



The [Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel \(HITSP\)](#) is a cooperative partnership between the public and private sectors. The Panel was formed for the purpose of harmonizing and integrating standards that will meet clinical and business needs for sharing information among organizations and systems.

Welcome to *HITSP News*, a monthly newsletter that provides news on the activities of the Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel. Visit the HITSP Web site at www.hitsp.org for more information. If you have news or ideas for *HITSP eNews*, please send them to hitsp@ansi.org for consideration.

HITSP at the 2010 North America IHE Connectathon

The number of HITSP Constructs tested nearly doubled at the 2010 Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) North America Connectathon with 43 HITSP Constructs, compared to 24 in 2009. A HITSP Construct specifies how to integrate and constrain selected standards to meet the business needs of a Use Case. Quality measures, a component of meaningful use, were a key part of the HITSP product testing activity this year.

HITSP - 2010 IHE Connectathon	2010 Figures
Number of Vendors	75
Number of Systems	106
Total Numbers of HITSP Constructs Tested	43
Total Number of Tests	689

HITSP at the HIMSS10 Conference

Continuing its standards harmonization efforts, HITSP will also be part of the HIMSS10 Interoperability Showcase where attendees can review and [cross-reference HITSP specifications](#) with the 2011 Meaningful Use recommendations, HITSP products, and national standards.

Attendees at HIMSS10 can also attend the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. with John Halamka, MD, HITSP Chairman, CIO of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and Chief Information Officer and Dean for Technology at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Halamka also shared his thoughts and answered questions about HITSP and interoperability in the future of U.S. healthcare during the [HITSP eTown Hall](#) on January 22, 2010.

January 2010 Panel Meeting Agenda Included Approval of New HITSP Products

HITSP announces the release of the following updated and new Interoperability Specifications and related constructs, which were submitted for Panel approval at the January 25th Panel meeting:

- IS06 – Quality
- IS92 - Newborn Screening
- IS158 - Clinical Research
- TP13 - Manage Sharing of Documents
- TP20 - Access Control
- TP22 - Patient ID Cross-Referencing
- TP50 - Retrieve Form for Data Capture
- T23 - Patient Demographics Query
- T31- Document Reliable Interchange
- T33- Transfer of Documents on Media
- T40 - Patient Health Plan Eligibility Verification
- T68 - Patient Health Plan Authorization Request and Response
- T79- Pharmacy to Health Plan Authorization Request and Response
- C34 - Patient Level Quality Data Message
- C70- Immunization Query and Response
- C72- Immunization Message
- C78- Immunization Document
- C80- Clinical Document and Message Terminology
- C83 - CDA Content Modules IS92
- C105 - Patient Level Quality Data Document Using HL7 Quality Reporting Document Architecture (QRDA)
- C106 - Measurement Criteria Document
- C151 - Clinical Research Document
- C152 - Labor and Delivery Report
- C154 - Data Dictionary
- C156 - Clinical Research Workflow
- C161 - Antepartum Record
- C163 - Laboratory Order Message
- C164 - Anonymize Newborn Screening Results
- SC108- Access Control
- SC110- Patient Identification Management
- SC111 - Knowledge and Vocabulary
- SC112 - Healthcare Document Management
- SC113- Query for Existing Data
- SC114- Administrative Transport to Health Plan
- SC115- HL7 Messaging
- SC116- Emergency Message Distribution
- CAP99 - Communicate Lab Order Message
- CAP117 - Communicate Ambulatory and Long Term Care Prescription
- CAP118 - Communicate Hospital Prescription
- CAP119 - Communicate Structured Document
- CAP120 - Communicate Unstructured Document
- CAP121 - Communicate Clinical Referral Request
- CAP122 - Retrieve Medical Knowledge
- CAP123 - Retrieve Existing Data
- CAP126 - Communicate Lab Results Message
- CAP127 - Communicate Lab Results
- CAP128 - Communicate Imaging Information
- CAP129 - Communicate Quality Measure Data
- CAP130 - Communicate Quality Measure Specification

- CAP135 - Retrieve and Populate Form
- CAP138 - Retrieve Pseudonym
- CAP140 - Communicate Benefits and Eligibility
- CAP141 - Communicate Referral Authorization
- CAP142 - Retrieve Communications Recipient
- CAP143 – Manage Consumer Preferences and Consent
- TN900 - Security and Privacy
- TN905 - Device Connectivity
- TN906- Quality Measures

The HITSP Technical Committees and Tiger Teams have edited the HITSP Interoperability Specifications and related constructs to address the comments received during the public review and comment period from November 9 – December 4, 2009. Additionally, other changes of an editorial and technical nature have been applied to the HITSP Interoperability Specifications and constructs.

HITSP members were asked to approve these documents at the January 25th Panel meeting. The documents are accessible at www.hitsp.org. Questions about the HITSP documents for Panel approval or the process for approval should be addressed to Michelle Maas Deane, the HITSP Secretariat, at mmaasdeane@ansi.org.

HITSP Webinars

An eTown Hall meeting with Dr. John Halamka was held on Friday, January 22nd from 1-2:30 p.m. EST. During this 90-minute webinar, participants learned:

- A brief overview and history of HITSP to date
- HITSP's impact on the industry and valuable contributions to the national initiative through its accomplishments
- Conclusions and Lessons learned about HIT SDOs and harmonization
- The future of HIT harmonization and interoperability

For more information on webinars: Visit the Education Communication and Outreach [homepage](#) on the HITSP website for the entire webinar series as well as copies of presentations and recordings of previous webinars.

HITSP Offers New Resources

New HITSP Education, Communications and Outreach homepage: With the growing number of HITSP education products, HITSP has now established within its website a homepage for all its education, communications, and outreach efforts. Access this new homepage at http://www.hitsp.org/education_outreach.aspx.

HITSP Matrices on Products and Meaningful Use Standards: HITSP posted a series of matrices correlating and cross-referencing all of its main products (Constructs, Service Collaborations, Capabilities, and Interoperability Specifications) between, as well as against, 2011 Meaningful Use recommendations from the HIT Standards Committee, HITSP products and national standards. Many thanks are due to Robin Raiford of Eclipsys for designing and developing the matrices for HITSP.

Access the [HITSP Matrices](#) on the HITSP Web site.

HITSP Education Poster: Presented at AMIA 2009, the HITSP Education Poster is now available on the HITSP website. Special thanks to Virginia Lorenzi of New York Presbyterian Hospital, co-chair of the Communications and Outreach Workgroup of the HITSP ECO Committee, for leading this effort.

View the poster [here](#).

HITSP FAQ

What's next for HITSP?

As we await the release of a new competitive contract to continue work on harmonization of interoperable standards for health information exchange and health IT, we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all the members of the HITSP ECO Committee and in particular the chairs of the various work groups we formed during the past two years, for their leadership and contributions in planning and delivering all our products (noted above).

Special thanks to the support team from ANSI and HIMSS, and in particular to Joyce Lofstrom for initiating this HITSP eNewsletter. We duly note that the HITSP work would not have been possible without the excellent leadership and support of ANSI (Fran Schrotter and her staff), Lee Jones, John Halamka, and all the HITSP Technical Committee chairs who served as speakers at our Webinars.

For all who have participated in HITSP, we hope that you were able to join us to receive our thanks and commendation for your many efforts during the January 25th Panel meeting. We look forward to hearing more from the ONC soon about next steps to leverage the incredible enthusiasm and momentum you have all demonstrated in your HITSP initiatives.

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Rebecca Kush, President, Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium (CDISC)
Co-Chairs
HITSP ECO Committee

Message from the Chair – Dr. John Halamka – January 15, 2010

Folks:

The Interim Final Rule and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking were published in the Federal Register on January 13th, so the comment period has officially begun. I've collected a few comments from HITSP members, which I've placed on my blog:

<http://geekdoctor.blogspot.com/2010/01/early-feedback-on-ifr-and-nprm.html>

I've also highlighted some of the challenges with under specifying transmission, especially for EHR to PHR communications. <http://geekdoctor.blogspot.com/2010/01/sharing-data-per-patient-preference.html>

Finally, I've provided an overview of the IFR and NPRM that you can feel free to use in your communications. <http://geekdoctor.blogspot.com/2010/01/do-it-yourself-board-presentation-of.html>

I look forward to our HITSP Panel meeting on January 25th and taking time out from noon to 2 p.m. to celebrate all the work you've done.

If you have questions or concerns, please email me at jhalamka@hms.harvard.edu.

Calendar – Dates to Remember

Check the website for each committee for details of the upcoming meetings.

[NCVHS Committee Meeting \(http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/\)](http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/)

Feb. 9-11, 2010 – Washington, DC

HIT Standards Committee

Feb. 24, 2010 – Washington, DC

March 24, 2010 – Washington, DC

HIT Policy Committee

February 17, 2010 – Washington, DC

March 17, 2010 – Washington, DC

HITSP Calendar

Technical Committee/Tiger Team Teleconference Schedule

To better keep the schedule of Technical Committee/Tiger Team conference calls up-to-date and in a consistent format, all meetings and calls, as well as dial-in and GoToMeeting information, are posted in a public place on the [HITSP website](#).

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