

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 paper-based to electronic systems.

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) collaborate to develop interoperability standards for effective capture, management, sharing and use of health information systems including electronic health record (EHR) systems, ancillary systems and mobile health applications.

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.

The 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 management practices 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

The **AHIMA Standards 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 capture, management, sharing, use and re-use).

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

“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.”

“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

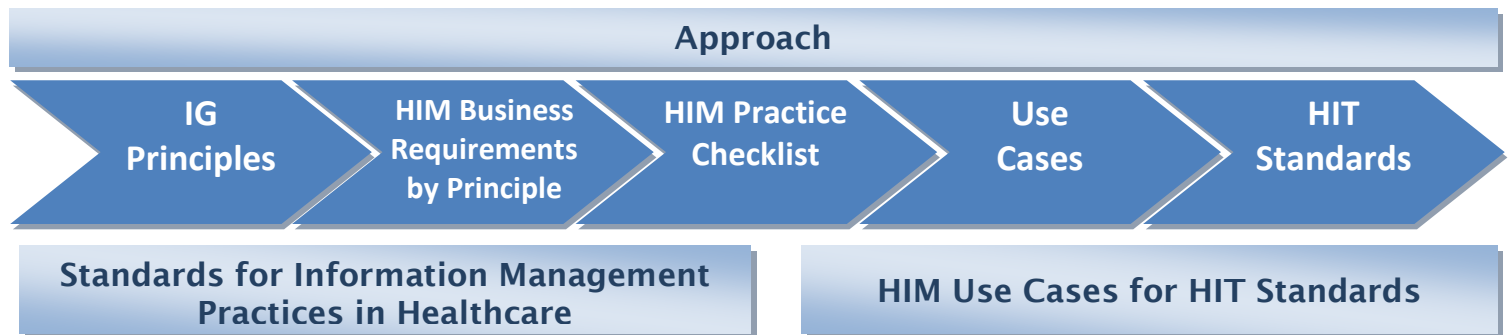
The **American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)**, (www.ahima.org) represents more than 103,000 health information professionals in the United States and around the world. AHIMA is committed to promoting and advocating for best practices and effective standards in health information and to actively contributing to the development and advancement of health information professionals worldwide. AHIMA is advancing informatics, data analytics, and information governance to achieve the goal of providing expertise to ensure trusted information for healthcare.

About IHE

Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) International (www.ihe.net) is the not-for-profit, membership-based, 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



AHIMA's Information Governance Competencies include Strategic Alignment, IG Structure, Data Governance, Enterprise Information Management, IT Governance, Analytics, Privacy and Security, Regulatory and Legal, Awareness and Adherence, IG Performance

Our **goal** is to assure that HIM and HIT standards support IG competencies.

In the AHIMA-IHE White Paper we used the AHIMA IG Principles for Healthcare (IGPHC) that AHIMA adopted from the ARMA International to present HIM business requirements, checklists and use cases.

Business Requirements for information availability, integrity, and protection were specified in the White Paper. Current efforts include the development of the business requirements for the remaining information governance principles (accountability, compliance, transparency, retention and disposition).

HIM Practice Checklists of best practices (work processes) were specified under selected principles in the White Paper.

Five HIM use cases were specified in the White Paper:

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

The **AHIMA Standards Task Force** had been working on additional HIM use cases including

6. Patient registration
7. Copy and paste
8. Patient matching
9. Data quality
10. Transition of care/Medication reconciliation

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Collaboration with Standards Developers

- Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE)
- International Organization for Standardization, Technical Committee 215 Health Informatics (ISO/TC215)
- Health Level Seven (HL7)

Preliminary **gap analysis** of HIM and HIT standards was conducted for the business requirements under selected IG principles in the White Paper. Current efforts include a detailed standards gap analysis for the HIM Business Requirements, HIM Practice Checklists and Use Cases.

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