

# International Patient Summary (IPS) - Moving from Specification to (Global) Implementation

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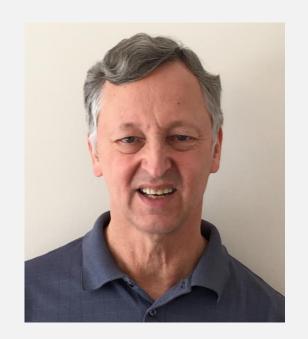






#### Who am I?

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#### **Learning Objectives**

- Describe the the purpose and primary features of the FHIR International Patient Summary (IPS) standard
- Understand the collaborative process and the contributions from multiple SDOs in developing and maintaining the IPS standard
- Identify the planned IPS implementation strategies and related standards and projects

#### What is the IPS?

International

It emphasizes the need to provide generic solutions for global application beyond a particular region or country.

- Patient
- Summary

Health record extract comprising a standardized collection of clinical and contextual information (retrospective, concurrent, prospective) that provides a snapshot in time of a subject of care's health information and healthcare

SOURCE: ISO/TR 12773-1:2009 (en) Business requirements for health summary records — Part 1: Requirements]

## **IPS:** a focused Patient Summary



Provide a healthcare summary for a citizen at the point of care



It is minimal and non-exhaustive



It is **specialty-agnostic** and **condition-independent...**...but still **clinically relevant** 

#### **IPS:** a focused Patient Summary



Designed to be simple and implementable



Usable any time, in any place; by any one



Multi-beneficiaries: Individuals, Healthcare Providers, Society

#### International Patient Summary

## Health record extract

 Snapshot in time of a subject of care's health information and healthcare

#### **International**

 generic solutions for global application beyond a particular region or country.

#### **Scoped**

- Designed for Unscheduled (crossborder) care
- ...but it provides a
   base-line usable also
   within other
   scheduled or planned
   care cases.



## International Patient Summary

- It doesn't pretend to accommodate all the situations.
- It recognises that the ideal dataset is not closed, and is likely to be extended.

#### **Minimal**

Non-exhaustive

Specialty-agnostic

Condition-independent

- Reflects the ideas of 'summary' and the need to be concise
- It alludes to the existence of a core set of data items that all health care professionals can use;

#### International Patient Summary

Minima

Non-exhaustive

**Specialty-agnostic** 

**Condition-independent** 

- It does not imply that all the items in the dataset will be used in every patient summary.
- It is a starter set of data to help inform a
  person's treatment at the point of care,
  irrespective of the condition of the patient or
  of the specialist trying to manage the care.

## IPS: fulfilling a clinical need...

<u>Maintain</u> and <u>grow</u> to better meet the need

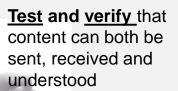


Adopt and implement into vendor products



**Need:** an up-to-date clinical summary, available at the point of care, anywhere

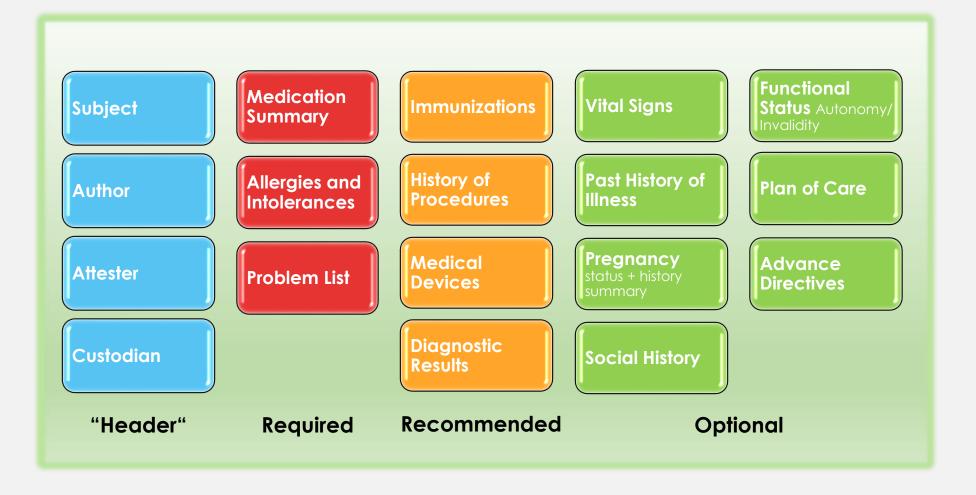
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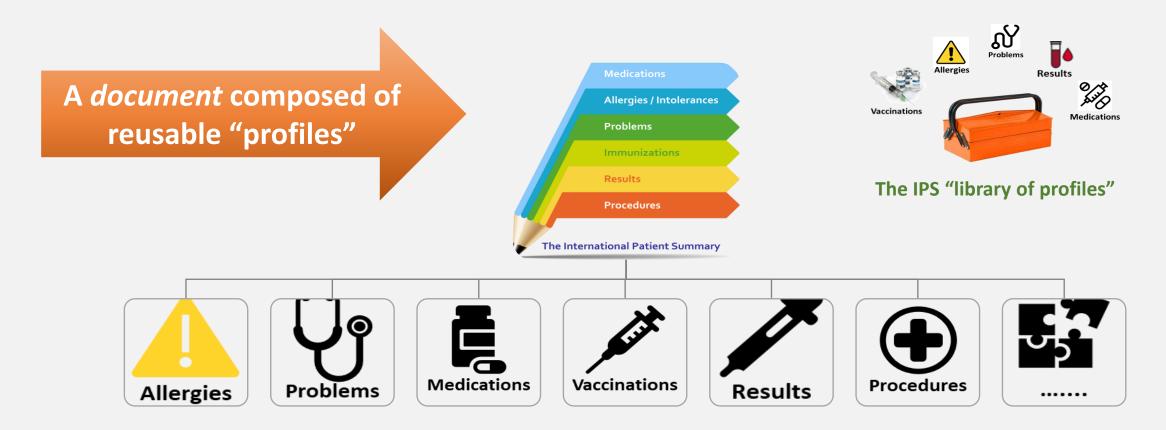


Build a <u>standardized</u> set of clinical content, that can be effectively utilized by any clinician, anywhere

#### **IPS Content Sections**



## What makes up the IPS



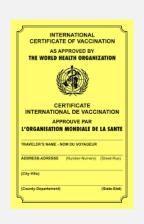
## The IPS "library"











## Envisioned "specialized" IPS use

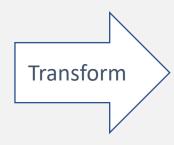
#### The "Immunization" IPS





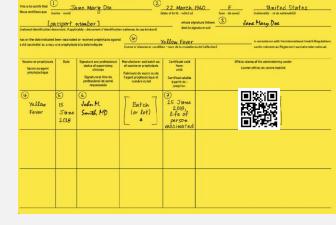






#### **Digital Certificate**

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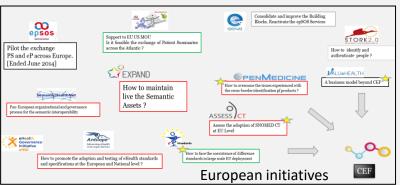




**FHIR Vaccination Certificate** 

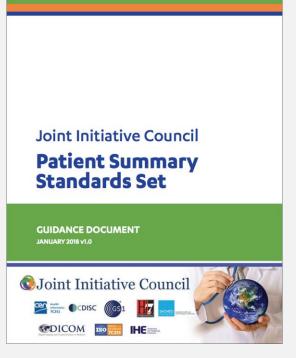
The Patient Summary journey...









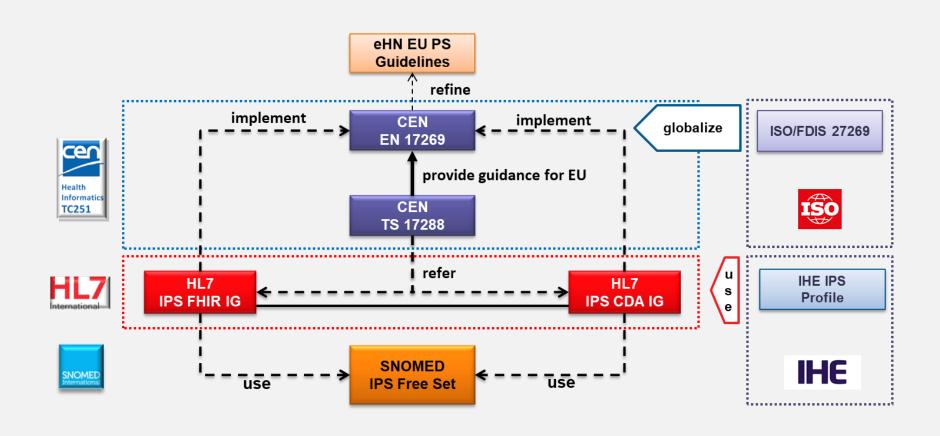






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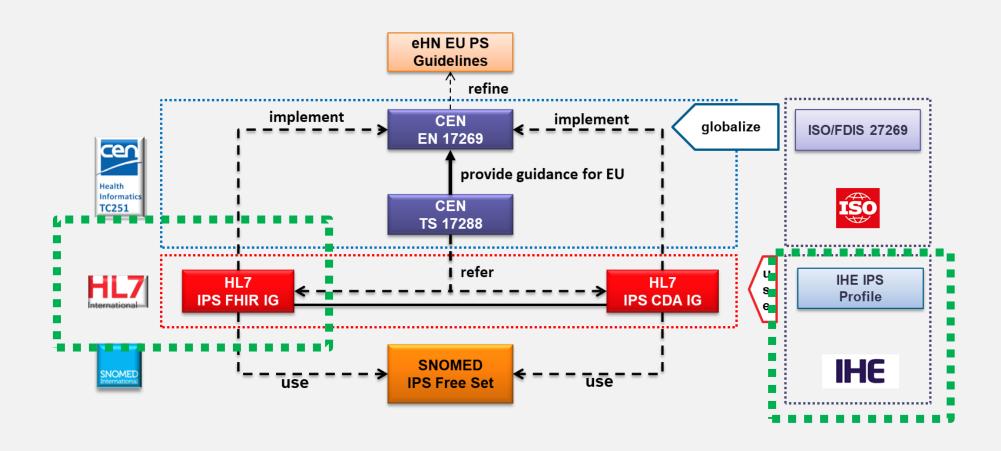
## The IPS landscape





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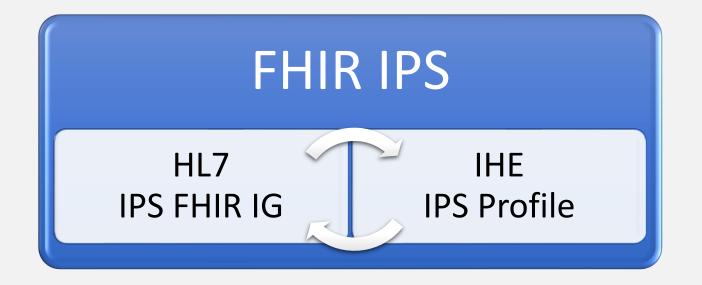
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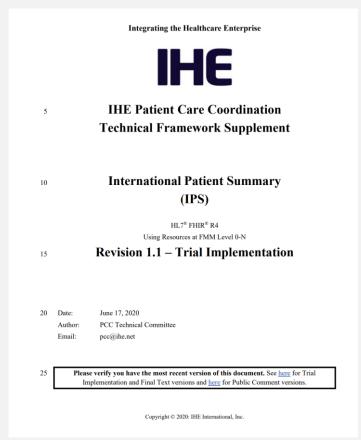
#### The FHIR IPS



## There is only one FHIR IPS!

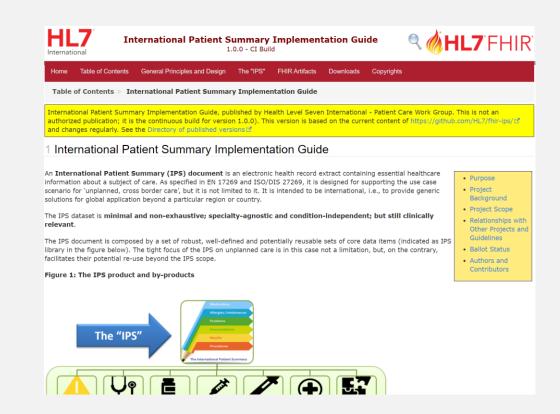


#### The FHIR IPS





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## IPS Standards Artifacts & Processes working together

#### **Specification**





#### **Implementation**



HL7 FHIR Implementation Guide CDA Implementation Guide



IHE IPS Profile



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## **Conformity Assessment**

IHE Connectathon(s) FHIR Connectathon(s)





IPS "free" Set
Global Patient Set (GPS)

#### **IPS Standards Artefacts**

- ISO/DIS 27269 approved
- CEN/EN 17269 and CEN/TS 17288 published
- HL7 FHIR and CDA Implementation Guides (IG) published as "Standard for Trial Use"
- IHE IPS Profile for both CDA and FHIR published for "Trial Implementation"
- SNOMED CT has published the free for use "Global Patient Set (GPS)" (including the IPS "free set")

#### **Cross-SDO Promotion of IPS Adoption**

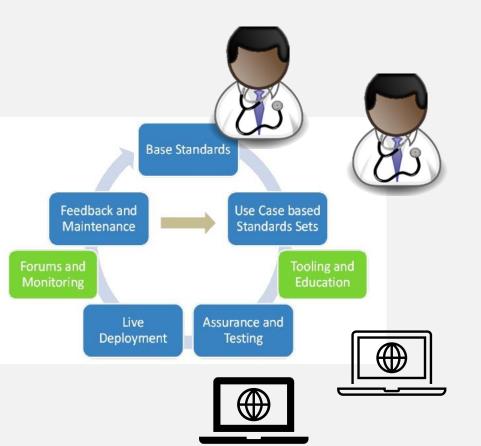
#### HL7 IPS Project Group

 Expect to publish IPS Standard for Trial Use (STU) update soon (hopefully by July 2021)

#### IPS Cross-SDO Collaboration Group

- HL7, IHE, ISO, SNOMED, CEN and others
- Meet biweekly focus on maintaining alignment and progressing further development and implementation of the IPS specifications

#### How do we work together on the IPS?







Structure and content



Coded terms



Workflow





Documents and API's











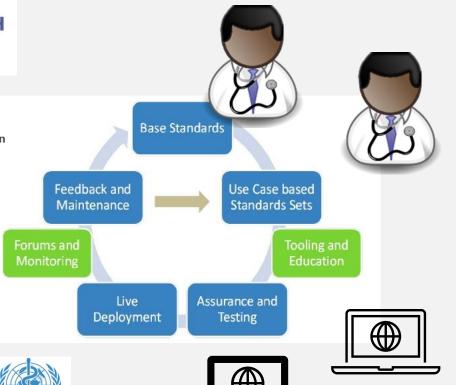
## In close collaboration with real-world projects













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#### What have we learned so far?

- Cross-SDO collaborations work very well when there is a focused need
- Each SDO brings their unique expertise, tooling and processes
- A suite of artifacts that work together ultimately helps the end user
- Growth and maintenance are key steps that can't be forgotten
- Adoption and implementation can be improved by leveraging existing international collaborations:
  - Joint Initiative Council
  - Global Consortium for eHealth Interoperability
  - Global Digital Health Partnership

## The next step for IPS – real world implementation!

- Having a standard is nice ...
- But it's of little benefit unless it is widely adopted and used!

## **IPS Implementation Initiatives**

• Global Digital Health Partnership (GDHP)

Interoperability Work Stream - IPS Work Group



- Leadership from US/ONC
- 31 countries & WHO
- Goals
  - 10 countries implementing IPS in pilot project by end of 2021
  - 20 countries implementing IPS, with 10 in production use, by end of 2022
- Global Consortium for eHealth Interoperability (GCeHI)
  - HL7, IHE, HIMSS







## Update the FHIR IPS IG

- Learn from experience with balloting, review and testing (STU update)
- Fix issues with slicing non-repeating CodeableConcept elements
  - E.g., Condition.code
- Relax unnecessary constraints
  - Causing incompatibility with US Core, vaccination certificates (VCI, DCC, etc.)
- Revise mustSupport
  - Use only when really needed
- Convert IG source files to FSH!
- Update SNOMED CT GPS and other terminologies to current versions

## Update the FHIR IPS IG

- Update SNOMED CT GPS and other terminologies to current versions
- Move IG-specific terminology to THO (terminology.hl7.org) (also known as UTG) where appropriate
  - E.g. "Absent and Unknown Data IPS" code system
    - Drop the "IPS" from the name and make available for others to find and use where appropriate

#### **GDHP Mini-Connectathon**

- Focused 4 hour time block to promote and further IPS implementation efforts in GDHP member countries and territories
- Intent is to provide further opportunities in conjunction with and between the larger HL7 FHIR and IHE Connectathon events, and build upon and further promote and enhance the accomplishments of those events
- Leverage common tool suites as much as possible
  - Gain and promote familiarity with Inferno, IHE Gazelle, etc.
- First Mini-Connectathon was held in May, next one is being planned for later in June/July (following IHE Europe Connectathon)

## Decide on common terminologies!

- Difficult, but necessary step
  - Deferred initially, but now is the time to do it
- Primarily a GDHP effort now but expect to extend that more broadly (globally?)
- Can we standardize on?
  - SNOMED CT for medications, allergy/intolerance, conditions, immunizations
  - LOINC for Observation.code
- To achieve the vision for IPS, we need to solve the "Tower of Babel" problem!

#### Collaborate with related projects

- International Patient Access (IPA)
  - Originated by Grahame Grieve to internationalize the patient data access
    - http://build.fhir.org/ig/HL7/fhir-ipa/branches/main/index.html
  - Provides secure API access to broad range of patient data
  - National specs (e.g., US CORE) may build on IPA
  - Different, but related to IPS (IPA is about access, IPS is about content)
    - <a href="http://build.fhir.org/ig/HL7/fhir-ipa/branches/main/ips-relationship.html">http://build.fhir.org/ig/HL7/fhir-ipa/branches/main/ips-relationship.html</a>
- IPS needs IPA because IPS needs data!
  - Expect to be completely compatible, but intend to avoid a direct dependency (to preserve implementation flexibility)
  - IPA should be able to help handle security/provenance considerations

#### **Engage with vendors**

- This has been rather slow so far
- But there is some encouragement
- 4 European vendors will be testing the IHE IPS FHIR profile in the IHE Europe Connectathon next week
- We need at least one major vendor to step up!

## Reference implementation(s)

- What can we build?
- Work with open-source EHR projects
  - OpenMRS, OpenHIE, OpenEMR. others?
- Server development (e.g., HAPI)
  - Intend to build out 'document' Bundle transaction capability in HAPI
  - Implement proposed Patient resource \$summary operation in HAPI
    - Can generates an IPS instance for a patient based on existing data and a set of rules
    - Rules can be server-defined (default) or specified by parameter
    - Need to answer the "relevant" question for what data to include

## Expand the community

- Promote and encourage use of IPS "Community of Practice" Zulip stream
  - https://chat.fhir.org/#narrow/stream/207835-IPS
- Now there is also an IPA stream
  - https://chat.fhir.org/#narrow/stream/261969-IPA
- We are now extending the weekly HL7 IPS meetings to also include the work on IPA
  - Develop both projects in close collaboration
  - Ideally with considerable overlap in the project teams

## We need you!

- Weekly HL7 IPS/IPA call
  - Wednesday 10:30 AM 12:00 noon ET (14:30 16:00 UTC)
  - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5328571160
- Bi-weekly IPS Cross-SDO Collaboration call
  - Wednesday 2:00 3:00 PM ET (next call June 16)
  - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89197612486?pwd=elBROGxwblNXa0hOdFhOc0 VxOHZpUT09

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