Building Consumer Access Apps

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Consumer Apps

Who and How

- Accessed by patients or their authorized representatives
- Not clinicians
- Off hospital network





Workflow

- Workflow from an *app* perspective is the same
 - The FHIR server root URL is different.
 - https://fhir.cerner.com/millennium/dstu2/#service-root-url

Open Sandbox

The open sandbox instance allows developers to experiment with the service without requiring authentication. We recommend using this endpoint for initial proof of concepts and integration. The service root URL for this instance is:

https://fhir-open.cerner.com/dstu2/ec2458f2-1e24-41c8-b71b-0e701af7583d/:resource[?:parameters]

Note: The open endpoint exposes read-only resources. No writes are available in sandbox without using authentication.

Secure Sandbox

The secure sandbox instance can be used for testing an application with authorization. The service root URL for this instance is different if the patient or a patient's proxy is logging in.

Non-Patient:

https://fhir-ehr-code.cerner.com/dstu2/ec2458f2-le24-41c8-b71b-0e701af7583d/:resource[?:parameters]
Patient Access:

https://fhir-myrecord.cerner.com/dstu2/ec2458f2-1e24-41c8-b71b-0e701af7583d/:resource[?:parameters]



Authorization Workflow

Introduction Talks

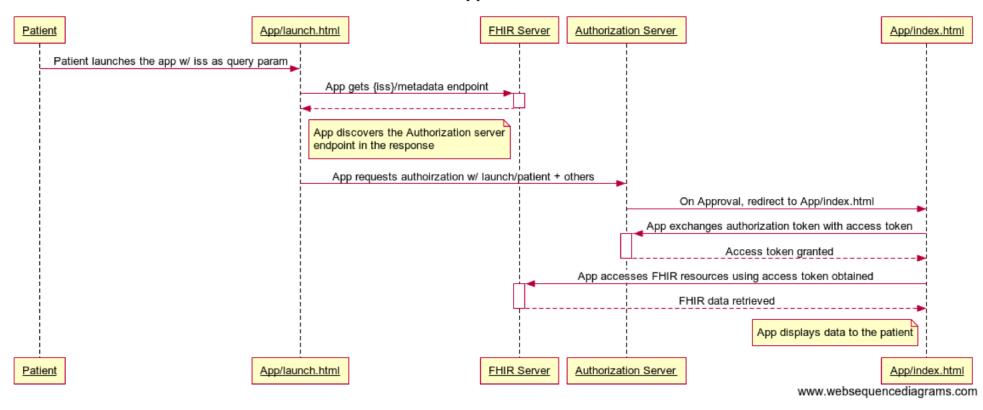
- "Introduction to SMART on FHIR" Today at 12:30 pm
- "SMART on FHIR Authorization" Today at 1:30 pm



Authorization Workflow

Launch Demo

Patient App Launch Flow





SMART Scopes

- launch (launch from portal)
- launch/patient (not supported currently for practitioners)
 - User will get prompted to choose a patient
 - MUST for standalone apps that use the SMART patient-specific scopes
 - EG: patient/AllergyIntolerance.read

online_access

- Allows the app to obtain a new token while the end-user remains online
- offline_access (not supported currently for practitioners)
 - Allows the app to obtain a new token even after the end-user is no longer online
 - Requires confidential client



Who?

- Patient/self
- Patient authorized representative
 - Spouse
 - Parent
 - Caretakers
 - Etc.
- Same authentication credentials as portal login



Offline Access Special Considerations

- Offline access is long term
 - App accesses while patient is no longer signed in
 - EG: step trackers
- There is a management URL in the authorization section of the Conformance/CapabilityStatement resource (/metadata)
 - This URL should be accessible from within your application



Manage URL

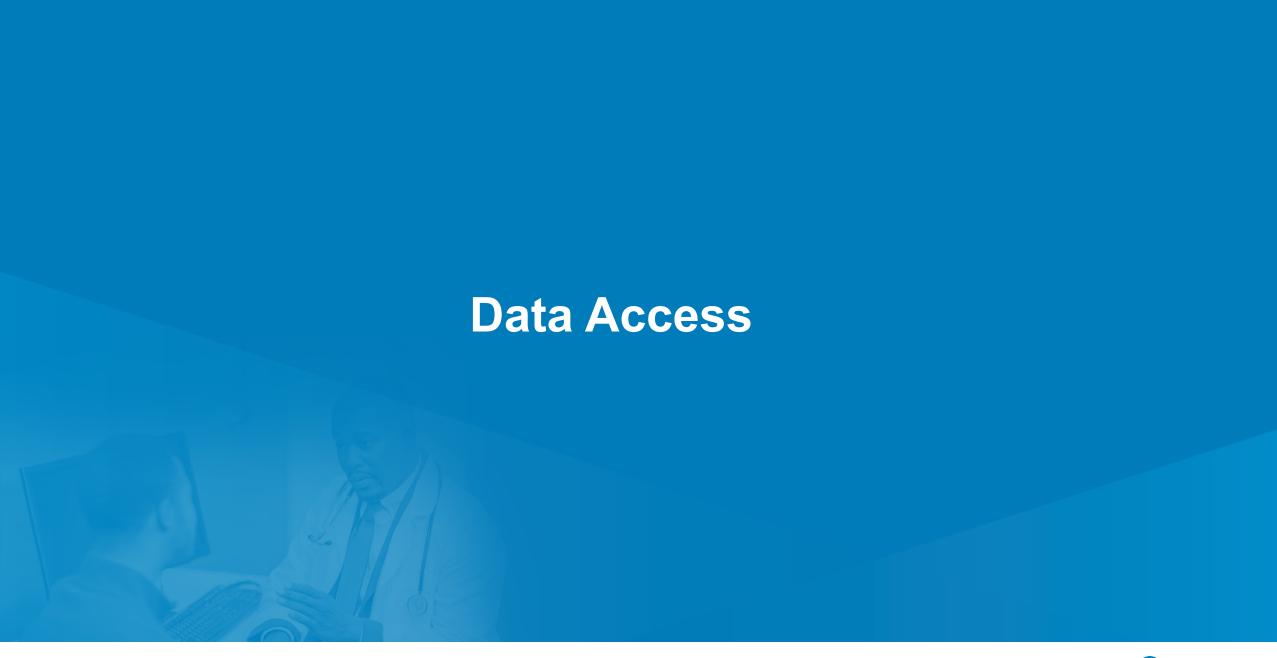
https://fhir.cerner.com/authorization/#user-experience

Provide a Link to "Manage Authorized Applications"

If your application is interactive and utilizes "online_access" or "offline_access", it should present a link to the end user that allows the user to manage their current authorizations. Generally, such links are presented in conjunction with menu accessible from a status bar.

For information on how to discover the management endpoint for a user, see Discovery in the authorization specification.







Data Access

Patient Data Access Concerns

- Like practitioners, there are privacy and security concerns
 - IE Not all users have access to all data
- This may vary user to user and site to site
- This is enforced by the API
- The app (and user) will not know when there may be data available that cannot be seen
- Laws
 - Adolescent proxy: both age range and what may be restricted from a parent may vary by site or state



Data Access

Masked Fields

- Some fields may be masked
- This can be true for all consumer users
 - EG: Comments that are often administrative
- This can be true for only some consumer users
 - EG: The adolescent proxy use case
- This can be true for certain statuses



Masked Fields

Notes Example

```
},
"text": {
   "div": "<div><b>Allergy Intolerance</b><b>Patient</b>: PETERS, TIM A<b>Allergy</b>:
       Peanuts<b>Status</b>: Active<b>Criticality</b>: Low Risk<b>Category</b>: Food
       p>Note</b>: Nov 2, 2020 5:36 P.M. UTC - Hong, Jennifer - Since childhood</div>"
"recordedDate": "2020-11-02T11:36:26.000-06:00",
"patient": {
   "reference": "Patient/12742400",
   "display": "PETERS, TIM A"
"substance": {
   "coding": [
           "system": "http://snomed.info/sct",
           "code": "762952008",
           "display": "Peanut",
           "userSelected": false
   "text": "Peanuts"
"status": "active",
"criticality": "CRITL",
"type": "allergy",
"category": "food",
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"status": "active",
"criticality": "CRITL",
"type": "allergy",
"category": "food"
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Masked Fields

Entered In Error Status Example

```
"fullUrl": "https://fhir-myrecord.cerner.com/dstu2/ec2458f2-1e24-41c8-b71b-0e701af7583d/AllergyIntolerance/
   12767095",
"resource": {
   "resourceType": "AllergyIntolerance",
   "id": "12767095",
   "text": {
       "status": "generated",
       "div": "<div><b>Allergy Intolerance</b><b>Allergy</b>: Entered In Error<b>Status</b>:
           Entered In Error</div>"
    "patient": {
       "reference": "Patient/12742400"
   "substance": {
       "text": "Entered In Error"
   "status": "entered-in-error"
```



Data Access

Masked Resources

- Some content may have been deemed not available to consumers by site policy or state law
- May not be available to any consumer (self or proxy)
 - EG Administrative tasks, HIV status
- May not be available to specific classes of consumers
 - EG Pregnancy status not exposed to an adolescent's parents



Data Access

Masked Resources

- The big takeaway: Absence of data doesn't mean "negation"
 - IE Absence of pregnancy or HIV results doesn't mean there wasn't one
- If the app needs this data to work safely, it may need to confirm with the user



Other API Differences



Other API Differences

Writes

Writes currently aren't available

- Future investigation
- Argonaut/HL7 also thinking through these workflows

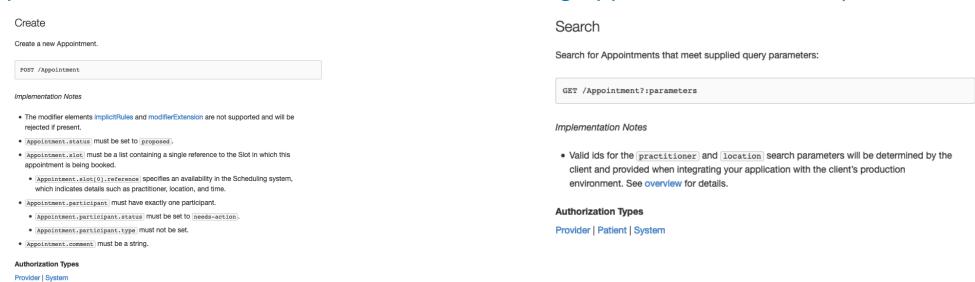
For scheduling: Currently use a B2B/system account

- Chicken/egg of patient self-registering vs having a portal login
- Allows addition of basic patient demographics and appointment
- This is specific to scheduling workflows, B2B isn't a "workaround" for other writes



Source Of Truth

- All of these action level / resource level differences are available in Conformance and CapabilityStatement and documentation
- Documentation: Authorization Types section
 - https://fhir.cerner.com/millennium/dstu2/scheduling/appointment/#create
 - https://fhir.cerner.com/millennium/dstu2/scheduling/appointment/#search (available for patients)





Capability Statement / Conformance

```
},
   "type": "AllergyIntolerance",
   "interaction": [
            "code": "read"
            "code": "search-type"
   "searchParam":
            "name": "_id",
            "type": "token",
            "documentation": "A single or comma
                is not given"
```

```
"type": "AllergyIntolerance",
"interaction": [
        "code": "create"
        "code": "read"
        "code": "update"
        "code": "search-type"
"updateCreate": false,
"searchParam": [
```



Other Considerations



Other Considerations

Privacy Concerns

- The patient is handing over their health information
- App should provide easy access to:
 - Who to contact for support / How to get support
 - What data the app uses and how it uses this data?
 - Where the data is stored, sent, or shared?
 - EG Is this going to stay on your own servers for research?
 - Who will have access to the data?
 - Will the data be de-identified?



Other Considerations

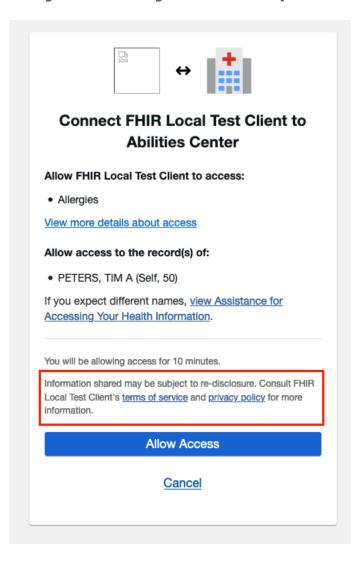
Privacy Concerns

- Privacy policy URL can be provided and included on the authorization page
- Terms of Service can be provided and included on the authorization page
- Breach notifications?



Privacy Concerns

Terms of Service and Privacy Policy Example





Code Program and Onboarding



code Program

Membership is *not* required if the app uses only the common clinical data set reads/searches

- AllergyIntolerance
- CarePlan (team and plan)
- Condition
- Device
- DocumentReference
- Goal
- Immunization
- MedicationOrder
- MedicationStatement

- Patient
- Procedure
- Observation
 - Labs
 - Vitals
 - Social History / Smoking



Taking it to Prod

- Basic company details
 - Company details
 - Business contacts
 - Support contacts
- TOS and Privacy policy URLs
- Normal app registration details (redirect/launch, scopes, etc.)
- Helps clients find help
- Helps us contact you in case of issues



Taking it to Prod cont.

- CCDS apps are not listed in our App gallery
- Registered CCDS apps are listed on a client accessible page as options to whitelist
- Once registered and ready, you contact clients
- Clients log a simple service request to whitelist your app in their environment



Validation?

- Part of the code program, but not required for CCDS access
- Can pay a validation fee to get validated and listed in our app gallery
- Validation improves quality!



Learn More



Tutorial

Tutorial Demo

- https://engineering.cerner.com/smart-on-fhir-tutorial/#introduction
- https://engineering.cerner.com/smart-on-fhir-tutorial/#patient-app
- https://engineering.cerner.com/smart-on-fhir-tutorial/#standalone-app-launch-for-patient-access-workflow



Learn More

Other Talks

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- SMART on FHIR Authorization Today at 1:30 pm
- Best Practices for App Integration Today at 3:30 pm
- Troubleshooting SMART/FHIR Today at 2:30 pm
- Putting It All Together Tomorrow at 9:00 am



