Great Post!!! I am an "Implementer" and could not agree more with everything in Grahame's post. HL7 v3 (and by extension CCD/CDA) is overly complex, unintuitive and seems bent on maintaining an abstract data structure at the expense solving

real world problems easily and quickly.

The incredible paucity of example CDA example documents from HL7 seems to indicate that even the standards developers have a

hard time generating CDA documents.