Patient Summary Standards Set
Joint Initiative Council

Frequently Asked Questions

The purpose of these FAQs is to address queries from different individuals and organisations about the work undertaken by the JIC to develop guidance on a Standards Set for the Patient Summary.

1. What is a Standards Set?

The 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?

The JIC is targeting the high-level topic — Patient Summary, which is regarded as "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 and standards development organizations (SDOs) are undertaking this work, so it is an ideal opportunity to bring the works together, avoiding duplication and identifying gaps.

3. How does this work relate to the Trillium Bridge project, HL7's International Patient Summary (IPS) or other work on this topic?

JIC has undertaken a review of all related standards work within scope of the Use Case at national and international levels. The JIC has leveraged the findings and work of all relevant initiatives including the recommendation from Trillium Bridge, 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 2, HL7 IPS and CEN IPS work are continuing and so the JIC PSSS will be updated as the products are produced.

The JIC will continue to leverage and consider the HL7 IPS template standard based on HL7 CDA R2 with vocabulary subsets, for inclusion in the Standards Set.

4. 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.

5. How does this JIC Standards Set relate to the ISO/TC215 bundle or Reference Standards Portfolio work?

The JIC Patient Summary 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 Standards Set is targeted to be freely available and has aligned to the best extent possible with the ISO TC215

work. This alignment makes gains to ensure shared learning as well as the potential long term for any resulting works to be converted to normative.

6.   Where can I find the Patient Summary Standards Set (PSSS) and all supporting documents?

All materials can be found on the JIC's dedicated PSSS webpage, http://jointinitiativecouncil.org/registry/standards.set.patient.summary.asp. Further documents to be added include on capturing lessons learned and the methodology developed for this first Standards Set. These FAQs will be updated based on feedback.

7.   Who are the contributing participants to the PSSS?

The JIC Patient Summary Standards Set is a product of the 8 organisations which make up the JIC. Specific work has been undertaken in Task Force groups, led by a member of JIC and drawing from experts in the the standards and clinical communities globally. Details can be found in the acknowledgements section of the PSSS.

8.   How is the PSSS maintained and updated?

The PSSS is owned by the JIC who committed to maintaining and updating it in line with feedback, emerging and updated standards and experience from the different stakeholder groups implementing Patient Summaries. The first update is planned to take place one year after the first publication.

9.   How can I provide feedback on the PSSS?

All stakeholder groups are invited to provide feedback on their experience in using the content of the document. A form is provided on the JIC website and it should be submitted to psssfeedback@snomed.org. Feedback will be collated and a disposition of comments provided.

10. How do I learn about implementation of the PSSS?

The JIC has produced a number of Information Sheets in the PSSS based on current knowledge. These will be updated over time and we will encourage users of the PSSS to provide additional Information Sheets as they use the PSSS over time. In addition, there is the option of using the JIC website to share experience.

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