

AHIMA at Health Level Seven (HL7)

HL7 International (www.hl7.org) is a standards development organization (SDO) accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI, www.ansi.org). Founded in 1987, HL7 International is a not-for-profit organization of more than 1,600 members in over 50 countries including over 500 corporate members. HL7 members develop HIT standards for capturing, integration, sharing and retrieval of electronic health information in clinical practice, public health, clinical and health services research, public health, population health and other health domains. HL7 develops health information technology (HIT) standards in various healthcare domains including care delivery and administration, electronic health records (EHRs), clinical genomics, clinical and health services research, mobile health (mhealth), public health, population health and other.

Why Volunteer at HL7?

Health information management (HIM) professionals are needed in HL7 to ensure the alignment of HIT standards with HIM practices standards. HIM professionals will:

- **Educate standards developers and HIT vendors about HIM practices** such as:
 - ✓ Information governance and stewardship
 - ✓ Data capture, validation, coding, and maintenance
 - ✓ Data/information analysis and decision support
 - ✓ Practices for the release of information, e-discovery, privacy and security of health records, and other
- **Establish HIM leadership and influence** in the development of HL7 standards

Benefits of Participation

Participation in HL7 will help AHIMA to:

- **Guide** the development and adoption of standards for HIM practices

Participation in HL7 will help you to:

- **To be recognized** as a national and international expert in HIM practice standards and HIT standards
- **Gain a competitive advantage** in your future role in the HIM profession

How to Volunteer at HL7

AHIMA has a Gold Organizational Membership with HL7 that allows two votes on HL7 standards ballots as well as designation of AHIMA representatives to participate in HL7 activities. They include:

- Attendance of three face-to-face meetings per year
- Attendance of HL7 educational sessions
- Participation in Work Groups to develop new standards
 - Participate in Work Group calls
 - Contribute to AHIMA comments on ballots

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Our focus is on standards for

- **Legal Health Record (LHR)** and
- **Medical Records Content**

To develop these standards, we participate in HL7 Work Groups and Subgroups such as

- **Electronic Health Record (EHR) Work Group**
 - ✓ EHR Systems Functional Model (EHR-S FM) Subgroup, <http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=EHR>
 - ✓ EHR Record Management/Evidentiary Support (RMES) Subgroup, http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=EHR_RM-ES
 - ✓ EHR Interoperability Subgroup, http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=EHR_Interoperability_WG
- **Structured Documents Work Group** project:
 - ✓ International Patient Summary (IPS) http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=Structured_Documents

Full list of 61 HL7 Work Groups and their call schedules are available at the HL7 Work Group Wiki: http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=Main_Page

AHIMA STANDARDS ONLINE RESOURCES

AHIMA Standards Product Catalog
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AHIMA Standards Website
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For more information or to get involved in **AHIMA Standards** activities, please contact standards@ahima.org