# CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

# AHIMA-IHE White Paper “HIT Standards for HIM Practices”

**Task Force on HIM Practice & Use Cases – Record/Document Availability, Protection, and Integrity**

**To Join the Task Force, please respond via e-mail to Harry Rhodes at** [**harry.rhodes@ahima.org**](mailto:harry.rhodes@ahima.org) **by Friday COB January 30, 2015**

Dear Colleagues:

The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)in collaboration with the Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) – collaborative of vendors and professional associations – are developing a white paper to (a) align HIM practices with health information technology (HIT) standards used in the healthcare information systems (products) such as Electronic Health Record (EHR) Systems, Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS) Public Health Information Systems and other; and (b) create a roadmap for adoption of standards-based HIT products in healthcare assuring HIM capabilities in these products.

The purpose of this effort is to enable data sharing across various systems.

In this effort we will (1) define HIM practices that can be supported by HIT products; (2) specify HIM Practice Use Cases for standards-based HIT products; (3) assess the current HIT standards inventory to depict the coverage and possible gaps between existing HIT standards and HIM practice needs; and (4) develop a roadmap for filling these gaps by prioritizing Use Cases for HIT standards development to support HIM practices.

This project is based on the AHIMA Initiative on Information Governance and HIM Principles Maturity Model (URL: <http://www.ahima.org/topics/infogovernance?tabid=overview>) that will be piloted in 2015. We selected 3 information governance principles (Record/Document Availability, Protection and Integrity) for the AHIMA-IHE White Paper due to the limit of the scope of our project in 2015. We anticipate addressing other principles in the next two years.

**We invite you to join AHIMA Task Force as HIM subject matter expert (SME) to help identify HIM practice needs that can be supported by standards-based HIT products to enable data sharing.**

**Process & Time Commitment:** The AHIMA Task Force SME volunteers will develop the list of HIM best practices under Availability, Protection and Integrity of the healthcare record/document using publications and experience with HIM in their organizations. The AHIMA Task Force SME volunteers will further extract the Use Cases for HIT standards from these best HIM practices to guide the development of standards for interoperable HIT products.

The project timeframe is January – August 2015. During February-May 2015, AHIMA Task Force SME volunteers will be asked to participate **in up to seven (7)** **2-hour bi-weekly collaborative webinars starting February 9, 2015 through May 11, 2015.**

Please see the webinar schedule in the Table below.

# The 1st call is scheduled on Monday, February 9, 2015 2-3pm ET when we will provide an overview of the project activities, deliverables, and timeframe.

For more information, please see AHIMA-IHE White Paper wiki pages at <http://wiki.ihe.net/index.php?title=HIT_Standards_for_HIM_Practices>).

**Stay Involved -- Respond via e-mail to Harry Rhodes at** [**harry.rhodes@ahima.org**](mailto:harry.rhodes@ahima.org) **by Friday COB January 30, 2015**

I look forward to working with you on this important AHIMA Initiative.

Sincerely,

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# WEBINAR SCHEDULE

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| **Activities** | **Dates** |
| AHIMA Call for SME Participation | Wednesday, January 21, 2015 |
| Webinars of Task Force |  |
| 1st Webinar | Monday, February 9th 2 - 4 PM ET |
| 2nd Webinar | Monday, February 23rd 2 - 4 PM ET |
| 3rd Webinar | Monday, March 9th 2 - 4 PM ET |
| 4th Webinar | Monday, March 23rd 2 - 4 PM ET |
| 5th Webinar | Monday, April 13th 2 - 4 PM ET |
| 6th Webinar | Monday, April 27th 2 - 4 PM ET |
| 7th Webinar | Monday, May 11th 2 - 4 PM ET |