

JIC Standards Set work

Frequently Asked Questions

The purpose of these FAQs is to address queries from different individuals and organisations about the work being undertaken by the JIC to develop guidance on a Standards Set for the Patient Summary. A draft document, *JIC Standards Set Foundation and Scope Report*, can be found here:

http://www.jointinitiativecouncil.org/news/JIC_Patient_Summary_Standard_Set-Foundation%20_Scope_Report_20151008_v3_5.pdf

The work arises from a decision of the JIC in April 2015 to focus its efforts ‘to better global patient health outcomes by providing strategic leadership in the specification of sets of implementable standards for health information sharing’.

1. What is a Standards Set?

JIC has defined a Standards Set as a “coherent collection of standards and standards artefacts that support a specific use case”.

2. What is the JIC’s first Standards Set focused on?

JIC is targeting the high level topic - patient summary, which is “the minimum set of information needed to assure healthcare coordination and the continuity of care”. See the *JIC Foundation and Scope Report* for more information on that definition. Many countries are working on this and SDOs are involved, so it is an ideal opportunity to bring the works together, avoiding duplication and identifying gaps.

3. What is the Use Case “access to patient summary”?

A physician (i.e. a healthcare actor) in an acute setting (e.g.: emergency department) wants relevant patient data to address the healthcare matter of the patient (subject of care) with legitimate access and use of relevant summary patient data at the point and time of care, irrespective of where and how it is held. Note that this is being further refined as part of the project.

4. How does this relate to the Trillium Bridge project, HL7’s International Patient Summary (INTERPAS) Template or other work on this topic?

JIC will be undertaking a review of all related standards work within scope of the Use Case at national and international level, and specifically JIC will leverage the findings and work of the EU and US Trillium Bridge initiative and its primary recommendation which is to “Advance an International Patient Summary (IPS) standard to enable people to access and share their emergency or unplanned care health information anywhere and as needed. At minimum the IPS should include immunizations, allergies, medications, clinical problems, past operations and implants”. Trillium Bridge work is projected to continue from 2015 to 2020, so it will be important to take this in to account.

JIC will also leverage and consider the HL7 International Patient Summary (INTERPAS) template standard based on HL7 CDA R2 with vocabulary subsets, for inclusion in the Standards Set. HL7 project plans currently identify requesting DSTU publication for this standard in May of 2017.

5. Why is the JIC developing standards?

The JIC is not developing standards but rather leveraging the work going on in different organisations to a defined use case and providing then appropriate guidance and conformance criteria for implementation.

6. What is the projected time frame for completion of this first JIC Standards Set?

JIC is targeting completion of the Patient Summary Standards Set in one year i.e. end of 2016.

7. How does this JIC Standards Set relate to the ISO/TC215 bundle or reference standards portfolio work?

The JIC Standards Set is the result of a JIC process that delivers SDO content and is complementary to the work in ISO TC215 on normative bundle development. The JIC developed Standards Set is targeted to be freely available and informative, but by having a process aligned with the ISO TC215 work means that there is shared learning as well as the potential long term for any resulting works to be converted to normative.

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