

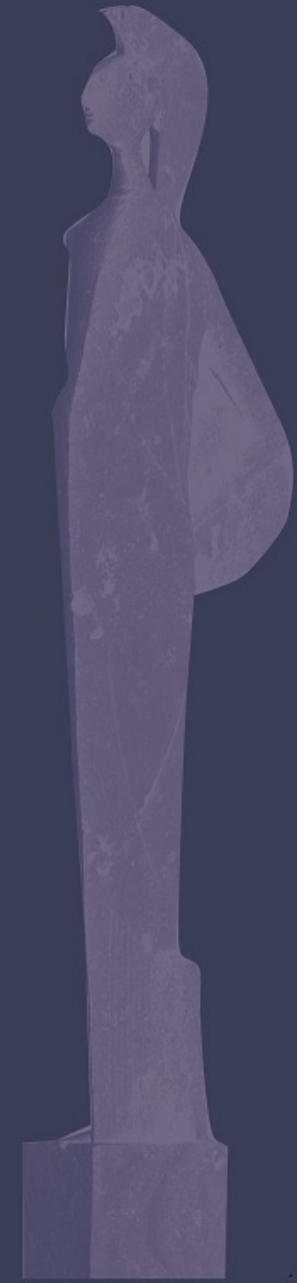
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Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources

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



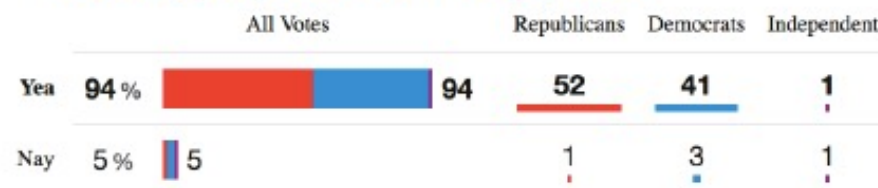
21st Century Cures Act: Interoperability, Information Blocking, and the ONC Health IT Certification Program Proposed Rule



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.

- 21st 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)

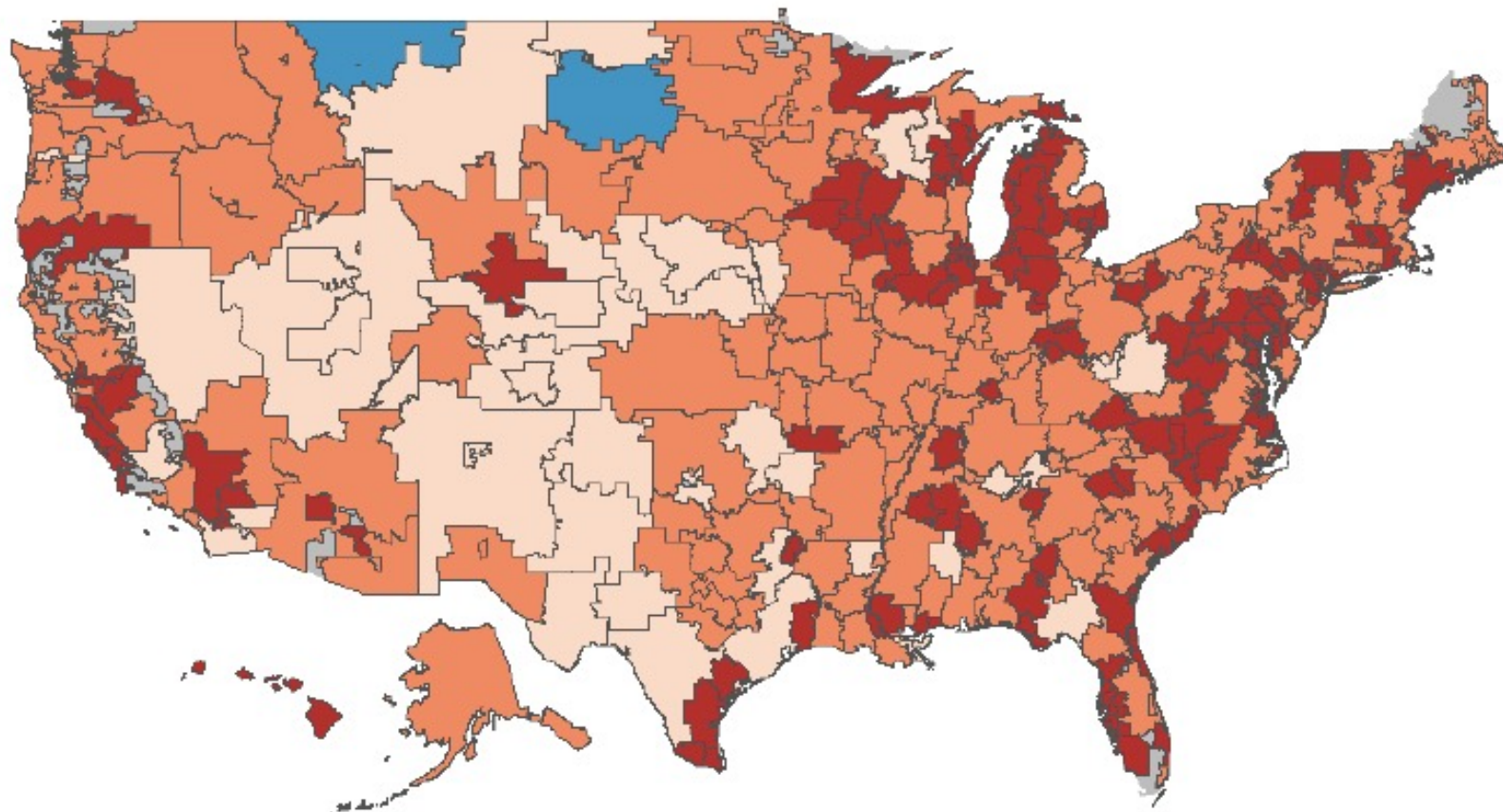
FHIR USE



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



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FIGURE 2: HL7 FHIR TIMELINE



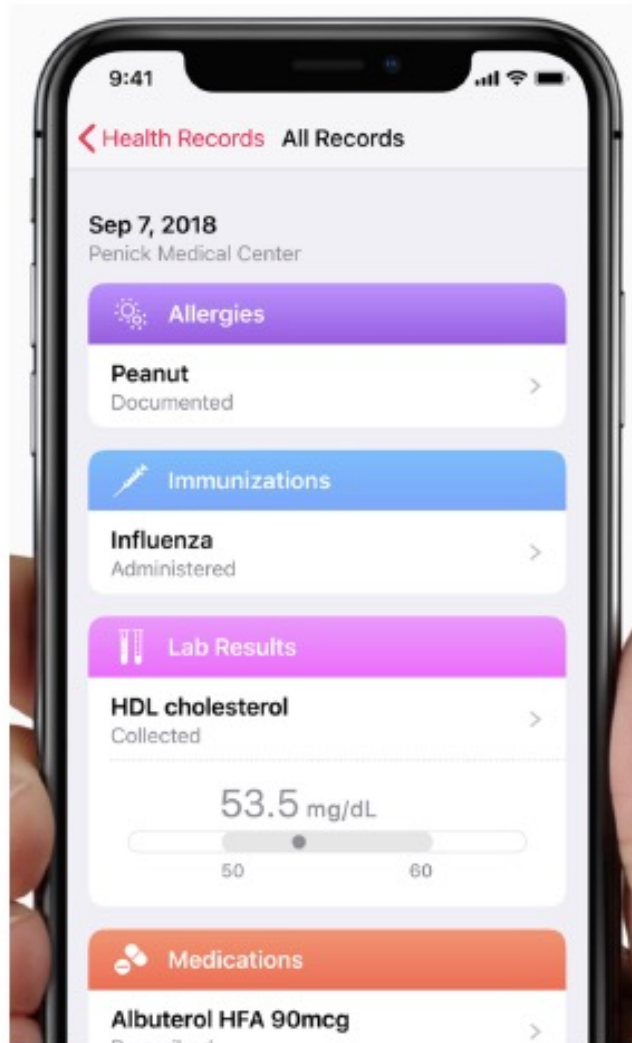
* Draft Standard for Trial Use

Standard for Trial Use

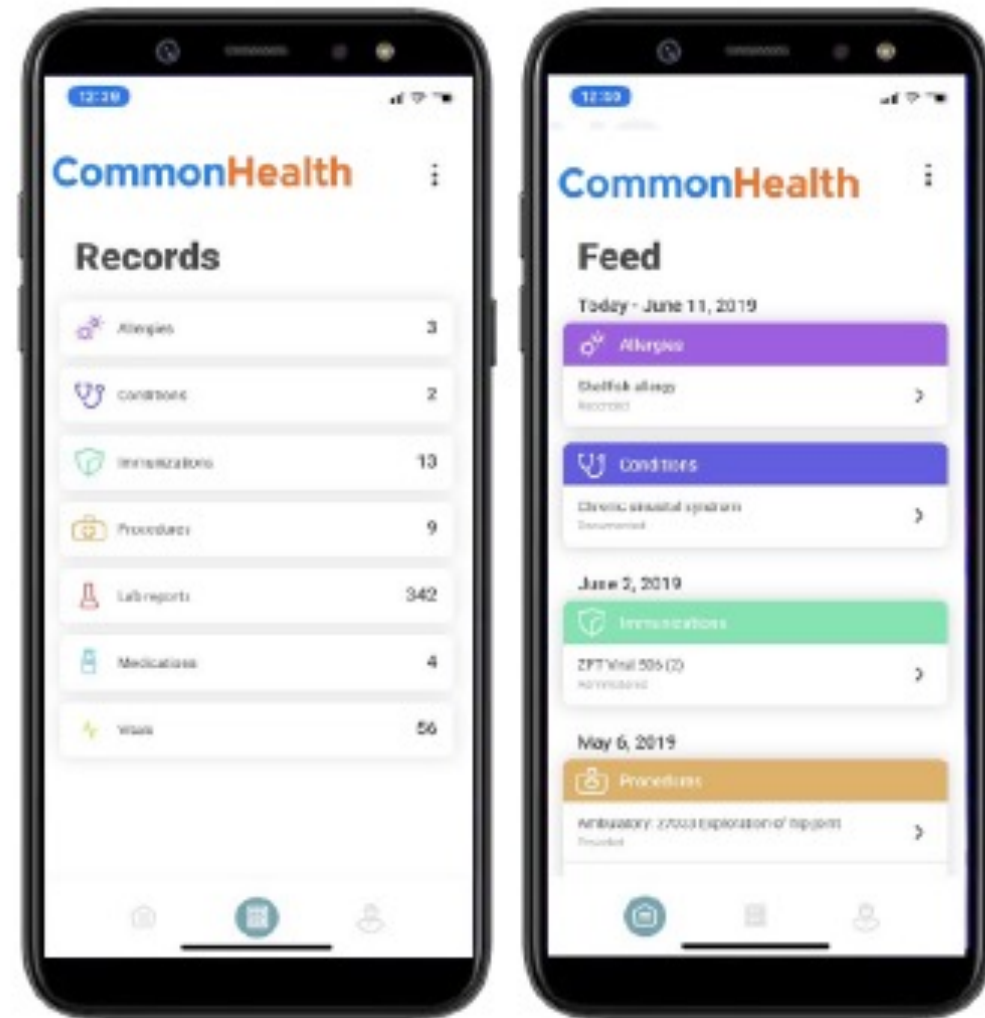
+ Normative Edition

Information courtesy of HL7 International.

FHIR USE



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

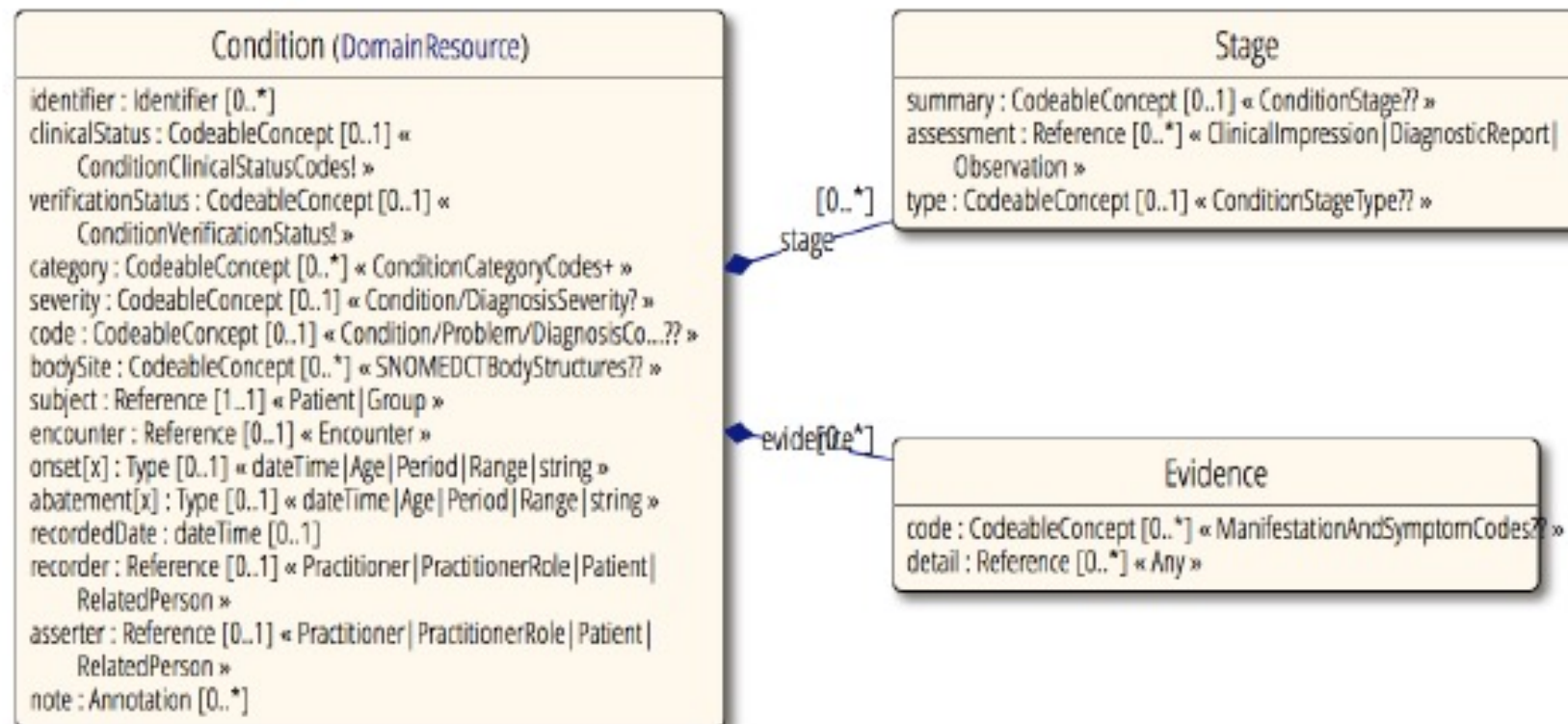
JSON

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 makes resources available through an URI



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



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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



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	http://hapi.fhir.org/baseR4

Server Actions

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

Conformance

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

History

Since



Limit # (opt)

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

Transaction

Bundle * (place transaction bundle body here)

<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

- 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
- MedicationStatement 1272
- CarePlan 1237



TYPES OF
RESOURCES
SUPPORTED



Executed request against FHIR RESTful server in 117ms

Request	GET http://hapi.fhir.org/baseR4/metadata?_pretty=true
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: Blinn7JsJTZIWU4 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



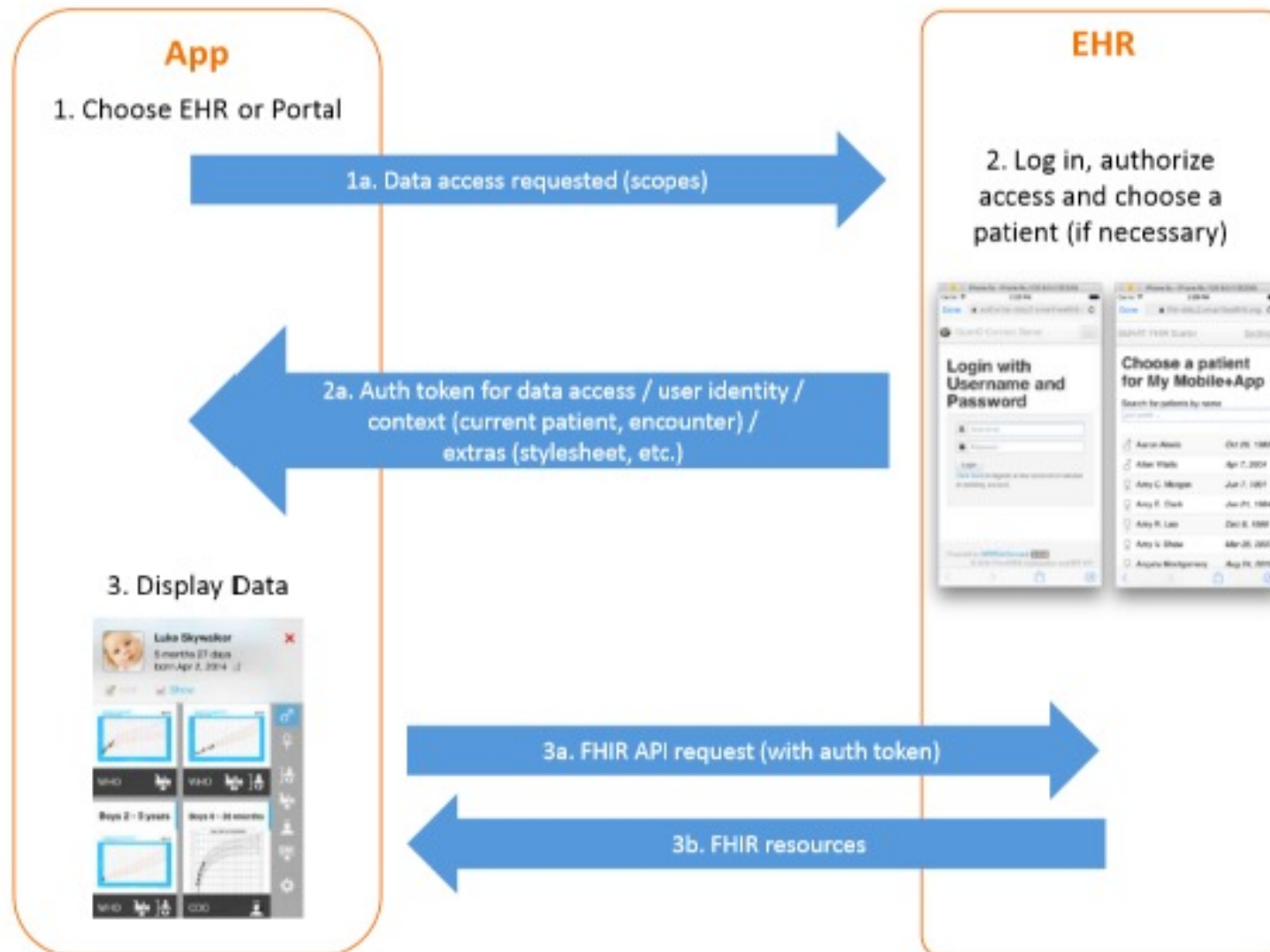
FHIR Resource	Allscripts	athenahealth	Cerner	Epic	Meditech
Patient	Read	Read, Write	Read, Write	Read, Write	Read
Provider	Read	Read	Read	Read	Read
Allergy	Read	Read	Read, Write	Read, Write	Read
Care Plan	Read	Read	Read	Read	Read
Condition	Read	Read	Read, Write	Read, Write	Read
Contract			Read		
Device	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



- 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