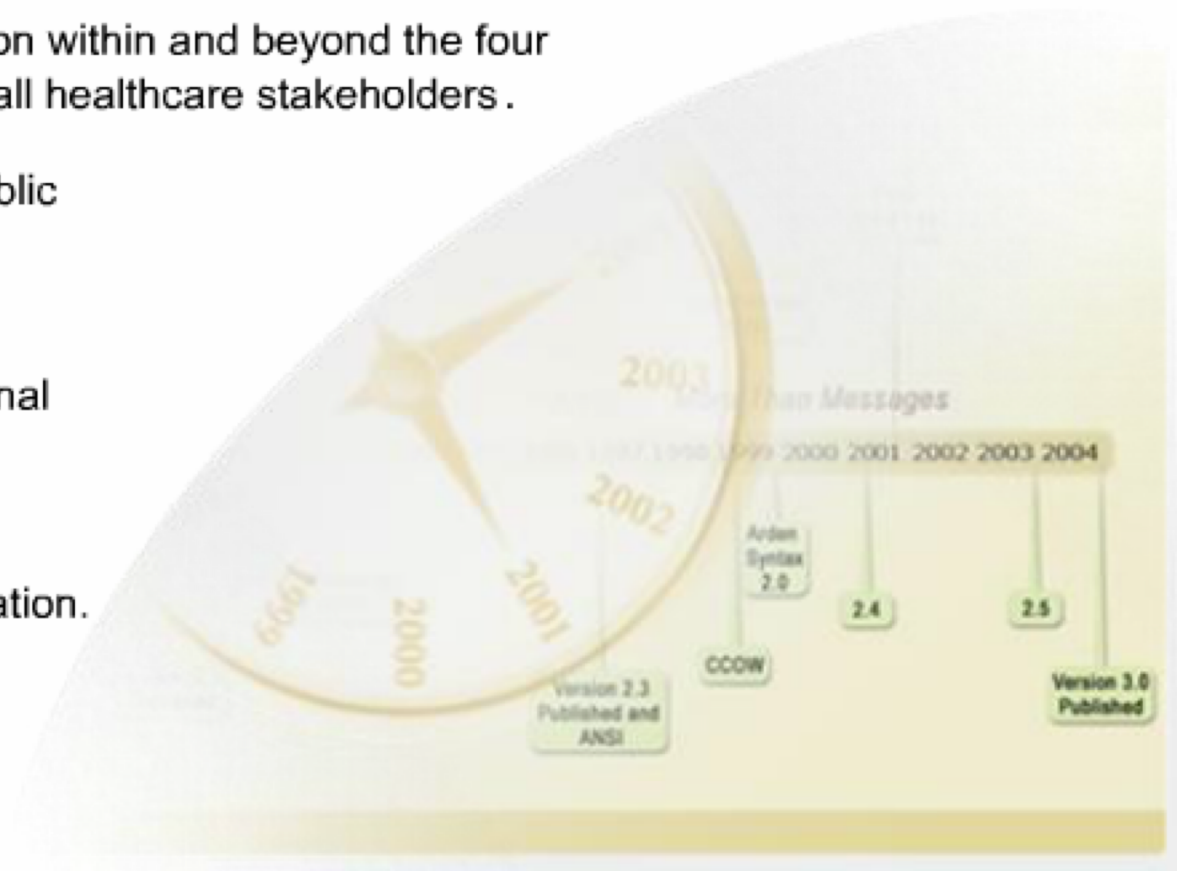


“Level 7” refers to the ISO-OSI application level (Open System Interconnection)

# HL7 standard aims (1/2)

**HL7 creates healthcare standards to enable interoperability of healthcare information.**

- ▶▶ Messages and documents move healthcare information in a standardized way to the point of patient care.
- ▶▶ Standards assist in moving information within and beyond the four walls of hospitals and clinics among all healthcare stakeholders.
- ▶▶ Standards assist in the sharing of public health information.
- ▶▶ Standards help enable the electronic health record and creation of a National Health Information Network.
- ▶▶ HL7 assists in using genomic data in conjunction with other clinical information.



## HL7 standard aims (2/2)



HL7 does not create or provide any sort of software. It does provide healthcare organizations with specifications for making their systems interoperable.

**HL7 adopted strategies to develop specifications for making healthcare systems interoperable.**

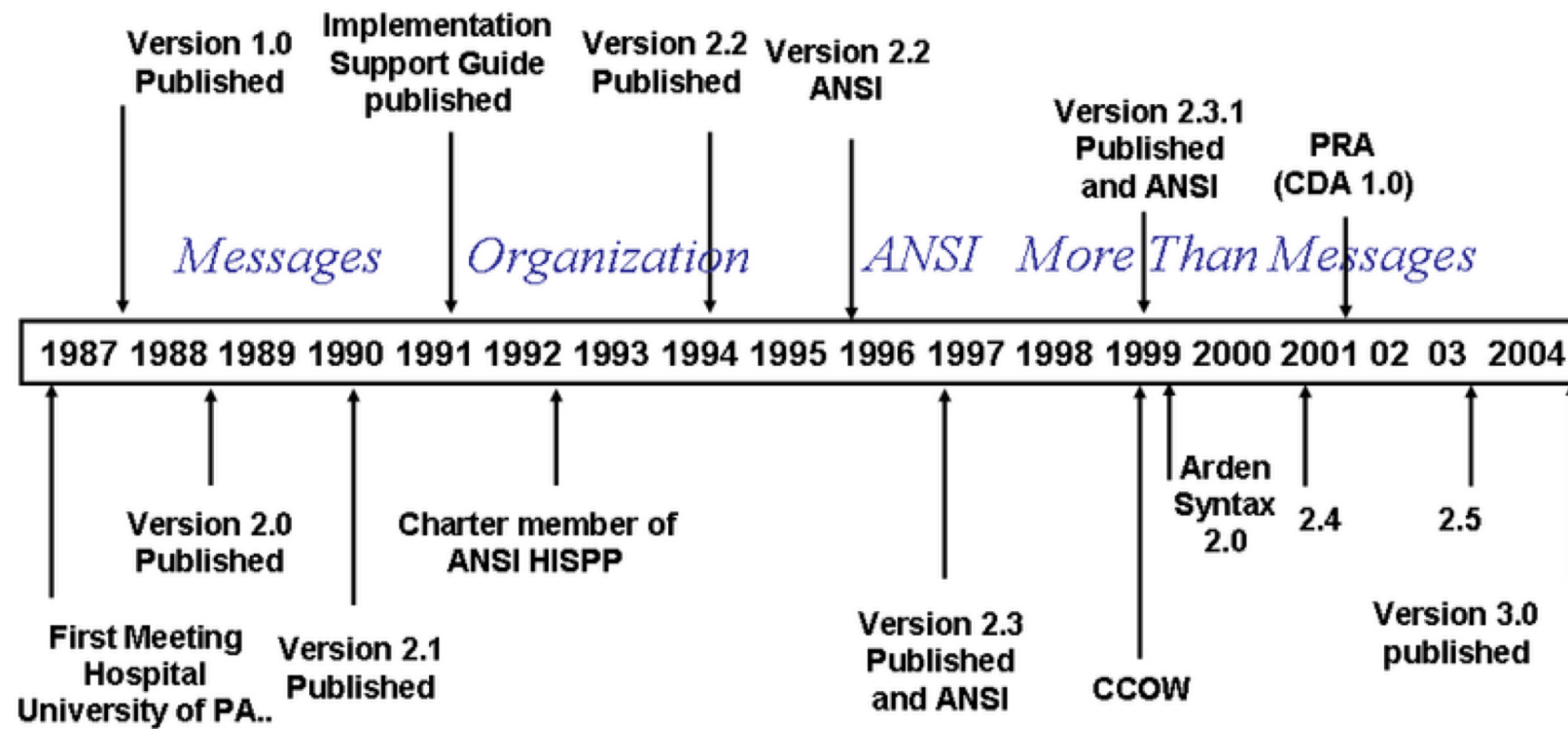
- ▶▶ Develop coherent, extendible standards and a formal methodology.
- ▶▶ Collaborate with healthcare information users and other standards development organizations.
- ▶▶ Promote the use of HL7 standards worldwide.
- ▶▶ Educate the healthcare industry and policy makers.
- ▶▶ Enable domain experts from the healthcare industry to develop healthcare information standards in their areas



# HL7 history



## History of HL7



Designed by David Marotta





# HL7 reference categories

HL7 standards are grouped into reference categories:

**Section 1: Primary Standards** - Primary standards are considered the most popular standards integral for system integrations, inter-operability and compliance. Our most frequently used and in-demand standards are in this category.

**Section 2: Foundational Standards** - Foundational standards define the fundamental tools and building blocks used to build the standards, and the technology infrastructure that implementers of HL7 standards must manage.

**Section 3: Clinical and Administrative Domains** - Messaging and document standards for clinical specialties and groups are found in this section. These standards are usually implemented once primary standards for the organization are in place.

**Section 4: EHR Profiles** - These standards provide functional models and profiles that enable the constructs for management of electronic health records.

**Section 5: Implementation Guides** - This section is for implementation guides and/or support documents created to be used in conjunction with an existing standard. All documents in this section serve as supplemental material for a parent standard.

**Section 6: Rules and References** - Technical specifications, programming structures and guidelines for software and standards development.

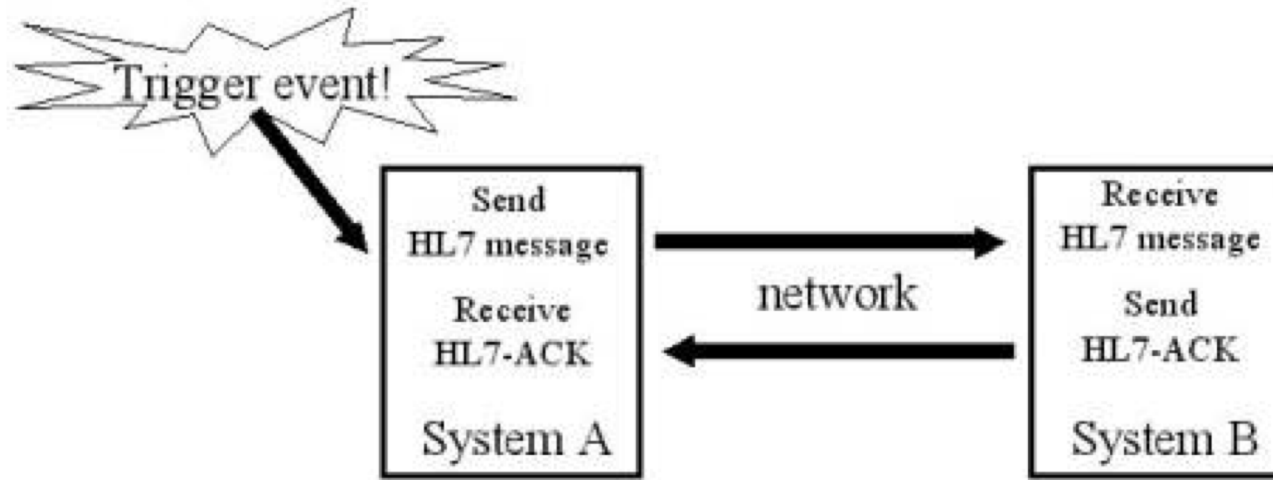
**Section 7: Education & Awareness** - Find HL7's Draft Standards for Trial Use (DSTUs) and current projects here, as well as helpful resources and tools to further supplement understanding and adoption of HL7 standards.



# HL7 v2: communication workflow

- The data exchange protocol is based on ASCII-coded messages delimited by “separators”;
- Two actors (sender and receiver) communicate through the exchange of bi-directional messages;
- The message content is validated by a parser before the transmission: first, the parser adds missing parts, then the message is transmitted;
- The receiver decodes the message according to the protocol rules and interprets the data type extracting all the relevant information from the message;
- Messages are independent from the system implementations → heterogeneous systems can communicate without knowing each other;
- The receiver always sends an Acknowledge (ACK) message to confirm the reception.

# Trigger events



- The HL7 vs communication workflow is activated by a **trigger event: an explicit set of conditions that initiate the transfer of information between system components (real world event)**
- Examples: the placing of a laboratory order or drug order.
- The Trigger Event may be caused by one of the following reasons:
  - User Request Based (the trigger event that prompts a system to send all accumulated data to a tracking system every 12 hours; a user pressing a button in a user-interface)
  - State Transition (the trigger for canceling a document)
  - Interaction Based (the response to a query)

# HL7 v2 message structure

- **Message** →
  - Delimited ASCII text
  - Composed by one or more **Segments**.
- **Segment** →
  - Text line delimited by the carriage-return (hexadecimal 0D).
  - Can be optional
  - Composed by one or more **Fields** delimited by the pipe character “|”.
- **Fields** →
  - Composed by data or strings separated by “^”.
  - They can be empty
  - The NULL value is the empty string “”.



# HL7 v2 message separators

(x0D)		Segment separator
		Field separator, aka pipe
^		Component separator, aka hat
&		Sub-component separator
~		Field repeat separator
\		Escape character





# HL7 vs message example: order placer

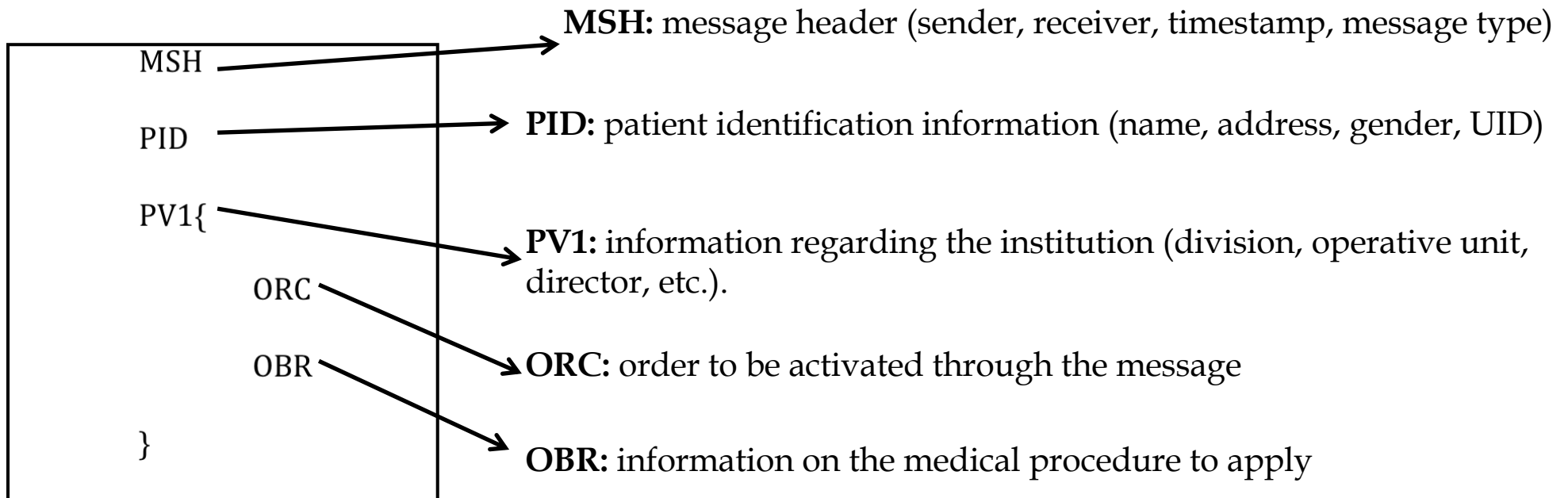
## ORM^001 New Order

```

MSH|^~\&|RIS|SIEMENS|SCREENING|DEDALUS|20131001134643||ORM^001|20240061|P|2.3.1|||||8859/1<cr>
PID||59530^^^RIS|""||ROSSI^MARIA||19540101<cr>
PV1||O|||||||||||||SCR2013156803
ORC|SC|00000000000034466^DEDALUS|4399598^RA2000||CM
OBR||||4399598|||20131001131042

```

Segment description



# HL7 vs message example: Acknowledge

```
MSH|^~\&|RIS|SIEMENS|EUROSOFT|EU|20131001134643||ACK^O01|MSGID12345678|P|2.3.1<cr>
MSA|AA|MSGID12345678
```

## Acknowledge message

- Composed by two segments → **MSH** e **MSA**
- **MSH**: message header
- **MSA** →
  - ID of the message that is acknowledged;
  - A code describing the result of the message →
    - AA (Application Accept): success;
    - AE (Application Error): rejected for application error;
    - AR (Application Reject): rejected for data error.



## HL7 v3

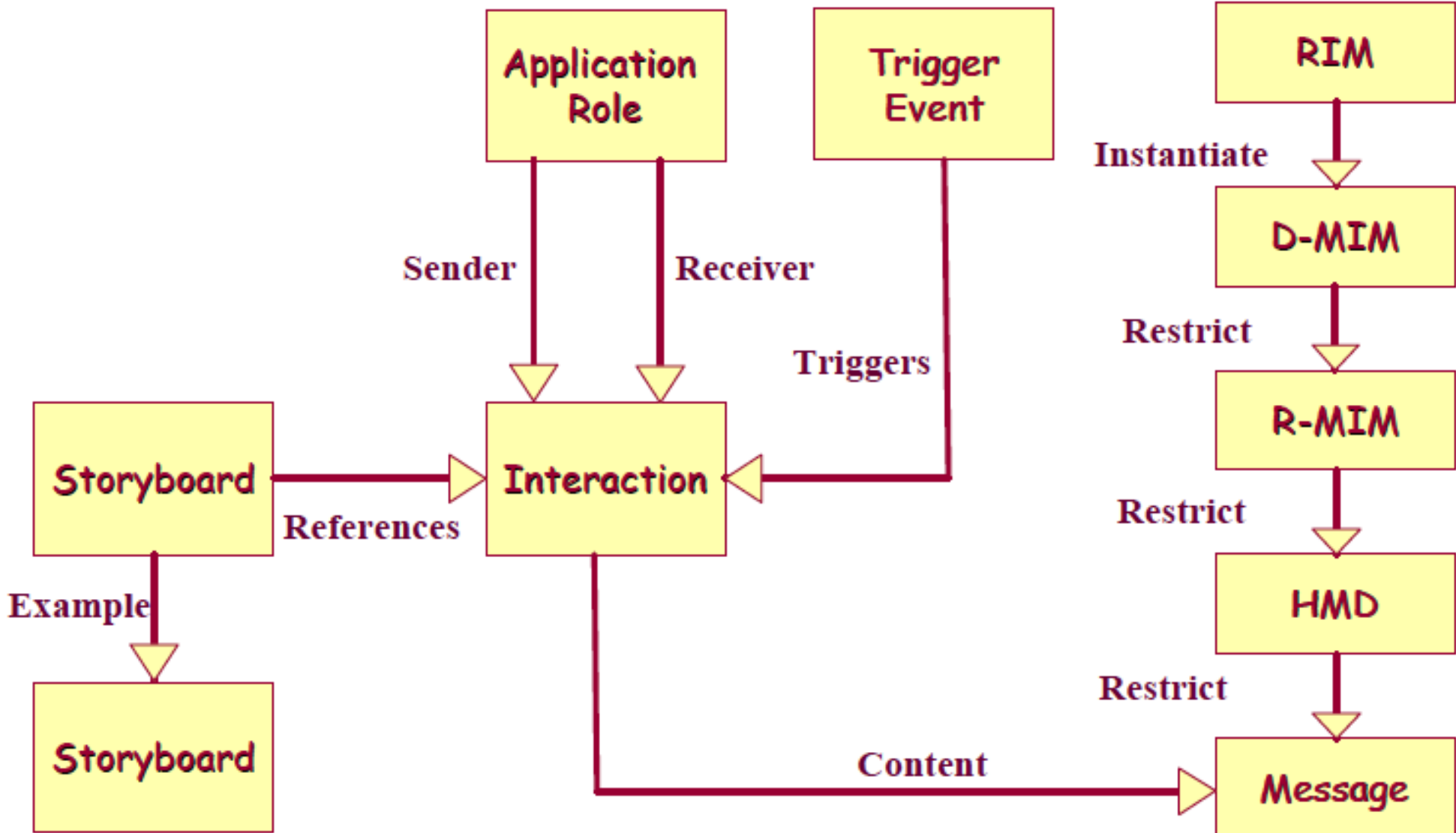
- Change in the HL7 philosophy → from message definition to data exchange model definition
- Creation of the **HL7 Reference Information Model (RIM)** – data model
  - Object oriented (attributes and methods)
  - In 2006 the RIM became the standard ISO/HL7 21731;
- Data format → from ASCII-delimited messages to XML messages.

# HL7 v3-based system implementation pathway (1/2)



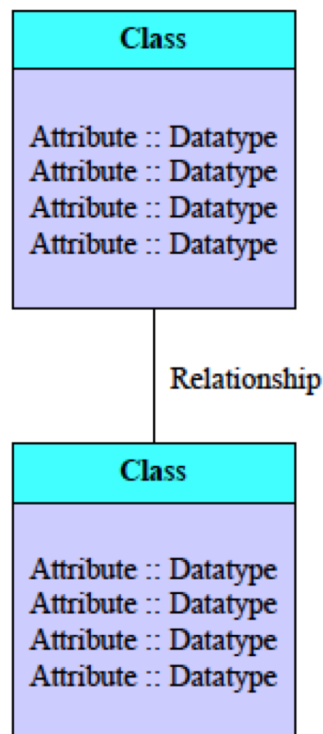
1. Define a consensus Reference Information Model (RIM)
2. Assemble the terminology/vocabulary and data types necessary to express the attributes of the RIM
3. Design the technology to implement the interactions (XML)
4. Develop supporting structures (Storyboards, Trigger events, application roles) that reflect the business model in healthcare
5. Apply the RIM, Vocabulary and Data Types and supporting information to define interactions
6. Publish, Verify, Localize and Implement

# HL7 v3-based system implementation pathway (2/2)



# RIM components

## Subject Area



**Subject Area:** a major partition of a information model.

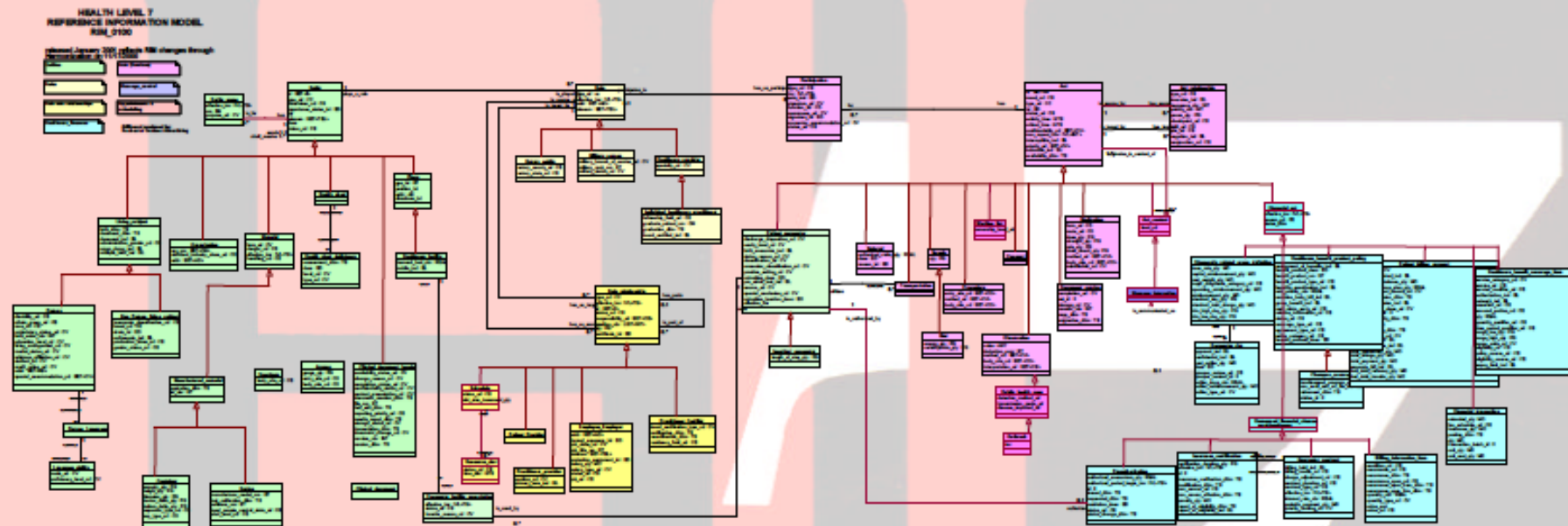
**Class:** something about which information is collected.

**Relationship:** an affiliation between two classes.

**Attribute:** information about a class.

**Data Type:** a specification of the format of an attribute.

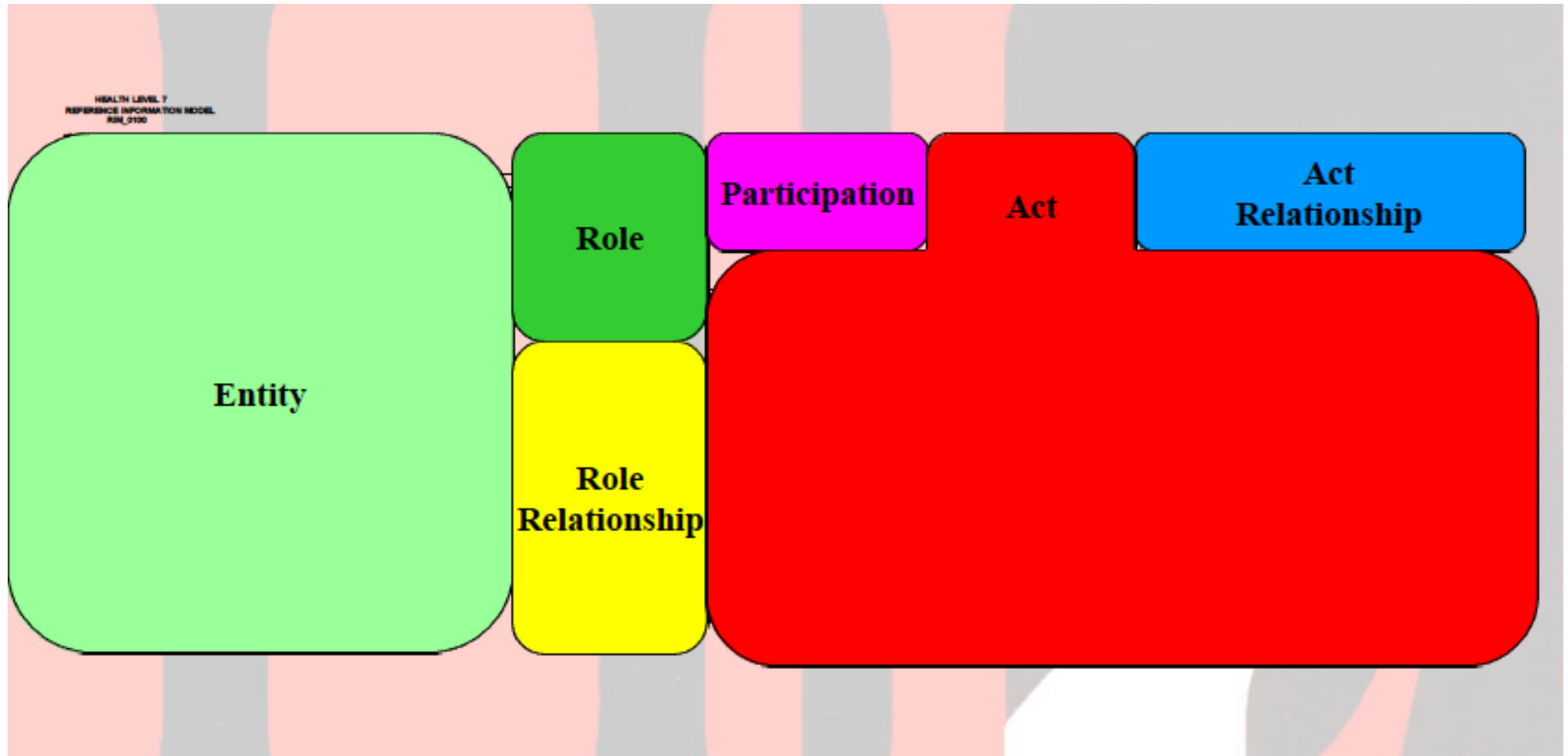
# RIM class diagram



- **6 Primary Subject Areas**
- **64 Classes**
- **348 Attributes**
- **73 Relationships**
- **45 Data types**

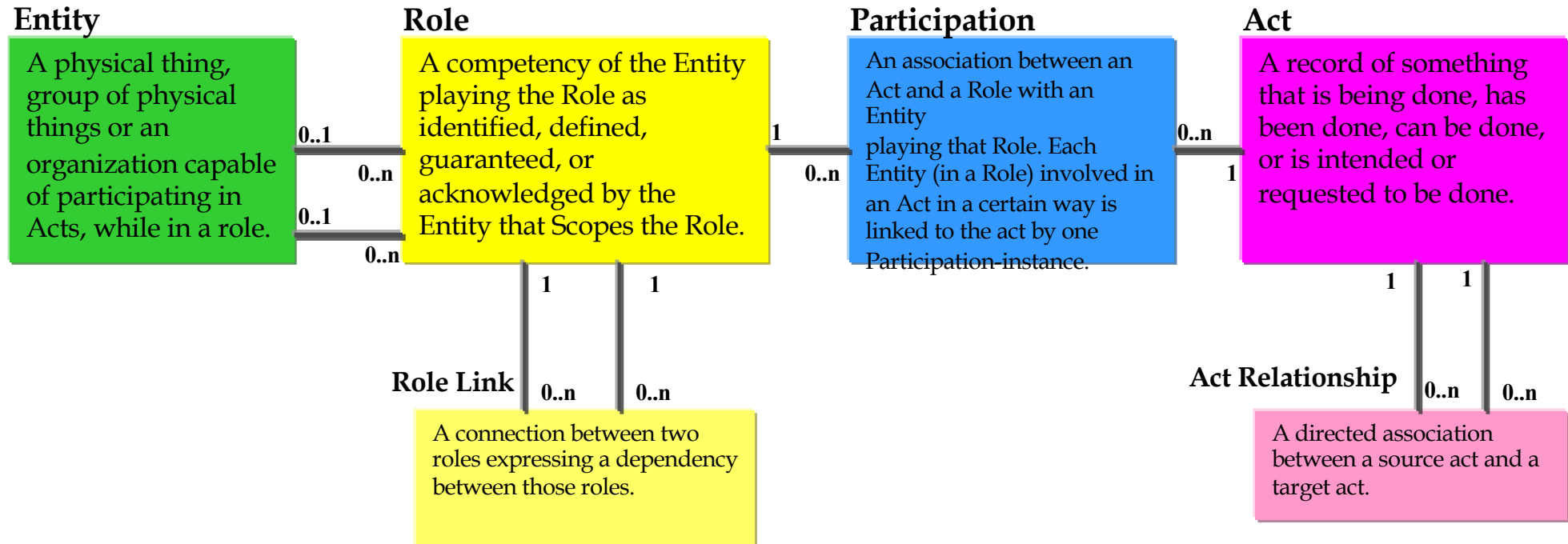


# Primary subject areas





# RIM Core classes



# Entity

Entity
classCode : CS determinerCode : CS id : SET<II> code : CE quantity : SET<PQ> name : BAG<EN> desc : ED statusCode : SET<CS> existenceTime : IVL<TS> telecom : BAG<TEL> riskCode : CE handlingCode : CE

**Entity:** a person, animal, organization or thing  
A collection of classes related to the Entity class, its specializations and related qualifying classes. The classes represent health care stakeholders and other things of interest to health care.

**Entity has the following sub-classes:**

Container

Device

LanguageCommunication

LivingSubject

ManufacturedMaterial

Material

NonPersonLivingSubject

Organization

Person

Place



# Role

## Role

classCode : CS  
id : SET<II>  
code : CE  
negationInd : BL  
addr : BAG<AD>  
telecom : BAG<TEL>  
statusCode : SET<CS>  
effectiveTime : IVL<TS>  
certificateText : ED  
quantity : RTO  
positionNumber : LIST<INT>

### Roles:

A responsibility or part played by an entity (e.g. Person in a role of patient, employee, etc.) – different faces of an Entity

A collection of classes related to the Role class and its specializations. These classes focus on the roles participants may play in health care.

### Role has the following sub-classes:

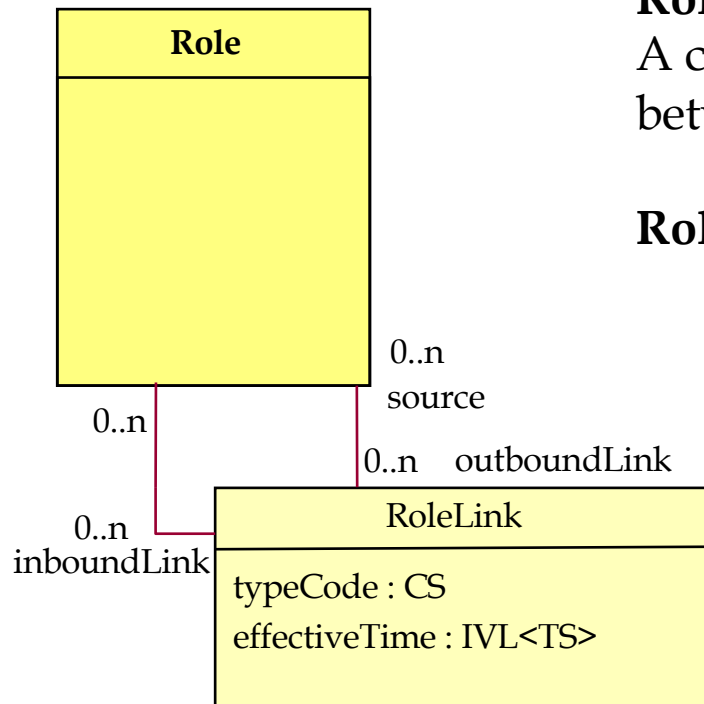
Access  
Employee  
LicensedEntity  
Patient

# RoleLink

## RoleLink:

A connection between two roles expressing a dependency between those roles.

**RoleLink has no sub-classes.**





# Participation

## Participation

typeCode : CS  
functionCode : CD  
contextControlCode : CS  
sequenceNumber : INT  
negationInd : BL  
noteText : ED  
time : IVL<TS>  
modeCode : CE  
awarenessCode : CE  
signatureCode : CE  
signatureText : ED  
performInd : BL  
substitutionConditionCode : CE

### **Participation:**

An association between an Act and a Role with an Entity playing that Role.

**Participation has the following sub-class:**  
ManagedParticipation



# Act

Act
classCode : CS
moodCode : CS
id : SET<II>
code : CD
negationInd : BL
derivationExpr : ST
text : ED
title : ST
statusCode : SET<CS>
effectiveTime : GTS
activityTime : GTS
availabilityTime : TS
priorityCode : SET<CE>
confidentialityCode : SET<CE>
repeatNumber : IVL<INT>
interruptibleInd : BL
levelCode : CE
independentInd : BL
uncertaintyCode : CE
reasonCode : SET<CE>
languageCode : CE

## Act:

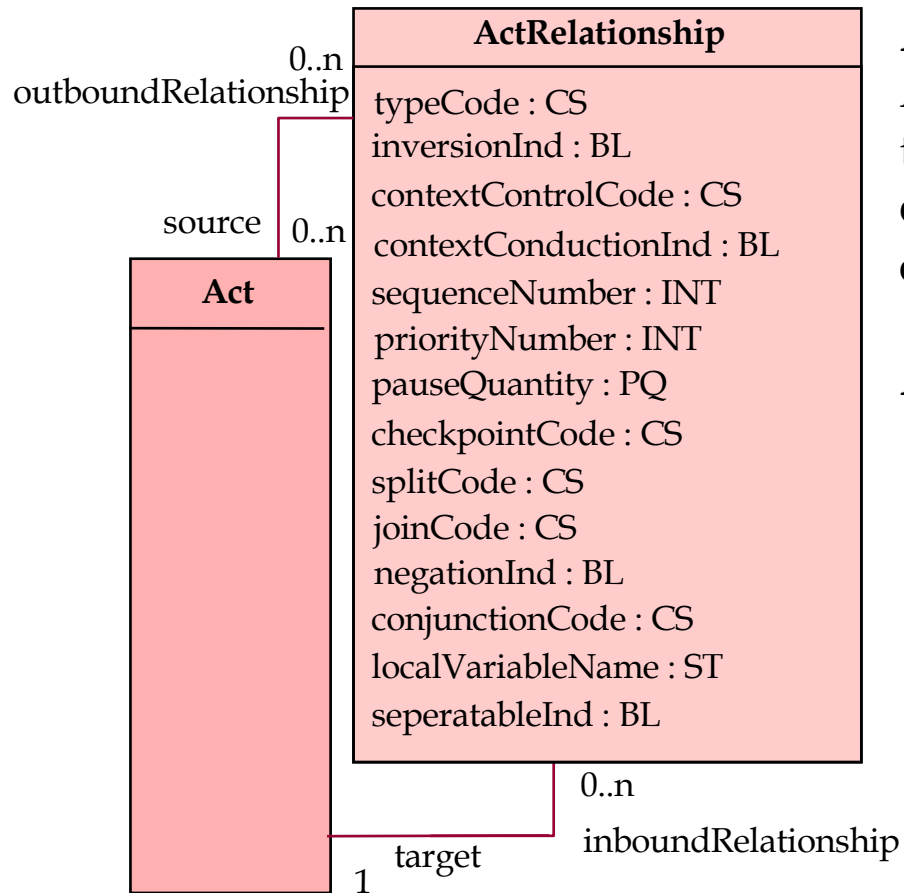
A collection of classes including the Act class and its specializations. These relate to the actions and events that constitute health care services. A record of something that is being done, has been done, can be done, or is intended or requested to be done.

## Among Act sub-classes:

Account	Observation
ControlAct	Participation
DeviceTask	PatientEncounter
DiagnosticImage	Procedure
Diet	PublicHealthCase
FinancialContract	SubstanceAdministration
FinancialTransaction	Supply
InvoiceElement	WorkingList



# ActRelationship

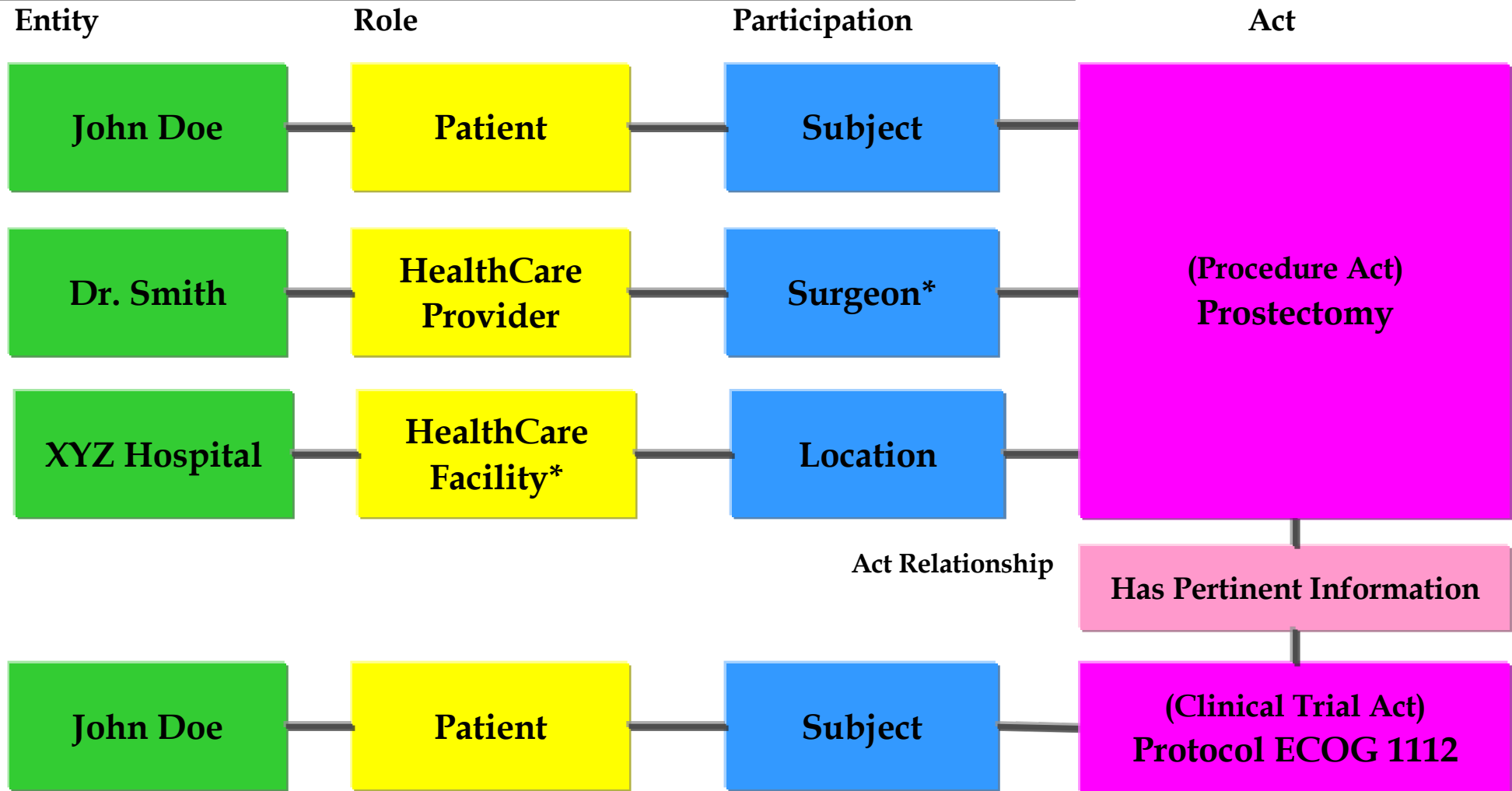


## ActRelationship:

A directed association between a source Act and a target Act. A point from a later instance to a earlier instance OR point from collector instance to component instance.

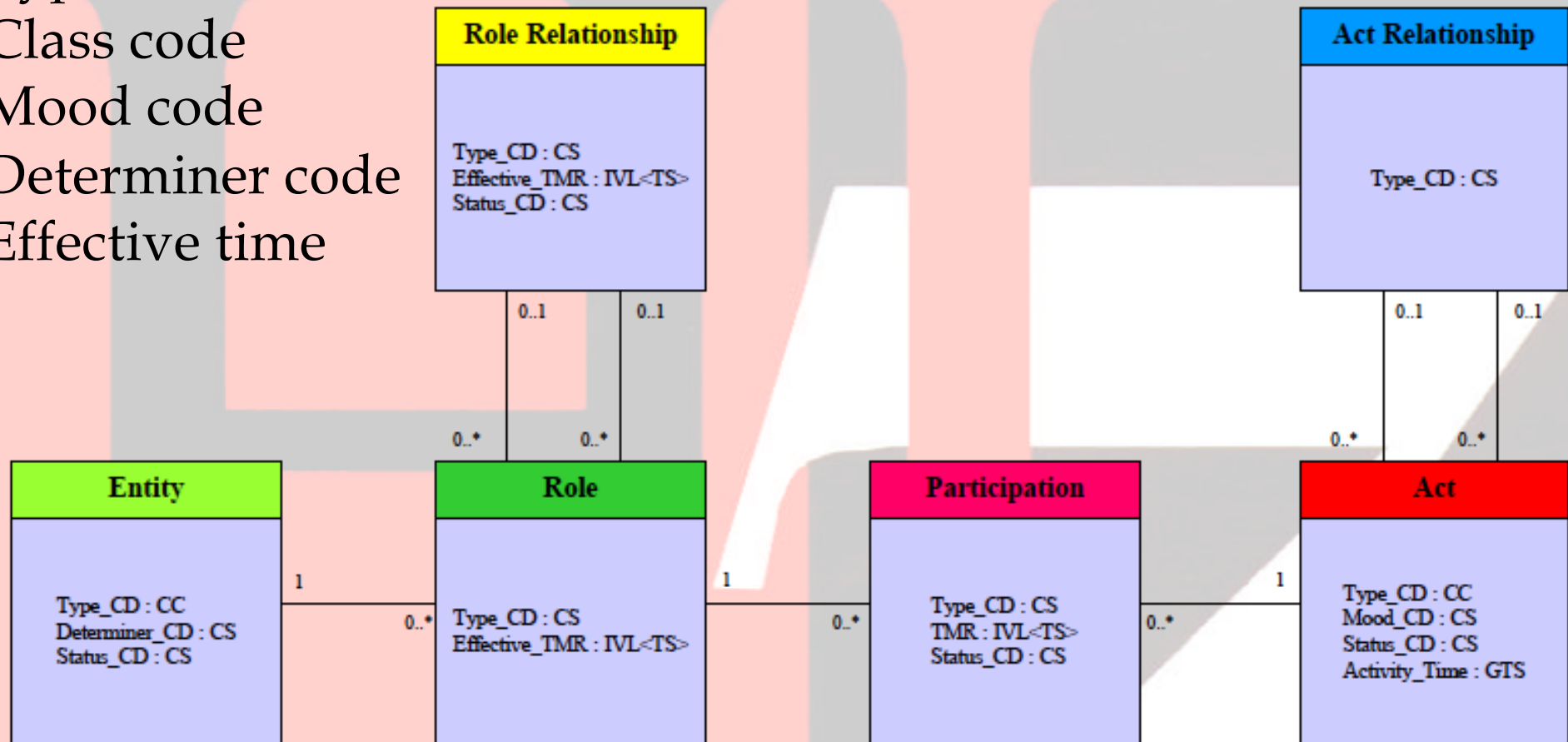
**ActRelationship has no sub-classes.**

# HL7 RIM instance example

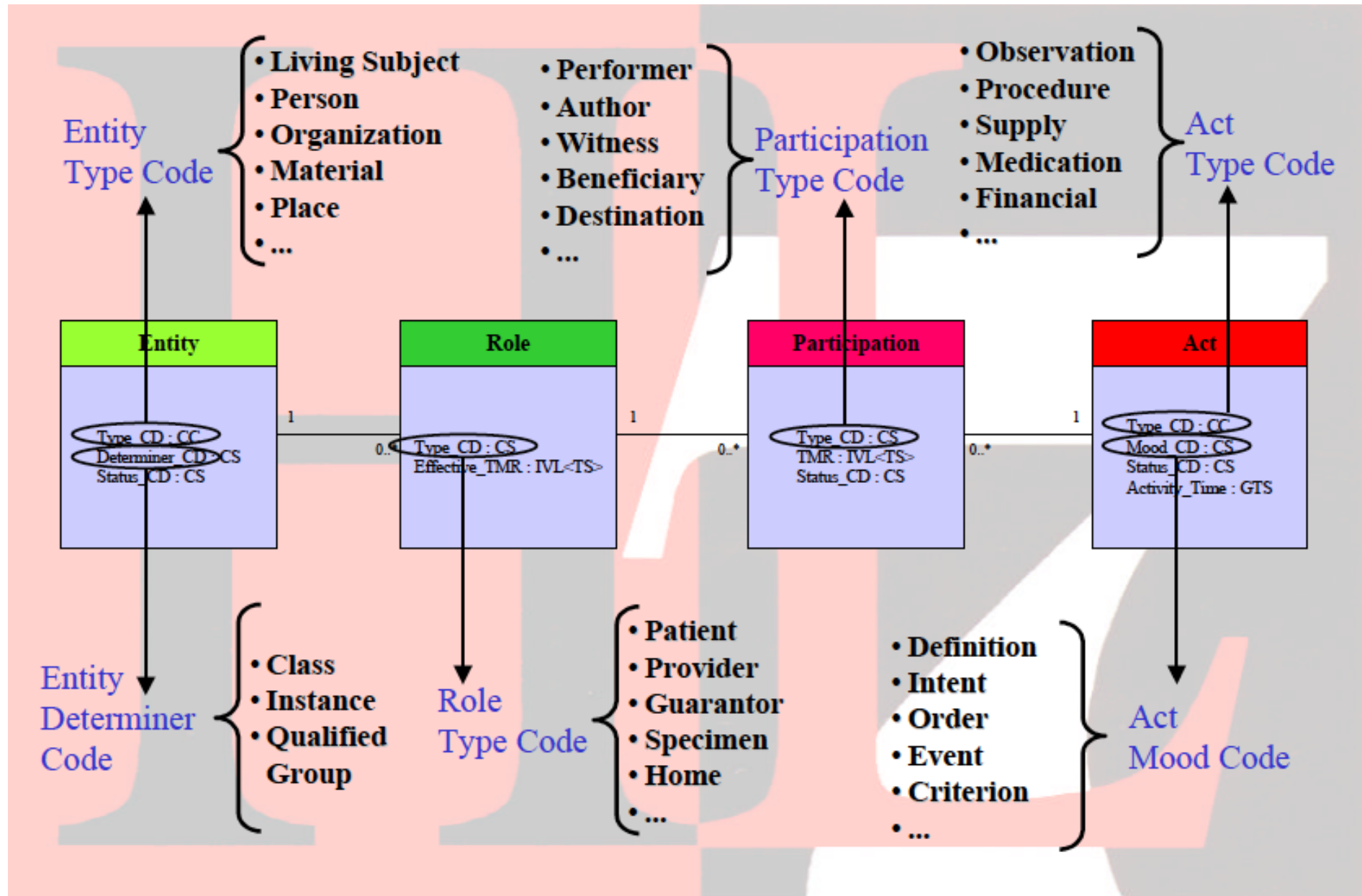


# Core attributes

Type code  
Class code  
Mood code  
Determiner code  
Effective time



# Core attributes value set



# The “mood codes”

## ✍ Proposal (PRP)

✍ Why don't you clean your room today?

## ✍ Order (ORD)

✍ Clean your room!

## ✍ Intent (INT)

✍ I promise to clean my room

## ✍ Event (EVN)

✍ The room is cleaned

## ✍ Definition (DEF)

✍ “Cleaning your room” means make the bed, put toys away...

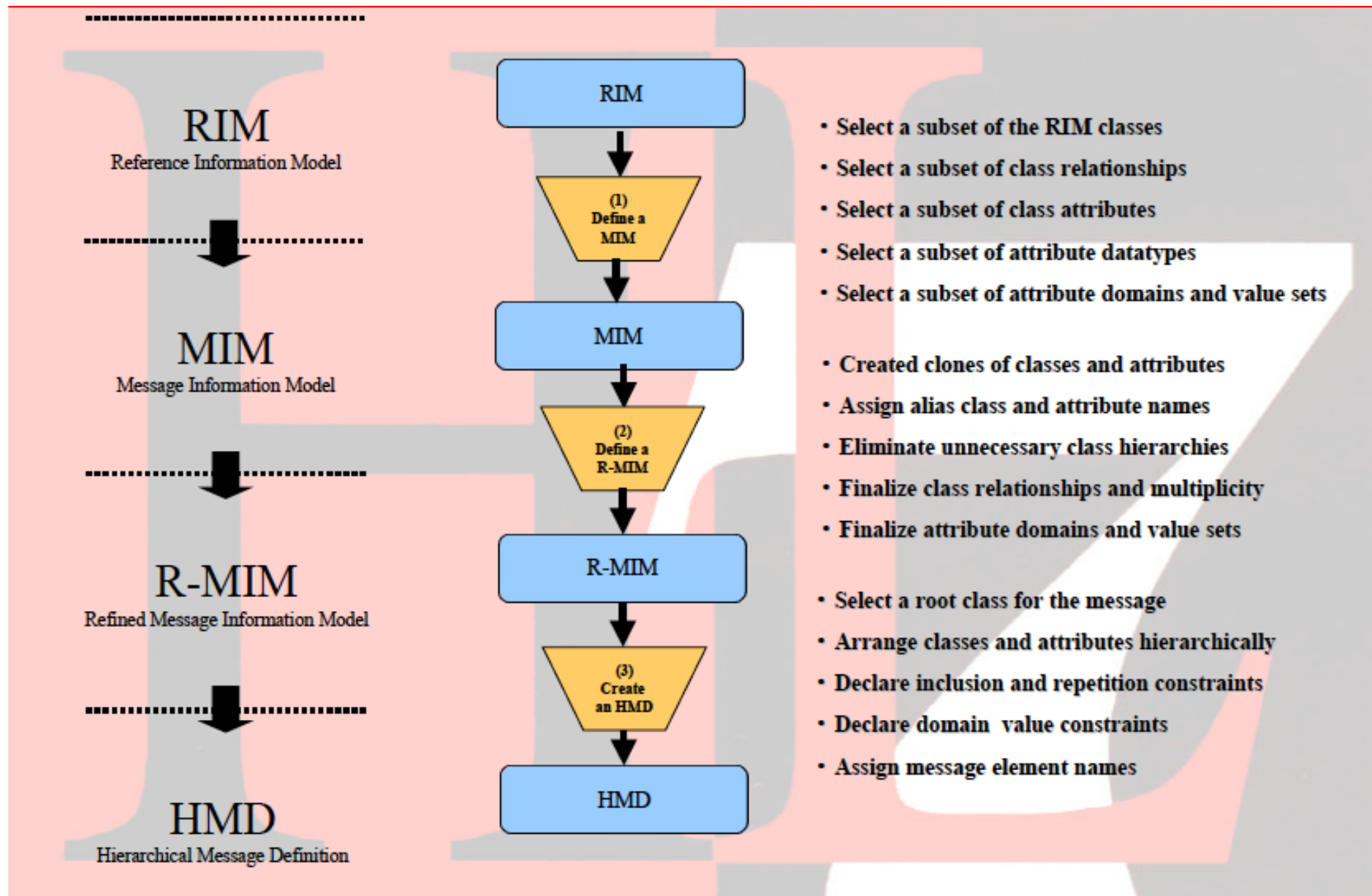
## ✍ Event Criterion (EVN.CRT)

✍ If you want ice cream you must clean your room

## Vocabulary domains and codes

- Coded attributes in the RIM must be associated with one and only one Vocabulary Domain prior to being used in a message specification.
- A vocabulary domain is “The set of all concepts that can be taken as valid values in an instance of a coded field or attribute.”
- Each concept in the vocabulary domain is represented using a code from a specific vocabulary.
- A vocabulary is a defined set of coded concepts.
- A vocabulary may be specified as an enumerated list of coded concepts (HL7 defined) or as a reference to an externally maintained list of coded concepts (e.g., SNOMED, LOINC, CPT, . . .).

# RIM implementation process





# HL7 - references



## Introduction To HL7 Version 3

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**HL7 Version 3 at NCICB Overview**

[www.hl7.org](http://www.hl7.org)

Health Level Seven Version 3.0  
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# CDA

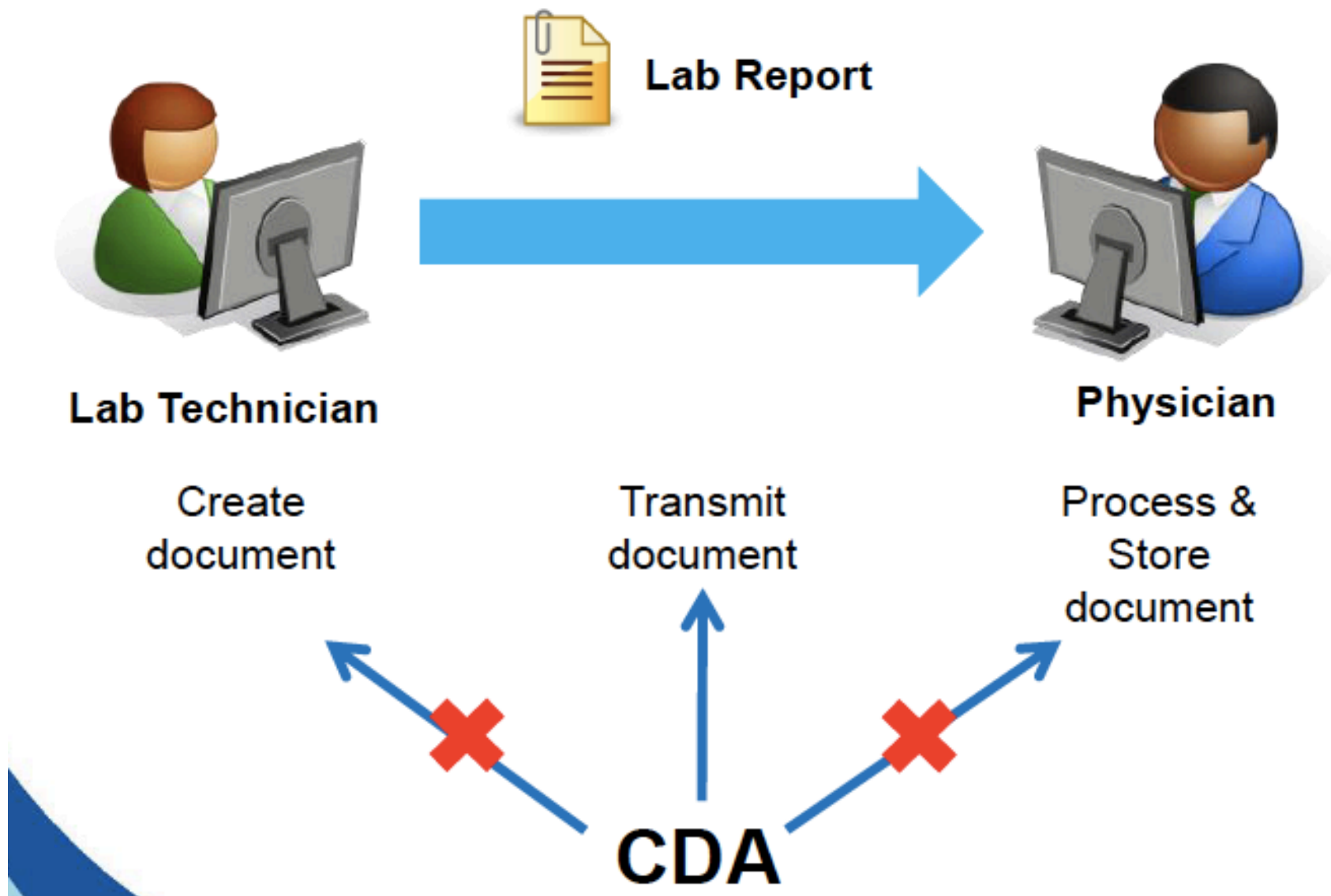
*Clinical  
Document  
Architecture*



# WHAT IS THE CDA

- The HL7 CDA is a document markup standard that specifies the **structure and semantics of a clinical document** (such as a discharge summary, progress note, procedure report) for the **purpose of exchange**.
- Defined and complete information object that can include text, images, sounds, and other multimedia content.
- It can be transferred within a message, and can exist independently, outside the transferring message.
- CDA documents are encoded in Extensible Markup Language (XML).
- CDA documents incorporate concepts from standard coding systems such as Systemized Nomenclature of Medicine Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT) and Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC).

# SCOPE OF THE CDA



# XML



- XML is Extensible Markup Language ([www.w3c.org](http://www.w3c.org))
- In XML, structure and format are conveyed by markup which is embedded into the information

**`<markup>text</markup>`**

```
<section>
  <title>Hospital Course</title>
  <text> The patient was admitted and started on Lovenox and
    nitroglycerin paste. The patient had serial cardiac
    enzymes and was ruled out for myocardial infarction.
    The patient underwent a dual isotope stress test.
    There was no evidence of reversible ischemia on the
    Cardiolite scan. The patient has been ambulated.
  </text>
</section>
```

# HL7 DOCUMENT vs HL7 MESSAGE

## HL7 MESSAGE

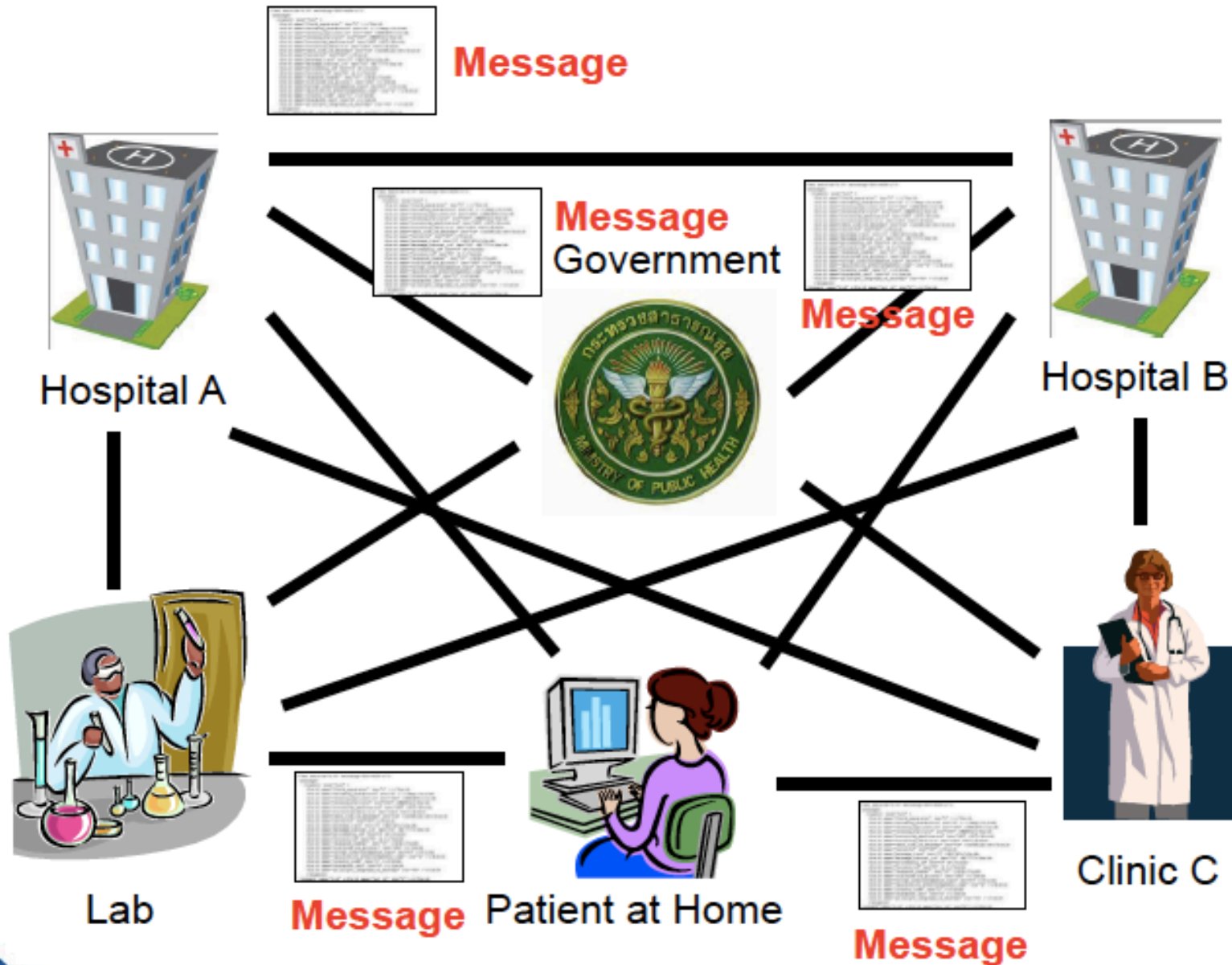
- Transient
- Trigger-based - there are events that induce the message creation
- Non-persistent - Once received, the message can be deleted

## HL7 DOCUMENT

- Persistence –A clinical document continues to exist in an unaltered state, for a time period
- Stewardship –A clinical document is maintained by an organization entrusted with its care
- Potential for authentication -A clinical document is an assemblage of information that is intended to be legally authenticated
- Context -A clinical document establishes the default context for its contents
- Wholeness -Authentication of a clinical document applies to the whole
- Human readability –A clinical document is human readable

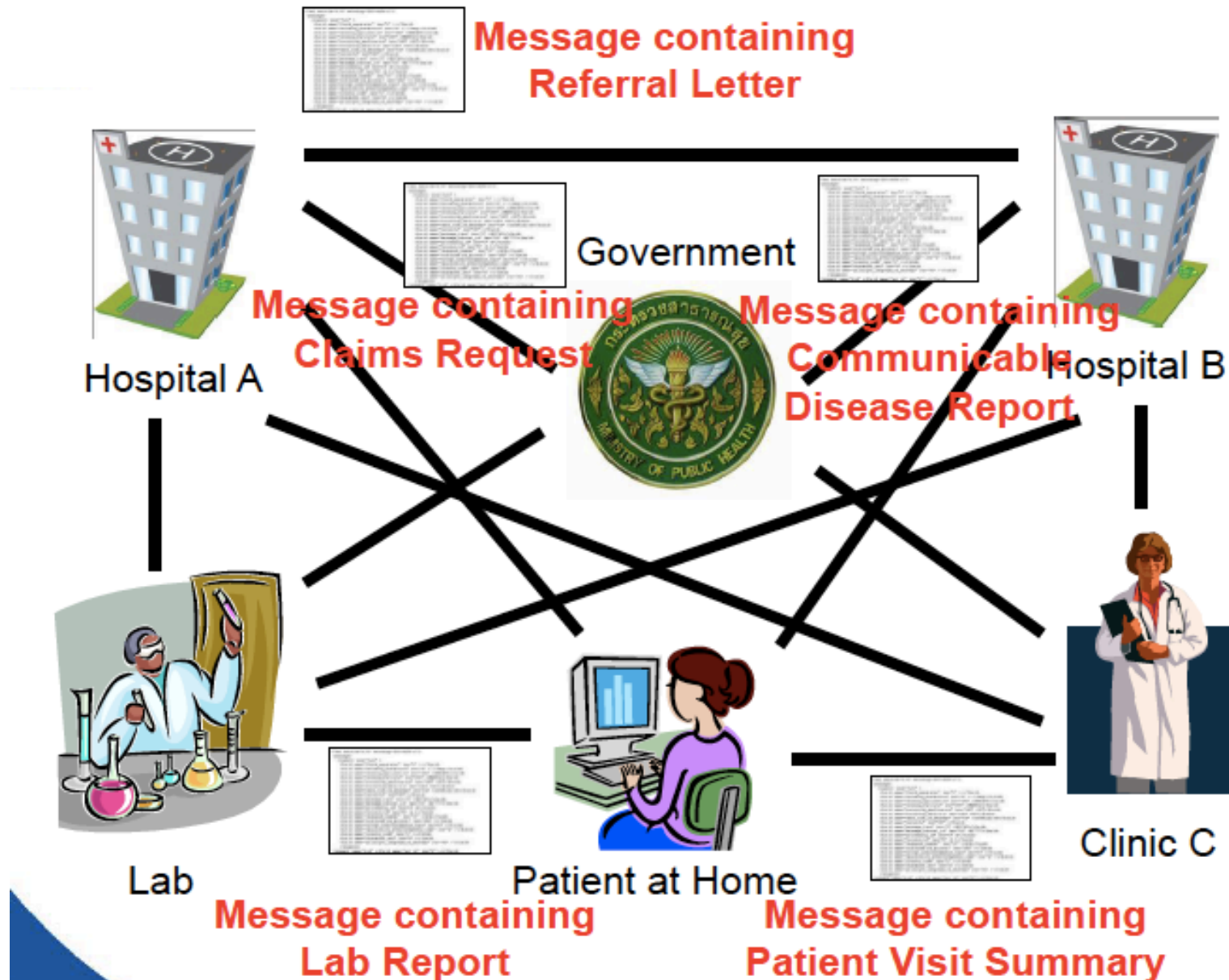


# EXCHANGING MESSAGES





# EXCHANGING DOCUMENTS





## CDA-2 DOCUMENT EXCHANGE

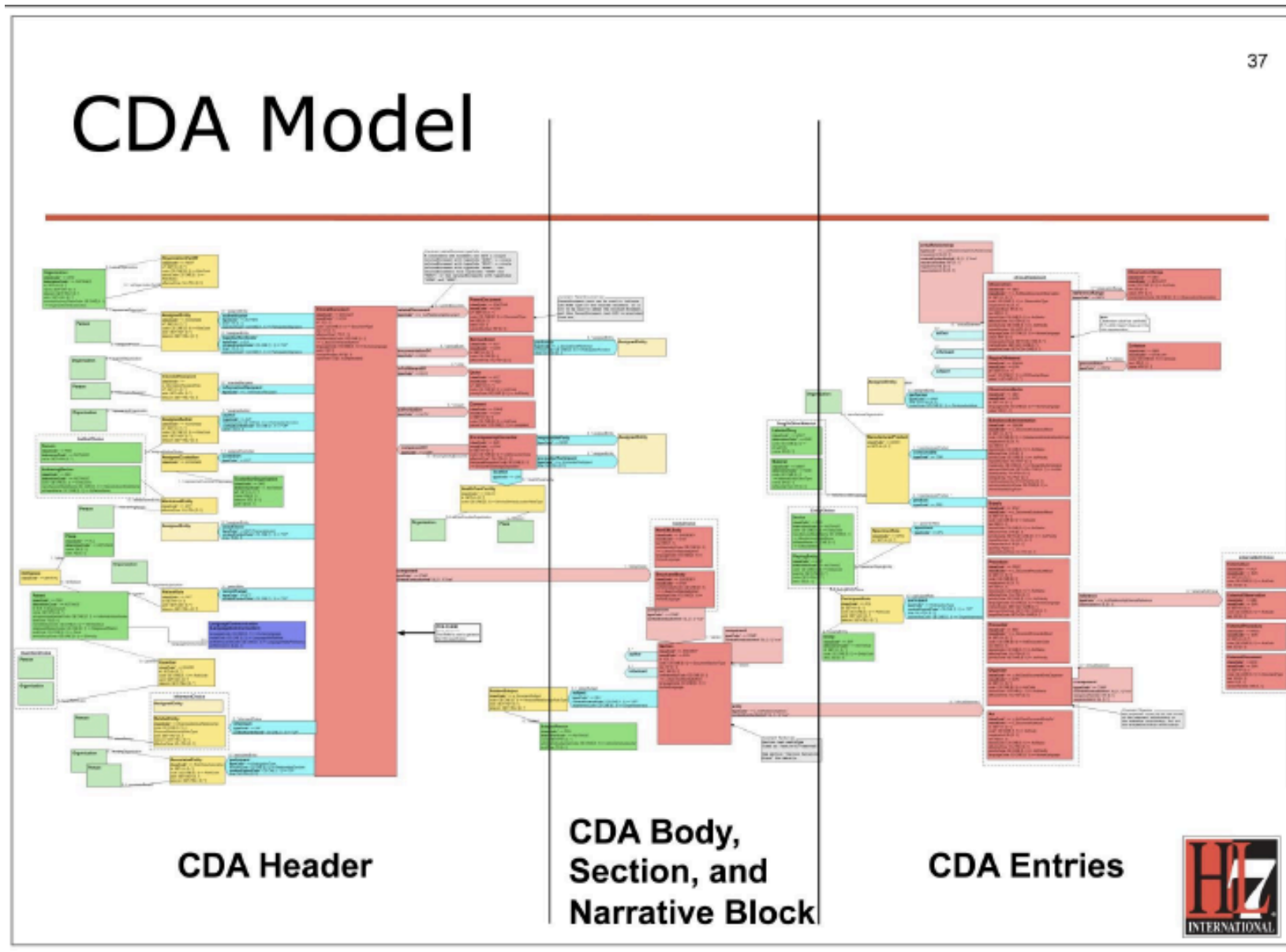
- **CDA documents can be exchanged in HL7 messages or exchanged using other transport solutions.**
- To exchange a CDA Document:
  - All components of a CDA document that are integral to its state of wholeness (such as attested multimedia) can be **exchanged as a unit**;
  - Content needing to be rendered or additional files associated with a CDA document (such as a style sheet) can be included in the exchange package;
  - There is **no need to change any of the references** (e.g., a reference to attested multimedia in a separate file) within the base CDA document when creating or extracting the exchange package (indeed, they cannot be changed);
  - There are **no restrictions on the directory structure used by receivers**—receivers can place the components of the CDA document into directories of their choosing;
  - Critical metadata about the CDA instance needed for document management (e.g., document state, document archival status) must be included in the exchange package.



## CDA-2 EXTENSIBILITY

- Locally defined markup can be used to extend CDA when local semantics have no corresponding representation in the CDA specification.
- To support local extensibility requirements, it is permitted to include additional XML elements and attributes that are not included in the CDA schema.
- These extensions should not change the meaning of any of the standard data items, and receivers must be able to safely ignore these elements.
- Document recipients must be able to faithfully render the CDA document while ignoring extensions.

# CDA-2 OBJECT MODEL



# CDA-2 COMPONENTS

```
<ClinicalDocument>  
  ... CDA Header ...  
  <structuredBody>  
    <section>  
      <text>(a.k.a. "narrative block")</text>  
      <observation>...</observation>  
      <substanceAdministration>  
        <supply>...</supply>  
      </substanceAdministration>  
      <observation>  
        <externalObservation>...  
        </externalObservation>  
      </observation>  
    </section>  
    <section>  
      <section>...</section>  
    </section>  
  </structuredBody>  
</ClinicalDocument>
```

Header

Body

# CDA2 HEADER

- Metadata about the document
  - Focused on data for:
    - Document Indexing
    - Document authentication
    - Document context
  - Supports document management
- |                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| • id                   | : Identificativo univoco del documento                    |
| • code                 | : Codifica LOINC  |
| • effectiveTime        | : Data di creazione del documento                         |
| • author               | : Persona che valida il documento                         |
| • custodian            | : Struttura che ha generato il referto                    |
| • recordTarget         | : Anagrafica Paziente                                     |
| • title                | : Testo d'intestazione del documento                      |
| • setId                | : Identificativo comune ad ogni revisione del documento   |
| • versionNumber        | : Versione del documento                                  |
| • legalAuthenticator   | : Firmatario del referto                                  |
| • informationRecipient | : Unità di consegna                                       |
| • dataEnterer          | : Rappresenta la persona che inserisce i dati nel sistema |
| • responsibleParty     | : Primario della struttura che ha generato l'atto         |
| • relatedDocument      | : Collegamento tra due documenti                          |
| • documentationOf      | : Motivo della richiesta di indagine                      |
| • inFulfillmentOf      | : Order Filler  |
| • componentOf          | : Order Placer e Unità richiedente                        |





## CDA-2 HEADER EXAMPLE (1)

```
<ClinicalDocument xmlns="urn:hl7-org:v3" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="urn:hl7-org:v3 ..\..\..\0.Standards\HL7\CCD\CDA\Schemas\cda\Schemas\CDA.xsd">
  <typeId root="2.16.840.1.113883.1.3" extension="POCD_HD000040"/>
  <templateId root="2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.9"/>
  <id root="db734647-fc99-424c-a864-7e3cda82e703"/>
  <code code="53576-5" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1"/>
  <title>Good Health Personal Healthcare Monitoring Report</title>
  <effectiveTime value="20080501123333-0500"/>
  <confidentialityCode code="N" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.5.25"/>
  <languageCode code="en-US"/>
```



## CDA-2 HEADER EXAMPLE (2)



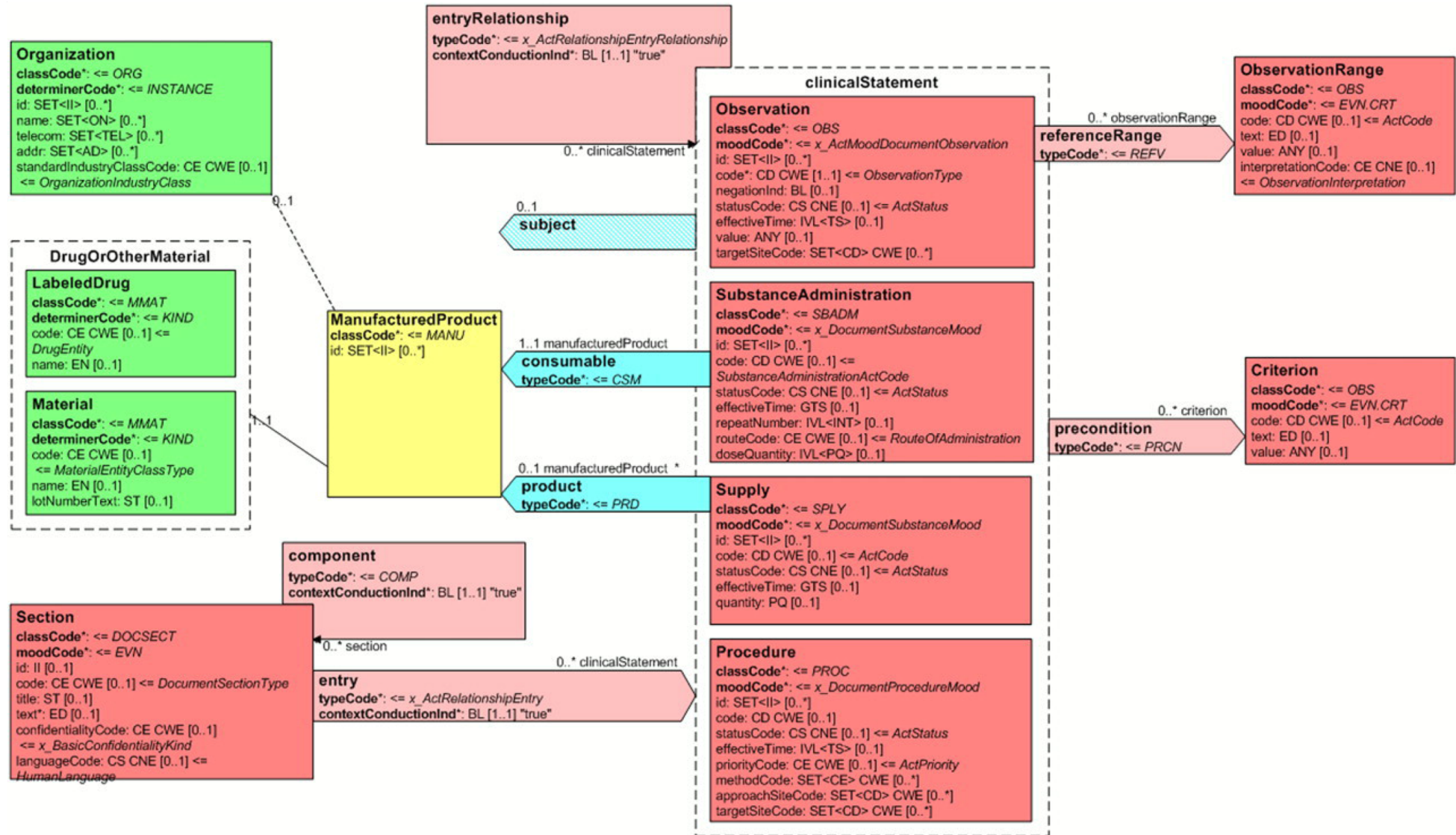
```
<recordTarget>
  <patientRole>
    <id extension="996-756-495" root="2.16.840.1.113883.19.5"/>
    <!-- The following tag was modified in Release 2-->
    <addr>
      <streetAddressLine>6666 Home Street</streetAddressLine>
      <city>Ann Arbor</city>
      <state>MI</state>
      <postalCode>99999</postalCode>
      <country>USA</country>
    </addr>
    <telecom value="tel:555-555-5001"/>
    <patient>
      <name>
        <given>Ned</given>
        <family>Nuclear</family>
        <suffix/>
      </name>
      <administrativeGenderCode code="M" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.5.1"/>
      <birthTime value="19320924"/>
    </patient>
  </patientRole>
</recordTarget>
```

# CDA BODY



- **Unstructured Body** provides a container for non-XML content
- **Structured Body** that provides both structured human readable narrative as well as machine readable content
  - **Narrative** block that provides the human readable content and represents the authenticated content of the document
  - **Entries** that optionally provide a discrete, machine readable representation of the document content

# CDA ENTRIES



# ENTRY RELATIONSHIP



Table 1 ■ CDA entryRelationship Types

entryRelationship. typeCode	Reasonable Source and Target Acts	Comments
<b>CAUS</b> (is etiology for)	[Act   Observation   Procedure   Substance Administration] <b>CAUS</b> [Observation]	Used to show that the source caused the target observation (for instance, source “diabetes mellitus” is the cause of target “kidney disease”).
<b>COMP</b> (has component)	[Act   Observation   Procedure   Substance Administration   Supply] <b>COMP</b> [Act   Observation   Procedure   Substance Administration   Supply]	Used to show that the target is a component of the source (for instance, “hemoglobin measurement” is a component of a “complete blood count”).
<b>GEVL</b> (evaluates (goal))	[Observation] <b>GEVL</b> [Observation]	Used to link an observation (intent or actual) to a goal to indicate that the observation evaluates the goal (for instance, a source observation of “walking distance” evaluates a target goal of “adequate walking distance”).
<b>MFST</b> (is manifestation of)	[Observation] <b>MFST</b> [Observation]	Used to say that the source is a manifestation of the target (for instance, source “hives” is a manifestation of target “penicillin allergy”).
<b>RSON</b> (has reason)	[Act   Encounter   Observation   Procedure   SubstanceAdministration   Supply] <b>RSON</b> [Act   Encounter   Observation   Procedure   SubstanceAdministration   Supply]	Used to show the reason or rationale for a service (for instance, source “treadmill test” has reason “chest pain”).
<b>SAS</b> (starts after start)	[Act   Encounter   Observation   Procedure   SubstanceAdministration   Supply] <b>SAS</b> [Act   Encounter   Observation   Procedure   SubstanceAdministration   Supply]	The source Act starts after the start of the target Act (for instance, source “diaphoresis” starts after the start of target “chest pain”).
<b>SPRT</b> (has support)	[Observation] <b>SPRT</b> [Observation   ObservationMedia   RegionOfInterest]	Used to show that the target provides supporting evidence of the source (for instance, source “possible lung tumor” has support target “mass seen on chest -x-ray”).

## CDA 2 BODY EXAMPLE (1/4)

```
<section>
  <code code="8716-3" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1"
    codeSystemName="LOINC"/>
  <title>Vital Signs</title>
  <text>Temperature is 36.9 C</text>
  <entry>
    <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN">
      <code code="386725007" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96"
        codeSystemName="SNOMED CT" displayName="Body temperature"/>
      <statusCode code="completed"/>
      <effectiveTime value="200004071430"/>
      <value xsi:type="PQ" value="36.9" unit="Cel"/>
    </observation>
  </entry>
</section>
```

**Figure 4.** An example of a simple observation.



## CDA 2 BODY EXAMPLE (2/4)

```
<section>
  <code code="10164-2" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1"
    codeSystemName="LOINC"/>
  <title>History of Present Illness</title>
  <text>Henry Levin, the 7<sup>th</sup> is a 67 year old male
    complaining of disabling <content ID="SX1">osteoarthritis
    of the right knee</content>.
  </text>
  <entry>
    <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN">
      <code code="396275006" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96"
        codeSystemName="SNOMED CT" displayName="Osteoarthritis">
        <originalText><reference value="#SX1"/></originalText>
        <qualifier>
          <name code="363698007" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96"
            displayName="finding site"/>
          <value code="6757004" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96"
            displayName="right knee"/>
        </qualifier>
      </code>
    </observation>
  </entry>
</section>
```

**Figure 5.** An example of a more complex observation.

# CDA 2 BODY EXAMPLE (3/4)



```
<section>
  <code code="10157-2" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1"
    codeSystemName="LOINC"/>
  <title>Family history</title>
  <text>
    <list>
      <item>Father had fatal MI in 1970.</item>
      <item>No cancer or diabetes.</item>
    </list>
  </text>
  <entry>
    <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN">
      <code code="22298006" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96"
        codeSystemName="SNOMED CT" displayName="Myocardial infarction"/>
      <effectiveTime value="1970"/>
      <subject>
        <relatedSubject classCode="PRS">
          <code code="FTH" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.5.111"
            codeSystemName="PersonalRelationshipRoleType"
            displayName="Father"/>
        </relatedSubject>
      </subject>
      <entryRelationship typeCode="CAUS" contextConductionInd="true">
        <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN">
          <code code="399347008" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96"
            codeSystemName="SNOMED CT" displayName="death"/>
          <effectiveTime value="1970"/>
        </observation>
      </entryRelationship>
    </observation>
  </entry>
  <entry>
    <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN" negationInd="true">
      <code code="275937001" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96"
        codeSystemName="SNOMED CT"
        displayName="Family history of cancer"/>
    </observation>
  </entry>
  <entry>
    <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN">
      <code code="160274005" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96"
        codeSystemName="SNOMED CT"
        displayName="No family history of diabetes"/>
    </observation>
  </entry>
</section>
```

FAMILY  
HISTORY



# CDA 2 BODY EXAMPLE (4/4)

```
<section>
  <code code="101155-0" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1"
    codeSystemName="LOINC"/>
  <title>Allergies and Adverse Reactions</title>
  <text>
    <list>
      <item>Penicillin - Hives</item>
      <item>Aspirin - Wheezing</item>
      <item>Codeine - Itching and nausea</item>
    </list>
  </text>
  <entry>
    <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN">
      <code code="247472004" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96"
        displayName="Hives"/>
      <entryRelationship typeCode="MFST">
        <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN">
          <code code="91936005" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96"
            codeSystemName="SNOMED CT" displayName="PCN Allergy"/>
        </observation>
      </entryRelationship>
    </observation>
  </entry>
</section>
```

**Figure 7.** An example of allergies and adverse reactions.

```
<section>
  <text>Take captopril 25mg PO every 12 hours.</text>
  <entry>
    <substanceAdministration classCode="SBADM" moodCode="RQO">
      <effectiveTime xsi:type="PIVL_TS">
        <period value="12" unit="h"/>
      </effectiveTime>
      <routeCode code="PO" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.5.112"
        codeSystemName="RouteOfAdministration"/>
      <doseQuantity value="1"/>
      <consumable>
        <manufacturedProduct>
          <manufacturedLabeledDrug>
            <code code="318821008" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96"
              codeSystemName="SNOMED CT"
              displayName="Captopril 25mg tablet"/>
          </manufacturedLabeledDrug>
        </manufacturedProduct>
      </consumable>
    </substanceAdministration>
  </entry>
</section>
```

**Figure 8.** An example of a substance administration.

# CDA RENDERING (1/3)

```
*****
  History of Present Illness section
*****
-->
      <component>
        <section>
          <code code="10164-2"
codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1" codeSystemName="LOINC"/>
          <title>History of Present Illness</title>
          <text>
            <content styleCode="Bold">Henry Levin,
the 7<sup>th</sup>
            </content> is a 67 year old male
referred for further asthma management. Onset of asthma in his <content
revised="delete">twenties</content>
            <content
revised="insert">teens</content>. He was hospitalized twice last year, and already
twice this year. He has not been able to be weaned off steroids for the past several
months.
            </text>
          </section>
        </component>
      <!--
*****
  Past Medical History section
*****
-->
      <component>
        <section>
```

**Source:** From "What is CDA R2?" by Calvin E. Beebe  
at HL7 Educational Summit in July 2012



## CDA RENDERING (2/3)

### Good Health Clinic Consultation Note

**Patient:** Henry Levin , the 7th

**MRN:** 12345

**Birthdate:** September 24, 1932

**Sex:** Male

**Consultant:** Robert Dolin , MD

**Created On:** April 7, 2000

#### History of Present Illness

Henry Levin, the 7<sup>th</sup> is a 67 year old male referred for further asthma management. Onset of asthma in his teens. He was hospitalized twice last year, and already twice this year. He has not been able to be weaned off steroids for the past several months.

#### Past Medical History

- Asthma
- Hypertension (see HTN.cda for details)
- Osteoarthritis, right knee

#### Medications

- Theodur 200mg BID
- Proventil inhaler 2puffs QID PRN

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## CDA RENDERING (3/3)

- Different recipients may use different style sheets to render the same CDA document, and thus may display it differently (but the same content is presented)
- This can help facilitate display of CDA documents with specific preferences or local requirements



## CDA TEMPLATES

- Templates and/or implementation guides can be used to constrain the CDA specification within a particular implementation and to provide validating rule sets that check conformance to these constraints.
- Templates → formal definition of a set of constraints on the model
- Templates are set of instructions for a CDA instance of a particular use case
- A template has two parts
  - Metadata → identifier, version, description, etc
  - Body → actual constraints

# SIMPLE OBJECT ACCESS PROTOCOL (SOAP)



- CDA-2 implementation relies on the SOAP architecture
- SOAP is an XML-based protocol for accessing web services over HTTP. It has some specification which could be used across all applications.
- SOAP was developed as an intermediate language so that applications built on various programming languages could talk easily to each other and avoid the extreme development effort.
- SOAP is designed to be platform independent and is also designed to be operating system independent. So the SOAP protocol can work any programming language based applications on both Windows and [Linux](#) platform.



# SOAP MESSAGE

## SOAP Envelope

SOAP Header

Header Block

Header Block

SOAP Body

Message Block

The Envelope element identifies the XML document as a SOAP message

The Header element contains header information such as authentication credentials which can be used by the calling application or the definition of complex types which could be used in the SOAP message

The Body element contains call and response information



## EXAMPLE: REQUEST CDA2



```
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://www.w3.org/2003/05/soap-envelope"
xmlns:urn="urn:ihe:iti:xds-b:2007" xmlns:wsa="http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing">
  <soap:Header>
    <wsa:To>http://appsrv-
    unix.sancarlo.pz.it:9090/DocumentRepository/DocumentRepositoryXDSBService?wsdl</ws
    a:To> <wsa:MessageID>urn:uuid:566EAD10FEBB55C5A61257193478400</wsa:MessageID>
    <wsa:Action>urn:ihe:iti:2007:RetrieveDocumentSet</wsa:Action>
    <wsa:ReplyTo>
    <wsa:Address>http://www.w3.org/2005/08/addressing/anonymous</wsa:Address>
    </wsa:ReplyTo>
  </soap:Header>
  <soap:Body>
    <urn:RetrieveDocumentSetRequest> <!--1 or more repetitions:--> <urn:DocumentRequest>
    <urn:RepositoryUniqueId>2.16.840.1.113883.2.9.3.33.4.3</urn:RepositoryUniqueId>
    <urn:DocumentUniqueId>2.16.840.1.113883.2.9.3.170.4.3.1.1.3^R1000000000_3</urn:Docume
    ntUniqueId> </urn:DocumentRequest>
  </urn:RetrieveDocumentSetRequest>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```



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# WHAT IS FHIR



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A standard describing  
health data formats and  
elements (“resources”)

An application  
programming interface  
(API) for exchanging  
electronic health  
records

**FHIR enables health data to be moved using standard Web protocols and allows developers to more easily interact with health data across diverse systems**

# FHIR USE



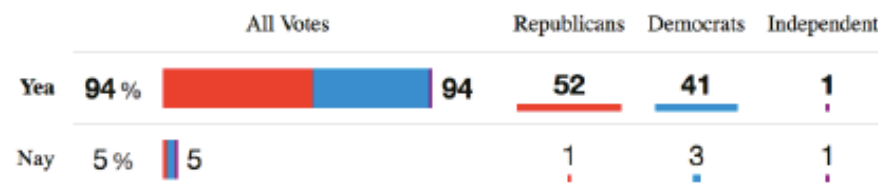
## 21st Century Cures Act: Interoperability, Information Blocking, and the ONC Health IT Certification Program Proposed Rule



The Office of the National Coordinator for  
Health Information Technology

We propose to adopt a new API criterion in § 170.315(g)(10), which would replace the “application access – data category request” certification criterion (§ 170.315(g)(8)) and become part of the 2015 Edition Base EHR definition. This new certification criterion would require the use of Health Level 7 (HL7®) Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR®) standards and several implementation specifications.

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act passed Congress in December 2016 with strong bipartisan support



- Key interoperability provisions
  - Prevent information blocking
  - Establish FHIR as mechanism for moving data between EHRs (syntactic interoperability)
  - Establish standardized codes for moving data between EHRs (semantic interoperability)

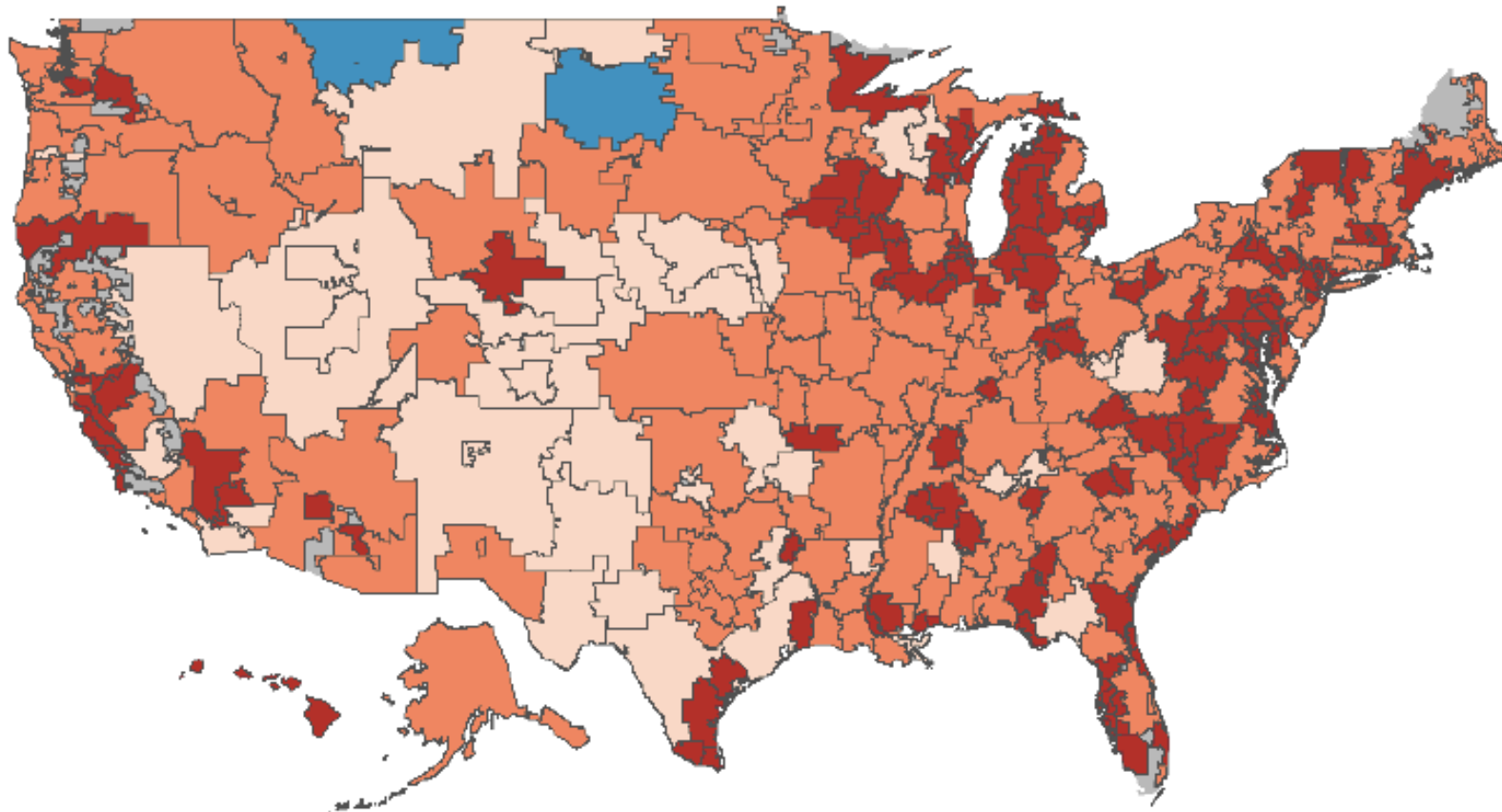
# FHIR USE



## Percent of hospitals with a 2015 Edition certified-API enabled with FHIR

*By Hospital Referral Region*

% w/ FHIR ■ <50% ■ 51-75% ■ 76-99% ■ 100%



# FHIR TIMELINE



**FIGURE 2: HL7 FHIR TIMELINE**



\* Draft Standard for Trial Use

# Standard for Trial Use

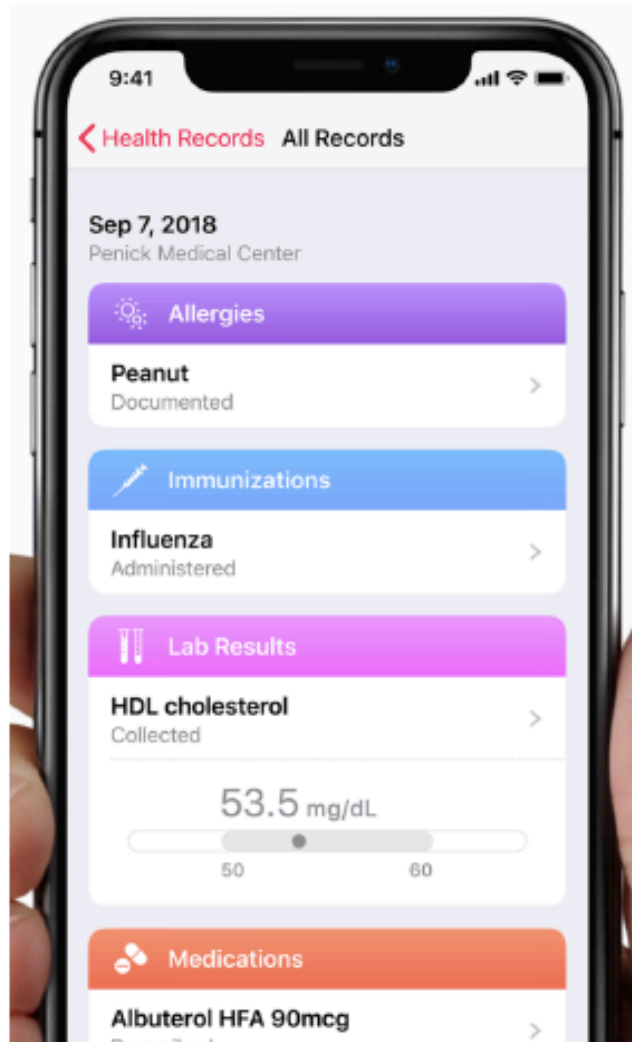
+ Normative Edition

Information courtesy of HL7 International.

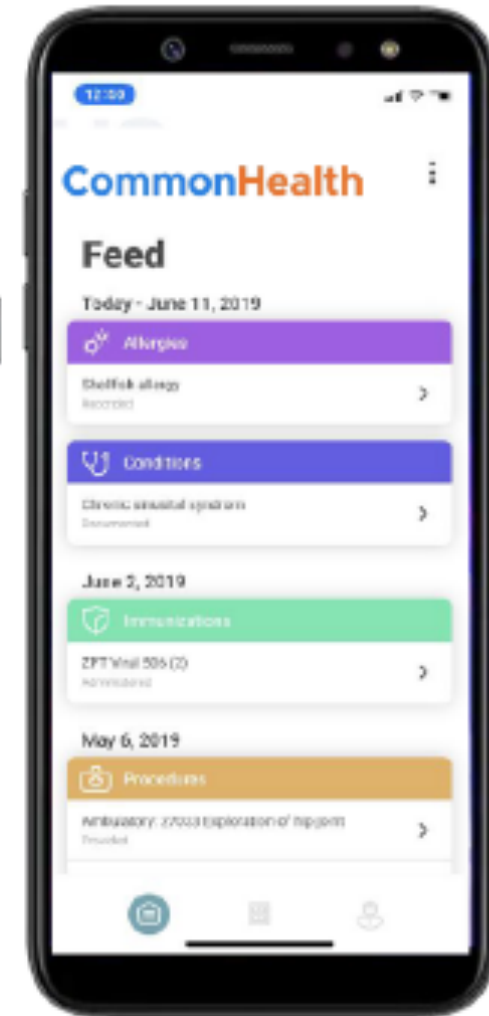
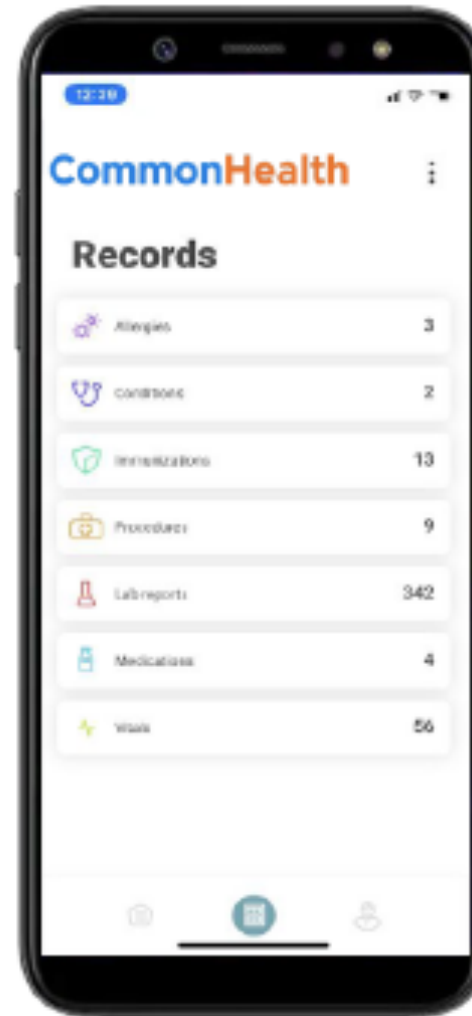
# FHIR USE



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**Apple Health uses FHIR**



**CommonHealth is a similar initiative  
for Android**





# FHIR RESOURCES

- Specification of information structure in FHIR
- Basic building blocks to manage any type of information

## 9.2.3 Resource Content

Name	Flags	Card.	Type	Description & Constraints
Condition	I   TU		DomainResource	Detailed information about conditions, problems or diagnoses + <i>Guideline: Condition.clinicalStatus SHALL be present if verificationStatus is not entered-in-error and category is problem-list-item</i> + <i>Rule: If condition is abated, then clinicalStatus must be either inactive, resolved, or remission</i> + <i>Rule: Condition.clinicalStatus SHALL NOT be present if verificationStatus is entered-in-error</i> Elements defined in Ancestors: id, meta, implicitRules, language, text, contained, extension, modifierExtension
identifier	Σ	0..*	Identifier	External Ids for this condition
clinicalStatus	?   I	0..1	CodeableConcept	active   recurrence   relapse   inactive   remission   resolved Condition Clinical Status Codes (Required)
verificationStatus	?   I	0..1	CodeableConcept	unconfirmed   provisional   differential   confirmed   refuted   entered-in-error ConditionVerificationStatus (Required)
category	Σ   I	0..*	CodeableConcept	problem-list-item   encounter-diagnosis Condition Category Codes (Extensible)
severity		0..1	CodeableConcept	Subjective severity of condition Condition/Diagnosis Severity (Preferred)
code	Σ	0..1	CodeableConcept	Identification of the condition, problem or diagnosis Condition/Problem/Diagnosis Codes (Example)
bodySite	Σ	0..*	CodeableConcept	Anatomical location, if relevant SNOMED CT Body Structures (Example)
subject	Σ	1..1	Reference(Patient   Group)	Who has the condition?
encounter	Σ	0..1	Reference(Encounter)	Encounter created as part of
onset[x]	Σ	0..1		Estimated or actual date, date-time, or age
onsetDateTime			dateTime	
onsetAge			Age	
onsetPeriod			Period	
onsetRange			Range	
onsetString			string	
abatement[x]	I	0..1		When in resolution/remission
abatementDateTime			dateTime	
abatementAge			Age	
abatementPeriod			Period	
abatementRange			Range	
abatementString			string	

<https://www.hl7.org/fhir/condition.html>

# DIFFERENT VIEWS



## 9.2.3 Resource Content

Structure

**UML**

XML

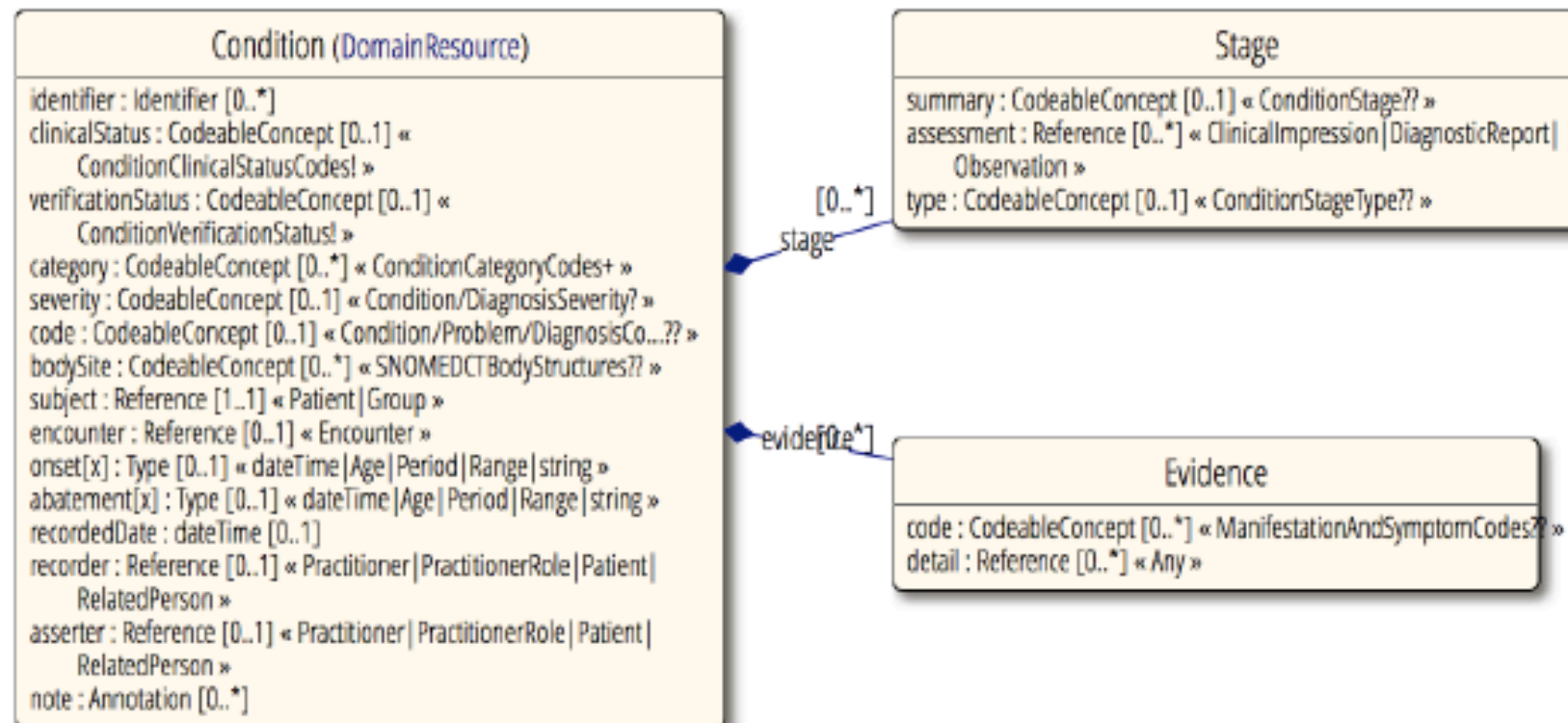
JSON

Turtle

R3 Diff

All

### UML Diagram (Legend)





# DIFFERENT VIEWS

Structure UML XML JSON Turtle R3 Diff All

## JSON Template

```
{
  "resourceType": "Condition",
  // from Resource: id, meta, implicitRules, and language
  // from DomainResource: text, contained, extension, and modifierExtension
  "identifier": [{ Identifier }], // External Ids for this condition
  "clinicalStatus": { CodeableConcept }, // C? active | recurrence | relapse | inactive | remission | resolved
  "verificationStatus": { CodeableConcept }, // C? unconfirmed | provisional | differential | confirmed | refuted | entered-in-error
  "category": [{ CodeableConcept }], // problem-list-item | encounter-diagnosis
  "severity": { CodeableConcept }, // Subjective severity of condition
  "code": { CodeableConcept }, // Identification of the condition, problem or diagnosis
  "bodySite": [{ CodeableConcept }], // Anatomical location, if relevant
  "subject": { Reference(Patient|Group) }, // R! Who has the condition?
  "encounter": { Reference(Encounter) }, // Encounter created as part of
  // onset[x]: Estimated or actual date, date-time, or age. One of these 5:
  "onsetDateTime": "<dateTime>",
  "onsetAge": { Age },
  "onsetPeriod": { Period },
  "onsetRange": { Range },
  "onsetString": "<string>",
  // abatement[x]: When in resolution/remission. One of these 5:
  "abatementDateTime": "<dateTime>",
  "abatementAge": { Age },
  "abatementPeriod": { Period },
  "abatementRange": { Range },
  "abatementString": "<string>",
  "recordedDate": "<dateTime>", // Date record was first recorded
  "recorder": { Reference(Practitioner|PractitionerRole|Patient|RelatedPerson) }, // Who recorded the condition
  "asserter": { Reference(Practitioner|PractitionerRole|Patient|RelatedPerson) }, // Person who asserts this condition
  "stage": [{ // Stage/grade, usually assessed formally
    "summary": { CodeableConcept }, // C? Simple summary (disease specific)
    "assessment": [{ Reference(ClinicalImpression|DiagnosticReport|Observation) }], // C? Form
  ] record of assessment
  "type": { CodeableConcept } // Kind of staging
  },
  "evidence": [{ // Supporting evidence
    "code": [{ CodeableConcept }], // C? Manifestation/symptom
    "detail": [{ Reference(Any) }], // C? Supporting information found elsewhere
  }],
  "note": [{ Annotation }], // Additional information about the Condition
}
```

```
{
  "resourceType": "Condition",
  "id": "example2",
  "category": [
    {
      "coding": [
        {
          "system": "http://snomed.info/sct",
          "code": "439401001",
          "display": "diagnosis"
        }
      ]
    }
  ],
  "severity": {
    "coding": [
      {
        "system": "http://snomed.info/sct",
        "code": "6736007",
        "display": "Moderate"
      }
    ]
  },
  "code": {
    "coding": [
      {
        "system": "http://snomed.info/sct",
        "code": "368009",
        "display": "Heart valve disorder"
      }
    ]
  },
  "bodySite": [
    {
      "coding": [
        {
          "system": "http://snomed.info/sct",
          "code": "40768004",
          "display": "Left thorax"
        }
      ]
    },
    {
      "text": "heart structure"
    }
  ],
  "subject": {
    "reference": "Patient/f001",
    "display": "P. van de Heuvel"
  },
  "encounter": {
    "reference": "Encounter/f001"
  },
  "onsetDateTime": "2011-08-05",
  "recordedDate": "2011-10-05",
}
```



# REST API

- REST = REpresentational State Transfer
- It is an architectural style used to build Web services that are lightweight, maintainable, and scalable in nature.
- A service which is built on the REST architecture is called a RESTful service.
- The underlying protocol for REST is usually HTTP, which is the basic web protocol. However, other protocols (SMTP etc) can be used.



# REST KEY COMPONENTS

**Resources** – Element that contains the information.

**Request Verbs** - Description of what you want to do with the resource.

- The basic request is GET (= retrieve data)
- POST (=create a new element)
- PUT (= update an existing element)
- DELETE (= delete an element)

**Request Headers** – Additional instructions sent with the request (type of response required, authorization details)

**Request Body** - Data is sent with the request (usually in a POST call)

**Response Body** – This is the main body of the response (XML document, JSON)

**Response Status codes** –General codes which are returned along with the response from the web server. (200 = OK, 404 = NOT FOUND)

# JSON



## JSON = JAVASCRIPT OBJECT NOTATION

Format to represent data exchanged in the Internet based on the concept of  
**key = value**

### HTTP 200 OK

#### Response Headers

```
X-Powered-By: HAPI FHIR 4.2.0-SNAPSHOT REST Server  
Content-Type: application/fhir+xml;charset=utf-8  
X-Request-ID: vQJLqXpBkhlx8A7J
```

#### Response Body

```
1  {  
2    "resourceType": "Observation",  
3    "id": "839",  
4    "meta": {  
5      "versionId": "1",  
6      "lastUpdated": "2019-09-18T20:40:37.908+00:00",  
7      "source": "#77d2e7673cdb260d"  
8    },  
9    "status": "final",  
10   "code": {  
11     "text": "urineVolumeDelta"  
12   },  
13   "subject": {  
14     "reference": "Patient/829"  
15   },  
16   "effectivePeriod": {  
17     "start": "2019-09-18T20:40:37+00:00",  
18     "end": "2019-09-18T20:40:47+00:00"  
19   },  
20   "issued": "2019-09-18T20:40:37.653+00:00",  
21   "valueQuantity": {  
22     "value": 4.0,  
23     "unit": "ml"  
24   }  
25 }
```

# FHIR JSON EXAMPLE



```
"entry": [
  {
    "fullUrl": "http://gt-apps.hdap.gatech.edu/gt-fhir/fhir/Condition/364163",
    "resource": {
      "resourceType": "Condition",
      "id": "364163",
      "category": [
        {
          "coding": [
            {
              "system": "None",
              "code": "OMOP generated",
              "display": "Inpatient detail - 5th position"
            }
          ]
        }
      ],
      "code": {
        "coding": [
          {
            "system": "http://snomed.info/sct",
            "code": "269214009",
            "display": "Contusion of face, scalp and neck, excluding eye(s)"
          }
        ]
      },
      "subject": {
        "reference": "Patient/29610",
        "display": "CAITLYN BOHAC"
      },
      "context": {
        "reference": "Encounter/1346"
      },
      "onsetDateTime": "2149-04-22T00:00:00+00:00",
      "abatementDateTime": "2149-05-02T00:00:00+00:00"
    }
  }
]
```





# RESOURCES EVOLVE IN TIME

## LIST OF RESOURCES FOR THE DRAFT STANDARD FOR TRIAL USE (DSTU)

### Alphabetical

#### A-D:

- AllergyIntolerance 1
- Appointment 1
- AppointmentResponse 1
- AuditEvent 2
- Basic 1
- Binary 1
- BodySite 0
- Bundle 2
- CarePlan 1
- Claim 0
- ClaimResponse 0
- ClinicalImpression 0
- Communication 1
- CommunicationRequest 1
- Composition 2
- ConceptMap 2
- Condition (aka Problem) 2
- Conformance 2
- Contract 0
- DetectedIssue 1
- Coverage 0
- DataElement 1
- Device 1

#### D-L:

- DeviceComponent 1
- DeviceMetric 1
- DeviceUseRequest 0
- DeviceUseStatement 0
- DiagnosticOrder 1
- DiagnosticReport 3
- DocumentManifest 1
- DocumentReference 2
- EligibilityRequest 0
- EligibilityResponse 0
- Encounter 1
- EnrollmentRequest 0
- EnrollmentResponse 0
- EpisodeOfCare 1
- ExplanationOfBenefit 0
- FamilyMemberHistory 1
- Flag 1
- Goal 1
- Group 1
- HealthcareService 1
- ImagingObjectSelection 1
- ImagingStudy 2
- Immunization 1

#### I-P:

- ImmunizationRecommendation 1
- ImplementationGuide 0
- List 1
- Location 1
- Media 1
- Medication 1
- MedicationAdministration 1
- MedicationDispense 1
- MedicationOrder 1
- MedicationStatement 1
- MessageHeader 2
- NamingSystem 1
- NutritionOrder 1
- Observation 3
- OperationDefinition 1
- OperationOutcome 2
- Order 0
- OrderResponse 0
- Organization 1
- Parameters 1
- Patient 3
- PaymentNotice 0
- PaymentReconciliation 0
- Person 1

#### P-Z:

- Practitioner 1
- Procedure 1
- ProcessRequest 0
- ProcessResponse 0
- ProcedureRequest 1
- Provenance 1
- Questionnaire 2
- QuestionnaireResponse 2
- ReferralRequest 1
- RelatedPerson 1
- RiskAssessment 0
- Schedule 1
- SearchParameter 1
- Slot 1
- Specimen 1
- StructureDefinition 2
- Subscription 1
- Substance 1
- SupplyRequest 0
- SupplyDelivery 0
- TestScript 0
- ValueSet 3
- VisionPrescription 0



# RESOURCES EVOLVE IN TIME

## LIST OF RESOURCES FOR R4 (FIRST NORMATIVE)

### A-D:

- Account 2
- ActivityDefinition 2
- AdverseEvent 0
- AllergyIntolerance 3
- Appointment 3
- AppointmentResponse 3
- AuditEvent 3
- Basic 1
- Binary **N**
- BiologicallyDerivedProduct 0
- BodyStructure 1
- Bundle **N**
- CapabilityStatement **N**
- CarePlan 2
- CareTeam 2
- CatalogEntry 0
- ChargeItem 0
- ChargeItemDefinition 0
- Claim 2
- ClaimResponse 2
- ClinicalImpression 0
- CodeSystem **N**
- Communication 2
- CommunicationRequest 2
- CompartmentDefinition 1
- Composition 2
- ConceptMap 3
- Condition (aka Problem) 3
- Consent 2
- Contract 1
- Coverage 2
- CoverageEligibilityRequest 2
- CoverageEligibilityResponse 2
- DetectedIssue 1
- Device 2

### D-L:

- DeviceMetric 1
- DeviceRequest 1
- DeviceUseStatement 0
- DiagnosticReport 3
- DocumentManifest 2
- DocumentReference 3
- EffectEvidenceSynthesis 0
- Encounter 2
- Endpoint 2
- EnrollmentRequest 0
- EnrollmentResponse 0
- EpisodeOfCare 2
- EventDefinition 0
- Evidence 0
- EvidenceVariable 0
- ExampleScenario 0
- ExplanationOfBenefit 2
- FamilyMemberHistory 2
- Flag 1
- Goal 2
- GraphDefinition 1
- Group 1
- GuidanceResponse 2
- HealthcareService 2
- ImagingStudy 3
- Immunization 3
- ImmunizationEvaluation 0
- ImmunizationRecommendation 1
- ImplementationGuide 1
- InsurancePlan 0
- Invoice 0
- Library 2
- Linkage 0
- List 1
- Location 3

### M-P:

- Measure 2
- MeasureReport 2
- Media 1
- Medication 3
- MedicationAdministration 2
- MedicationDispense 2
- MedicationKnowledge 0
- MedicationRequest 3
- MedicationStatement 3
- MedicinalProduct 0
- MedicinalProductAuthorization 0
- MedicinalProductContraindication 0
- MedicinalProductIndication 0
- MedicinalProductIngredient 0
- MedicinalProductInteraction 0
- MedicinalProductManufactured 0
- MedicinalProductPackaged 0
- MedicinalProductPharmaceutical 0
- MedicinalProductUndesirableEffect 0
- MessageDefinition 1
- MessageHeader 4
- MolecularSequence 1
- NamingSystem 1
- NutritionOrder 2
- Observation **N**
- ObservationDefinition 0
- OperationDefinition **N**
- OperationOutcome **N**
- Organization 3
- OrganizationAffiliation 0
- Parameters **N**
- Patient **N**
- PaymentNotice 2
- PaymentReconciliation 2
- Person 2

### P-Z:

- PractitionerRole 2
- Procedure 3
- Provenance 3
- Questionnaire 3
- QuestionnaireResponse 3
- RelatedPerson 2
- RequestGroup 2
- ResearchDefinition 0
- ResearchElementDefinition 0
- ResearchStudy 1
- ResearchSubject 1
- RiskAssessment 1
- RiskEvidenceSynthesis 0
- Schedule 3
- SearchParameter 3
- ServiceRequest 2
- Slot 3
- Specimen 2
- SpecimenDefinition 0
- StructureDefinition **N**
- StructureMap 2
- Subscription 3
- Substance 2
- SubstancePolymer 0
- SubstanceProtein 0
- SubstanceReferenceInformation 0
- SubstanceSpecification 0
- SubstanceSourceMaterial 0
- SupplyDelivery 1
- SupplyRequest 1
- Task 2
- TerminologyCapabilities 0
- TestReport 0
- TestScript 2
- ValueSet **N**

# FHIR SERVER



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Home Server: UHN\_HAPI Server (R4 FHIR) Source Code About This Server

Options

Encoding (default) XML JSON

Pretty (default) On Off

Summary (none) true text data count

Server

Server Home/Actions

Resources

- Observation 61332
- MessageHeader 27467
- Patient 6196
- Encounter 4167
- Binary 3069
- Location 2965
- PractitionerRole 1949
- DiagnosticReport 1747
- Condition 1729
- Practitioner 1702
- Organization 1562
- Device 1407
- Endpoint 1298

<Hapi/> HAPI-FHIR fhir made simple. FHIR

You are accessing the public FHIR server **UHN\_HAPI Server (R4 FHIR)**. This server is hosted elsewhere on the internet but is being accessed using the HAPI client implementation.

**⚠ This is not a production server!** Do not store any information here that contains personal health information or any other confidential information. This server will be regularly purged and reloaded with fixed test data.

Server	UHN Test Server (R4 Resources)
Software	HAPI FHIR Server - 4.2.0-SNAPSHOT
FHIR Base	<a href="http://hapi.fhir.org/baseR4">http://hapi.fhir.org/baseR4</a>

Server Actions

Retrieve the server's **conformance** statement.

Retrieve the update **history** across all resource types on the server.

Since   Limit #

Post a bundle containing multiple resources to the server and store all resources within a single atomic transaction.

Bundle \*

<https://fhirstest.uhn.ca/home?encoding=null&pretty=true>

# CONFORMANCE STATEMENT



Options

Encoding: (default) XML JSON

Pretty: (default) On Off

Summary: (none) true text data count

Server

Server Home/Actions

Resources

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- Device 1407
- Endpoint 1298
- MedicationStatement 1272
- CarePlan 1237



TYPES OF  
RESOURCES  
SUPPORTED



Executed request against FHIR RESTful server in 117ms

Request	GET <a href="http://hapi.fhir.org/baseR4/metadata?_pretty=true">http://hapi.fhir.org/baseR4/metadata?_pretty=true</a>
Request Headers	Accept-Charset: utf-8 Accept: application/fhir+xml;q=1.0, application/fhir+json;q=1.0, application/xml+fhir;q=0.9, application/json+fhir;q=0.9 User-Agent: HAPI-FHIR/4.2.0-SNAPSHOT (FHIR Client; FHIR 4.0.1/R4; apache) Accept-Encoding: gzip
Response	✓ HTTP 200 OK
Response Headers	x-request-id: Blinm7JsJTZIWU4 date: Mon, 02 Dec 2019 13:44:10 GMT server: nginx/1.14.0 (Ubuntu) transfer-encoding: chunked x-powered-by: HAPI FHIR 4.2.0-SNAPSHOT REST Server (FHIR Server; FHIR 4.0.1/R4) connection: keep-alive content-type: application/fhir+json;charset=utf-8
Result Body	Raw Message JSON resource (677603 bytes) <pre>{   "resourceType": "CapabilityStatement",   "status": "active",   "date": "2019-12-02T13:44:10+00:00",   "publisher": "Not provided",   "kind": "instance",   "software": {     "name": "HAPI FHIR Server",     "version": "4.2.0-SNAPSHOT"   },   "implementation": {     "description": "UHN Test Server (R4 Resources)",     "url": "http://hapi.fhir.org/baseR4"   },   "fhirVersion": "4.0.1",   "format": [     "application/fhir+xml",     "application/fhir+json"   ],   "rest": [     {       "extension": [         {           "url": "http://hl7.org/fhir/StructureDefinition/capabilitystatement-websocket",           "valueUri": "/websocketR4"         }       ],       "mode": "server",       "resource": {         "extension": [           {             "url": "http://hl7api.sourceforge.net/hapi-fhir/res/extdefs.html#resourceCount",             "valueDecimal": 60           }         ]       }     }   ] }</pre>



# EXAMPLES



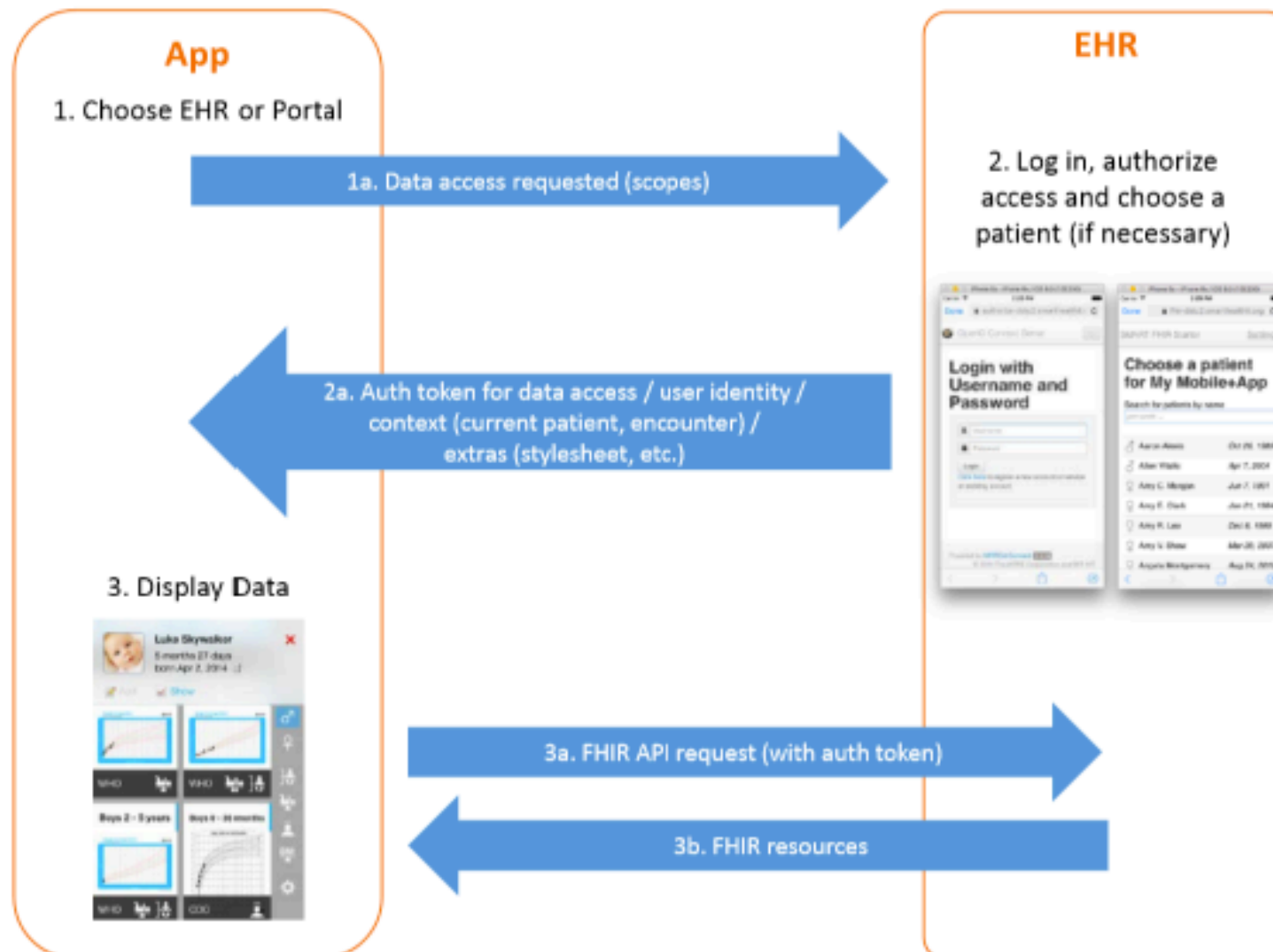
FHIR Resource	Allscripts	athenahealth	Cerner	Epic	Meditech
Patient	Read	Read, Write	Read, Write	Read, Write	Read
Provider	Read	Read	Read	Read	Read
Allergy	Read	Read	Read, Write	Read, Write	Read
Care Plan	Read	Read	Read	Read	Read
Condition	Read	Read	Read, Write	Read, Write	Read
Contract			Read		
Device	Read	Read	Read	Read	Read
Diagnostic Report	Read	Read	Read	Read	Read
Document	Read	Read	Read, Write	Read	Read
Encounter		Read	Read	Read	
Family history				Read	
Immunization	Read	Read	Read	Read	Read
Location				Read	
Medication	Read	Read	Read	Read	Read
Medication Order	Read	Read	Read	Read	Read
Observation	Read	Read	Read	Read, Write	Read
Person			Read		
Procedure	Read	Read	Read	Read	Read
ProcedureRequest			Read		
RelatedPerson			Read		
Schedule			Read, Write	Read, Write	

# SMART ON FHIR



SMART

[smarthealthit.org](http://smarthealthit.org)



- Authentication framework between EHR and FHIR
- Allows the FHIR app to work without knowing the FHIR server



# SMART ON FHIR

- When the patient's authentication is done, you can retrieve data without knowing the patient (works with the "current" patient) → smart.patient.api

```
// Search for the current patient's conditions  
smart.patient.api.search({type: 'Condition'});  
  
// Search for the current patient's prescriptions  
smart.patient.api.search({type: 'MedicationOrder'});
```

- At the population level → smart.api

```
// Search for conditions added today  
var todaysDiagnoses = smart.api.search({type: 'Condition', query: {dateRecorded: '2014-05-01'}});  
  
// Search for all statins prescribed today  
var statinRxs = smart.api.search({type: 'MedicationOrder', query: {dateWritten: '2014-05-01', name: 'statin'}});
```





## FHIR vs CDA2

### FHIR

- Atomic access to medical data via a RESTful API
- Allows interaction with data (update, create, etc)
- Modular approach, no limitation on contents
- Human readable
- Based on HL7 v3

### CDA-2

- Definition of a structured document for patient's record
- Built as a read-only document
- The content of the document is expressed using a complex and extremely abstract model based on HL7's "Clinical Statement"
- Human readable
- Based on HL7 v3



**IHE** Integrating  
the Healthcare  
Enterprise

# Integrating the Healthcare Enterprises

## IHE International

Enable seamless and secure access to health information whenever and wherever needed.



**Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE)**

**BECOME A MEMBER**

IHE is an initiative by healthcare professionals and industry to improve the way computer systems in healthcare share information. IHE promotes the coordinated use of established standards such as DICOM and HL7 to address specific clinical needs in support of optimal patient care. Systems developed in accordance with IHE communicate with one another better, are easier to implement, and enable care providers to use information more effectively.



## IHE aims

- Born in 1998 in USA from *Radiological Society of North America* (RSNA) e *Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society* (HIMSS)
- IHE is not a communication standard → it has the aim to define how the available standards have to be used in practice to implement system integration:
  - To facilitate health information integration;
  - To provide support functionalities for EHRs;
  - To boost standard adoption;
  - To promote the communication among vendors;
  - To improve efficacy and efficiency in clinical practice;
  - To improve ICT security and privacy;
- Interoperability → definition of an information exchange process known as **profile**.



# IHE domains

IHE Domains
Anatomic Pathology
Cardiology
Dental
Eye Care
IT Infrastructure
Laboratory
Patient Care Coordination
Patient Care Devices
Pharmacy
Quality, Research and Public Health
Radiation Oncology
Radiology

- IHE is organized by clinical and operational domains.
- In each domain users with clinical and operational experience identify integration and information sharing priorities and vendors develop consensus, standards-based solutions to address them.
- Each domain includes a technical committee, whose primary task is developing and documenting the solutions (= integration profiles).
- Each domain includes a planning committee → long-term scope planning and organizing deployment activities.
- Each domain develops and maintains its own set of Technical Framework documents.

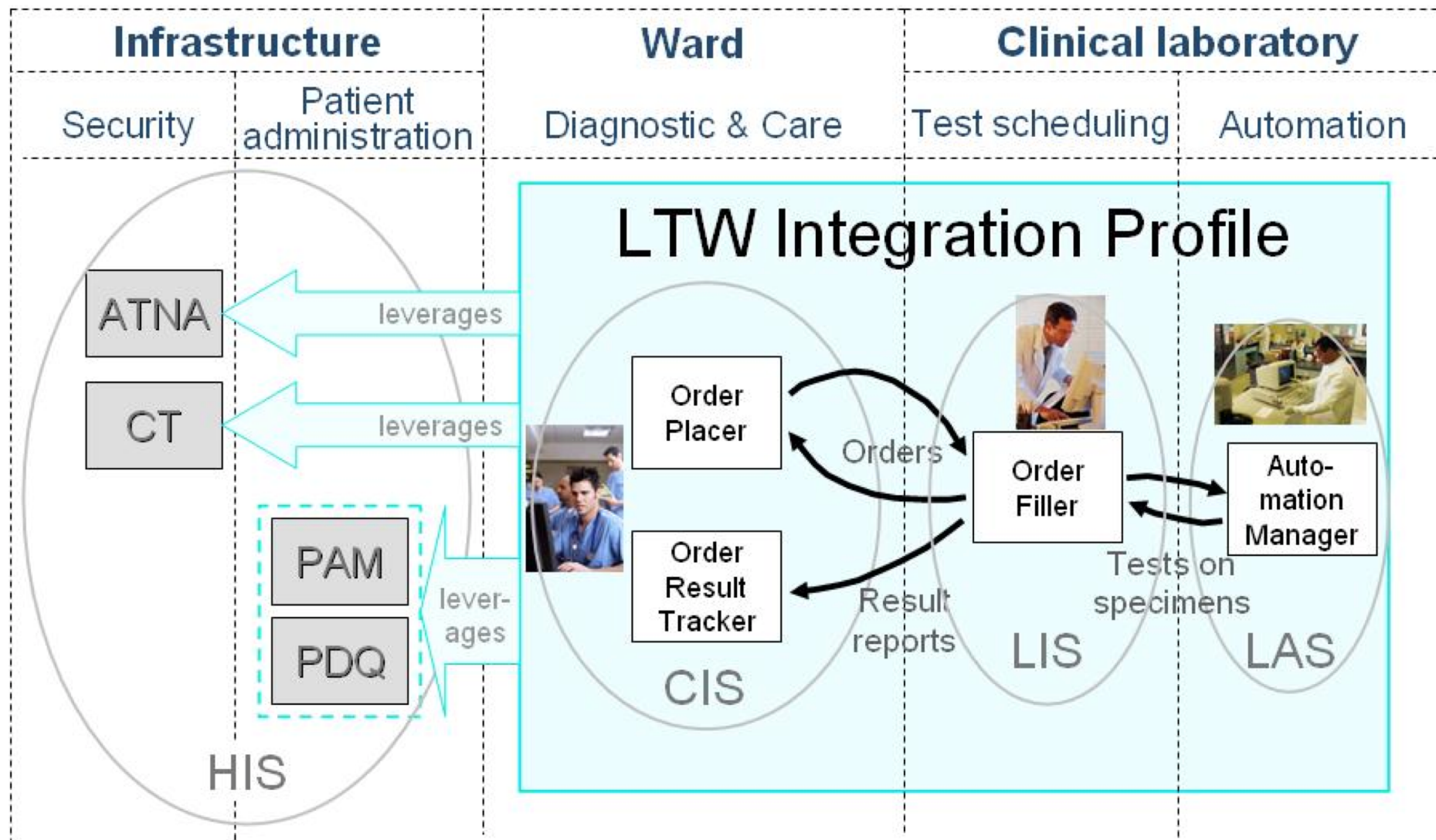


## IHE profiles

- A **profile** is an abstract representation of the real world that defines the implementation specifications of one or more “use cases”:
- Communication processes
- Type of information exchanges
- Actions to be done when the information is received
  
- Each profile is characterized by:
- **ACTORS**: healthcare information systems that manage the communication activities (es. ADT, Order Placer, Order Filler, etc.);
- **TRANSITIONS**: standard-based information exchange among actors (ex. HL7). Each transaction is characterized by the reference standard and other information.
- In each profile, a **table** lists the actors and the transactions of the specific case.

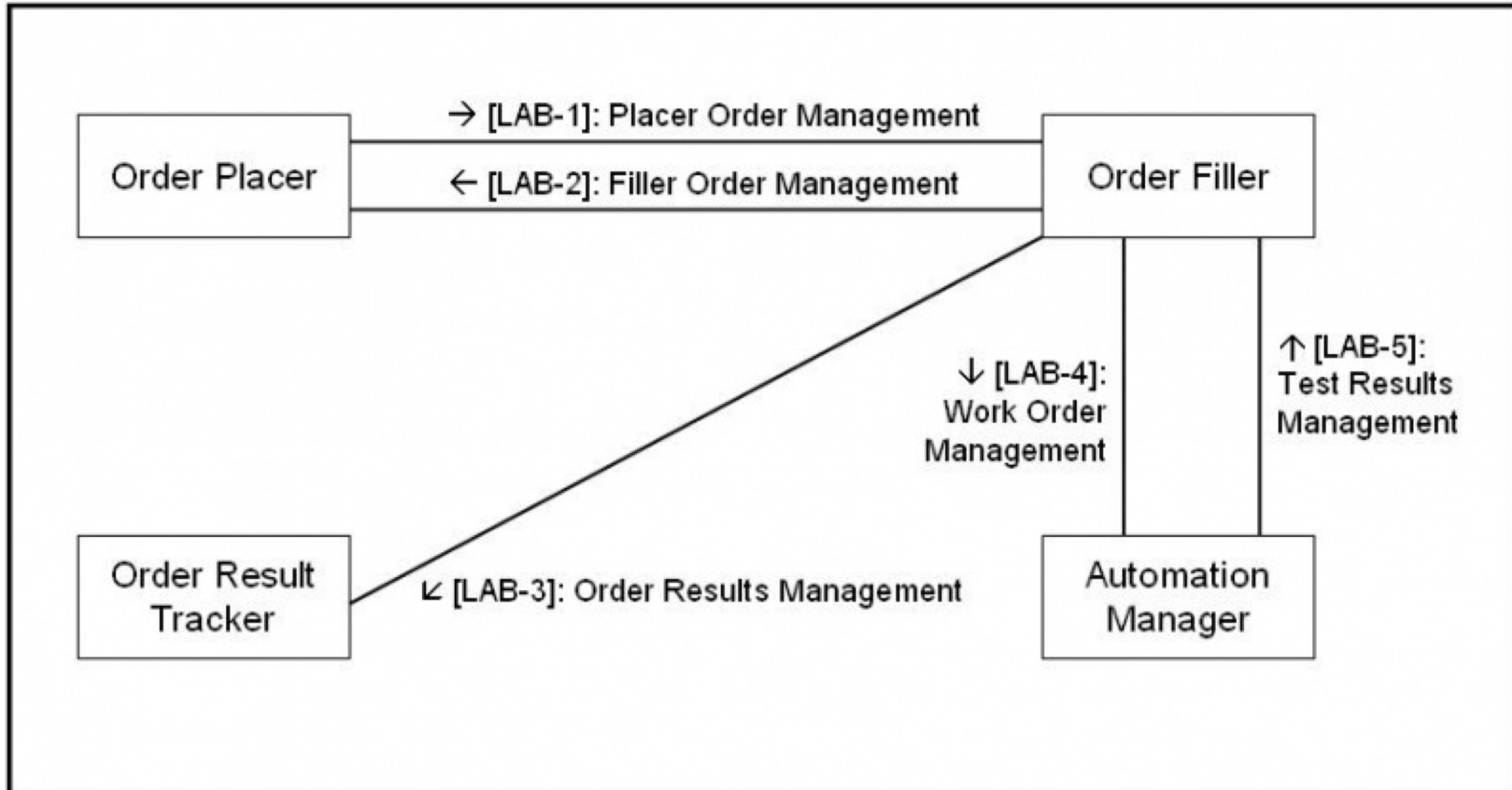


# Example: the Laboratory Testing Workflow (LTW) overview





# Example: LTW actors and transactions

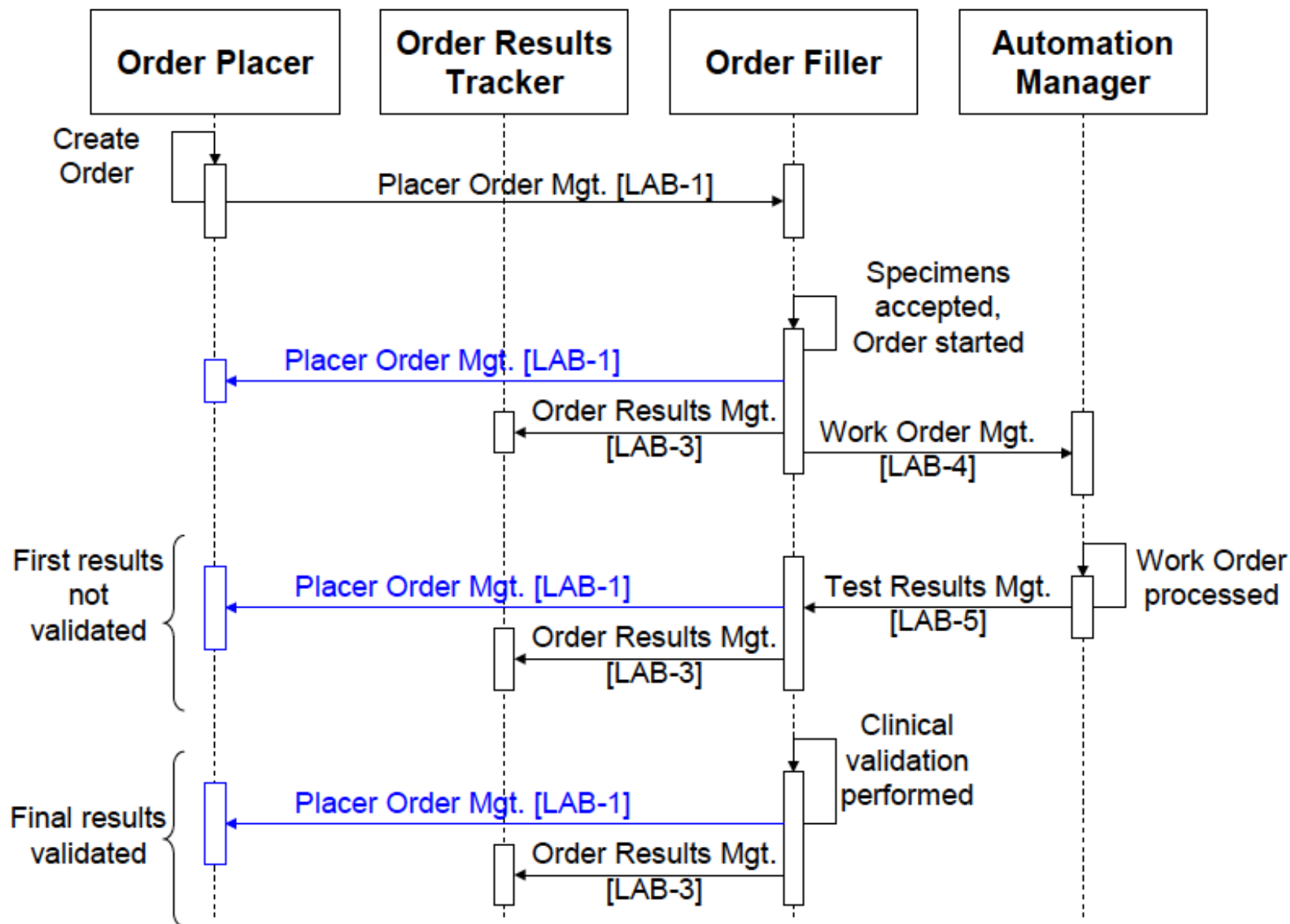


# Example: LTW actors and transactions reference messages



Actors	Transactions	Optionality	Section in Vol. 2
Order Placer	Placer Order management [LAB-1]	R	LAB TF-2a: 3.1
	Filler Order Management [LAB-2]	R	LAB TF-2a: 3.2
Order Filler	Placer Order management [LAB-1]	R	LAB TF-2a: 3.1
	Filler Order Management [LAB-2]	R	LAB TF-2a: 3.2
	Order Results management [LAB-3]	R	LAB TF-2a: 3.3
	Work Order Management [LAB-4]	R	LAB TF-2a: 3.4
	Test Results Management [LAB-5]	R	LAB TF-2a: 3.5
Automation Manager	Work Order Management [LAB-4]	R	LAB TF-2a: 3.4
	Test Results Management [LAB-5]	R	LAB TF-2a: 3.5

# Example: LTW process flow for placer ordering



# Example: OML^O21 message for the LAB-1 transaction in LTW



**Table 3.1.5.3-1: OML^O21 static definition for transaction LAB-1**

Segment	Meaning	Usage	Card.	HL7 chapter
MSH	Message Header	R	[1..1]	2
[	--- PATIENT begin	RE	[0..1]	
PID	Patient Identification	R	[1..1]	3
[ PV1 ]	Patient Visit	RE	[0..1]	3
]	--- PATIENT end			
{	--- ORDER begin	R	[1..*]	
ORC	Common Order (for one battery)	R	[1..1]	4
[TQ1]	Timing Quantity	RE	[0..1]	4
	--- OBSERVATION REQUEST begin	R	[1..1]	
OBR	Observation Request	R	[1..1]	4
{ [NTE] }	Notes and Comments	O	[0..*]	2
[ {	--- OBSERVATION begin	O	[0..*]	
OBX	Observation Result	R	[1..1]	7
[ [NTE] ]	Comment of the result	C	[0..*]	2
}]	--- OBSERVATION end			
[ {	--- SPECIMEN begin	O	[0..*]	
SPM	Specimen	R	[1..1]	7
[ {SAC} ]	Container	C	[0..*]	13
}]	--- SPECIMEN end			
[ {	--- PRIOR_RESULT begin	O	[0..*]	
PV1	Patient Visit – previous result	R	[1..1]	3
{	--- ORDER_PRIOR begin	R	[1..*]	

# Connectathon



Annual plenary session among all the vendors and clinical and operational experts that test the profile implementations to define the integration level