AHIMA FACT SHEET

Health IT Standards for Health Information Management (HIM) Practices

Achieving Functional Interoperability through Standards

Collaborating with Health IT Vendors

HIM professionals often encounter many challenges as they transition from the paper-based to an electronic system.

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and **Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE)** collaborated to promote the use of standards for effective use of health information systems including electronic health record (EHR) systems.

AHIMA and IHE developed **a White Paper HIT Standards for HIM Practices** that unveiled an approach for cross-collaboration between HIM professionals, standards developers and health information technology (HIT) vendors to support the capture, management, sharing and use of electronic health information.

AHIMA-IHE white paper:
- Outlines a *methodology* to engage HIM professionals in defining their needs for HIT products
- Offers a detailed analysis of *HIM business requirements and best practices* related to information governance principles in healthcare
- Specifies *use cases* for HIT capabilities needed to support HIM practices
- Defines a *roadmap* for adoption of interoperability standards to support HIM practices in healthcare.

Serving HIM Professionals

AHIMA Task Force of HIM professionals provided expertise to standards developers at IHE for aligning HIM practices and capabilities of health information systems through HIT standards for functional interoperability (i.e. defined the "rules of the road" for information sharing).

The white paper -- part of **AHIMA's globally-focused Information Governance (IG) initiative** -- marks the first time effort for HIT vendors and HIM professionals to work together to ensure that interoperability will be addressed from an HIM perspective.

> *"Identifying HIM practice needs and a means to address them in standards is the first step in achieving our shared goal of the interoperability and overall governance of health information.*
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> *We've created the methodology and the roadmap for developing interoperability standards to support information governance ensuring that HIM principles and practices are represented when crafting standards for interoperability in collaboration with HIT vendors, professional associations and government entities" said Deborah Green, chief innovation and global services officer, MBA, RHIA.*

About AHIMA
AHIMA (www.ahima.org) is the not-for-profit membership-based healthcare association representing over 101,000 health information management and informatics professionals who work in more than 40 different types of organizations related to healthcare and public health industry.

About IHE
IHE International (www.ihe.net) is the not-for-profit membership-based an international collaborative of HIT vendors, professionals associations and governmental entities to develop interoperability standards in healthcare to improve the quality, value, and safety of healthcare by enabling rapid, scalable, and secure access to health information at the point of care. IHE engages public and private entities to develop, test, implement, and use standards-based solutions for all health information needs.

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HIT Standards for HIM Practices: White Paper Components

Approach

IG Principles → HIM Business Requirements by Principle → HIM Practice Checklist → Use Cases → HIT Standards

Information Governance Principles in Healthcare

1. **Information availability**
2. **Information integrity**
3. **Information protection**
4. Information accountability
5. Information compliance
6. Information transparency
7. Information retention and
8. Information disposition

Business requirements *for information availability, integrity and protection* were specified in the white paper in 2015. Future efforts will include the development of the business requirements for the remaining IG Principles.

HIM Practice Checklist of best practices (work processes) was specified under selected principles in the white paper in 2015.

HIM Use Cases

1. **All documents in the episode of care record are accounted for**
2. **Episode of care record is complete and closed**
3. **Release of Information (ROI) to external requestor**
4. **Audit for the episode of care record**
5. **Audit for the ROI**
6. Data quality
7. Copy and paste
8. Patient registration
9. Patient matching
10. Transition of care

Five *use cases* were developed in the white paper in 2015. Additional five use cases will be developed in 2016.

Collaboration with Standards Developers

- *ASTM E31 Health Informatics*
- *ISO TC 215 Health Informatics*
- *IHE*
- *Health Level 7*

Preliminary *gap analysis* of HIM and HIT standards was conducted for the business requirements under selected IG principles in 2015. Future efforts will include a detailed standards gap analysis for the business requirements for the IG Principles.

Download the White Paper

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