

# Conformance Testing of Healthcare Data Exchange Standards for EHR Certification

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# Why you should care?

US healthcare safety/quality is low and cost is high

- Premature deaths associated with preventable harm to patients in hospital estimated at more than 400,000 per year<sup>1</sup>
- Medical errors are the third leading cause of death behind heart disease and cancer<sup>2</sup>
- Healthcare is expensive → over 1/6 of US GDP<sup>3</sup>

## Reasons (Some)

- Wrong information, lack of information
- Timeliness of information, misinterpretation of information

## One Solution (Part of)

- Access to and use of electronic health records (EHR-S) that are seamlessly integrated into patient care workflow and provide right data at the right place at the right time

## Method

- EHR-S that are certified as conformant to testable interoperability standards

## NIST Role

- Aid in healthcare interoperability standards development
- Develop EHR-S conformance and interoperability test tools for certification

<sup>1</sup> [http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/fulltext/2013/09000/a\\_new\\_evidence\\_based\\_estimate\\_of\\_patient\\_harms.2.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/journalpatientsafety/fulltext/2013/09000/a_new_evidence_based_estimate_of_patient_harms.2.aspx)

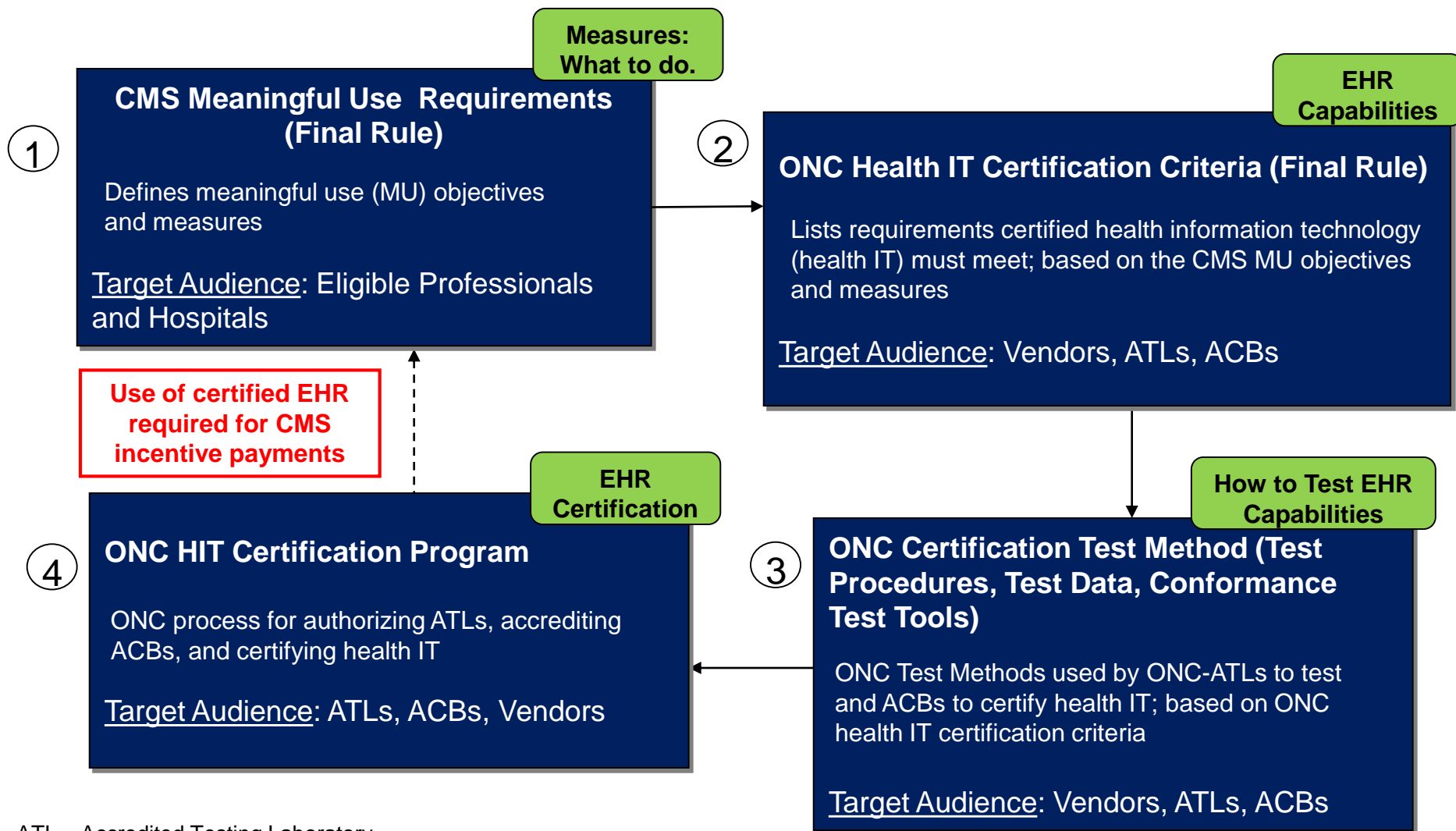
<sup>2</sup> <http://www.forbes.com/sites/leahbinder/2013/09/23/stunning-news-on-preventable-deaths-in-hospitals/>

<sup>3</sup> [http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SH.XPD.TOTL.ZS?order=wbapi\\_data\\_value\\_2013+wbapi\\_data\\_value+wbapi\\_data\\_value-last&sort=desc](http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SH.XPD.TOTL.ZS?order=wbapi_data_value_2013+wbapi_data_value+wbapi_data_value-last&sort=desc)

# Outline

- EHR Adoption (National Incentive Program)
  - CMS Meaningful Use
  - HHS Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) EHR Certification
  - NIST Role in EHR Standard Development and Conformance Testing
- HL7 V2 Standard Overview
  - Messaging Standard for Exchanging Administrative and Clinical Data
  - Constraining the Standard for Specific Use Cases (Profiling)
- Perspectives of Testing
  - Localization
  - Conformance (Capability vs. Site) and Interoperability
- Conformance Testing
  - Testing Sending Systems
    - Context-free and Context-based
  - Testing Receiver Systems

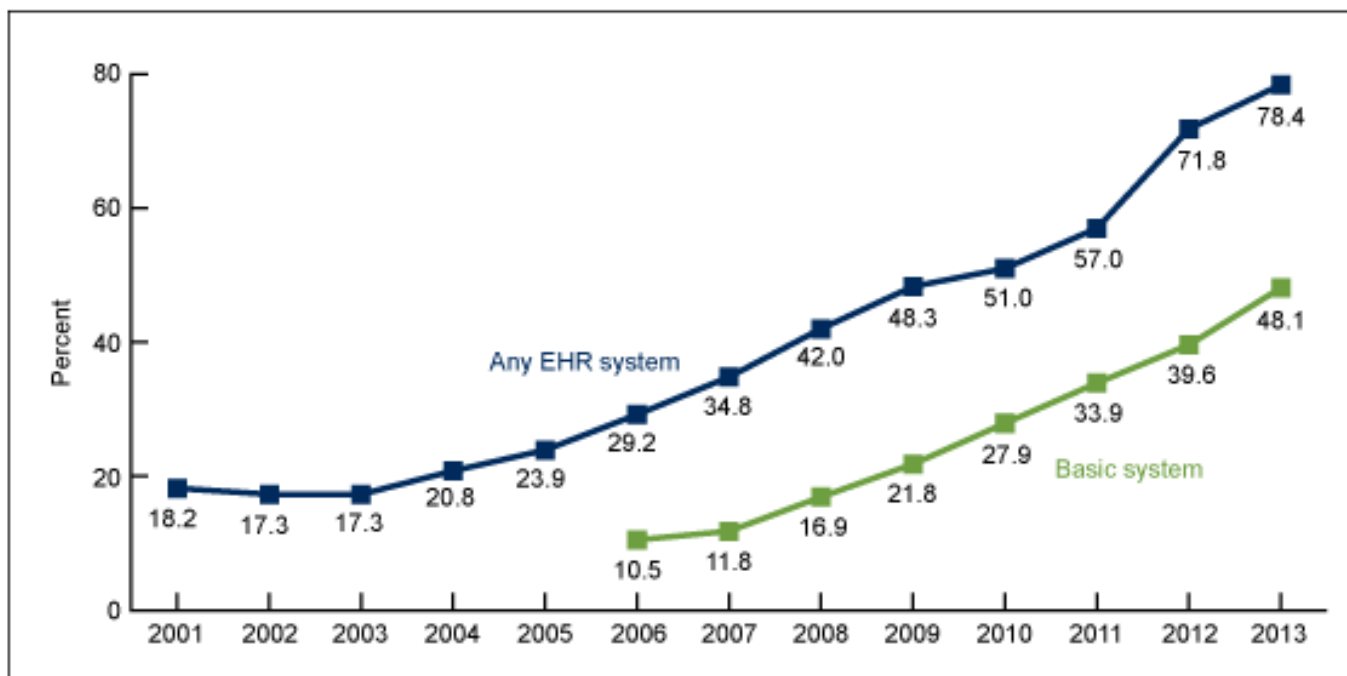
# CMS MU Program and ONC HIT Program



ATL – Accredited Testing Laboratory  
ACB – Authorized Certification Body



## Percentage of office-based physicians with EHRs: United States, 2001–2013

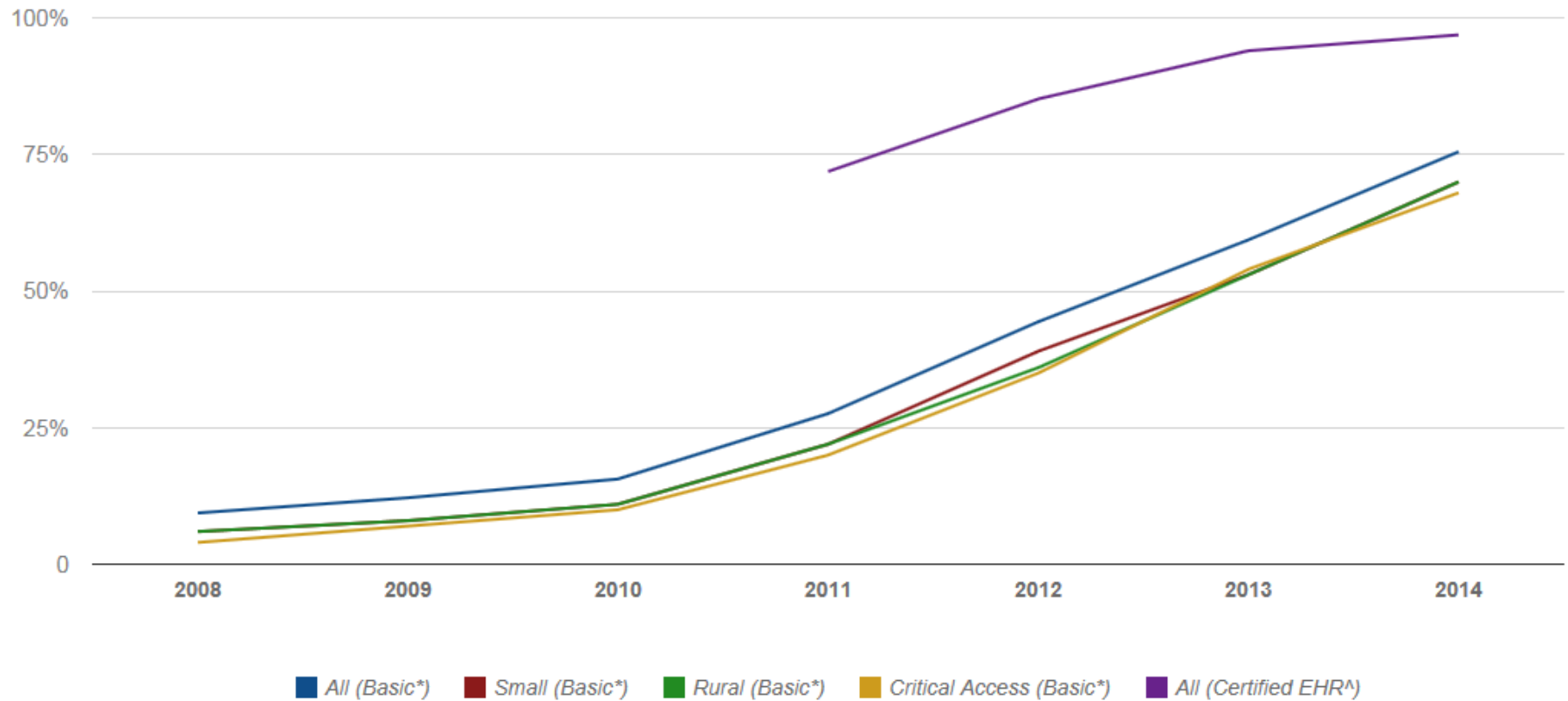


NOTES: EHR is electronic health record. "Any EHR system" is a medical or health record system that is either all or partially electronic (excluding systems solely for billing). Data for 2001–2007 are from in-person National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) interviews. Data for 2008–2010 are from combined files (in-person NAMCS and mail survey). Estimates for 2011–2013 data are based on the mail survey only. Estimates for a basic system prior to 2006 could not be computed because some items were not collected in the survey. Data include nonfederal, office-based physicians and exclude radiologists, anesthesiologists, and pathologists.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey and National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, Electronic Health Records Survey.

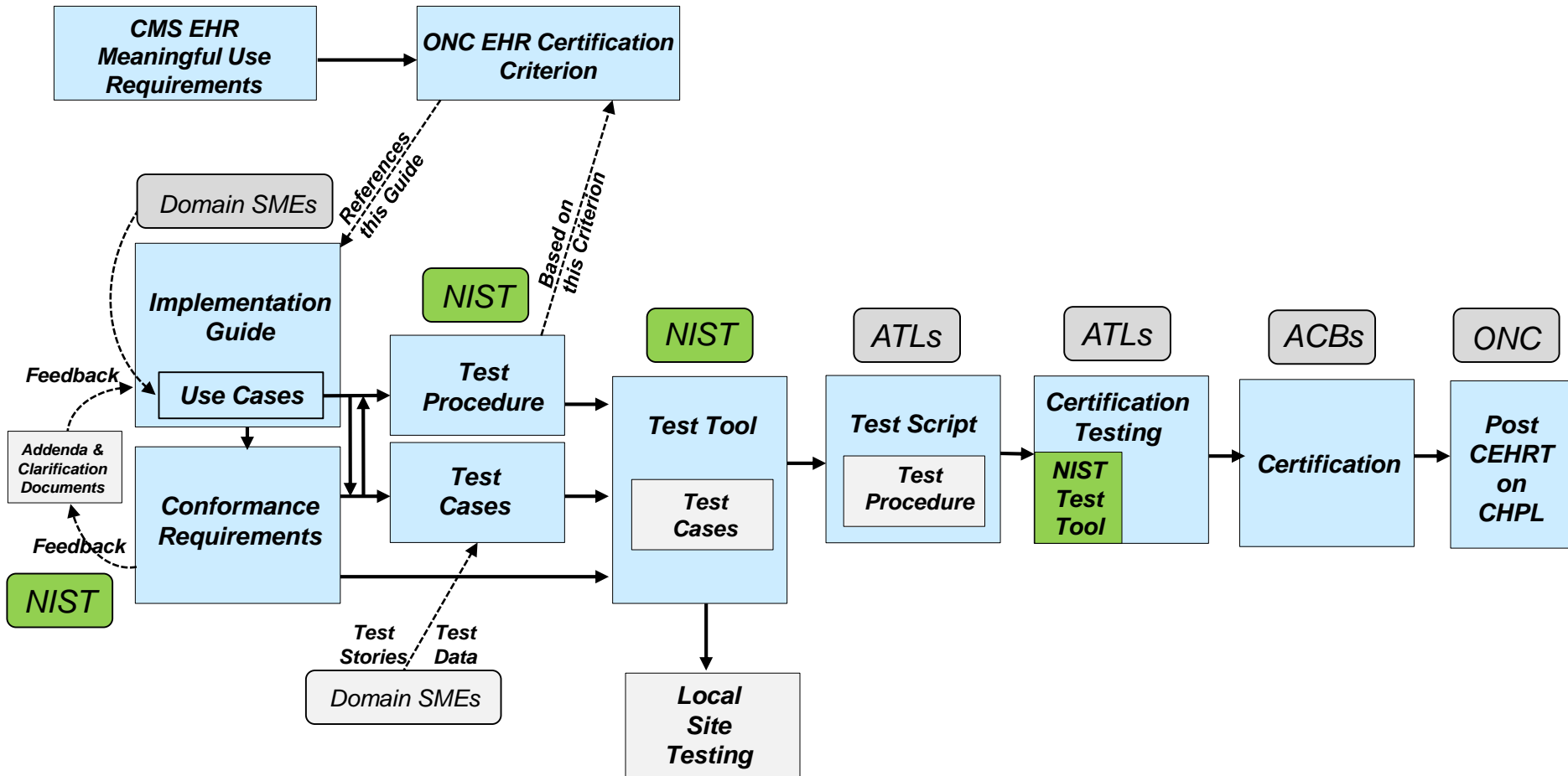
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# Non-federal acute care hospitals EHR Adoption: 2008-2014



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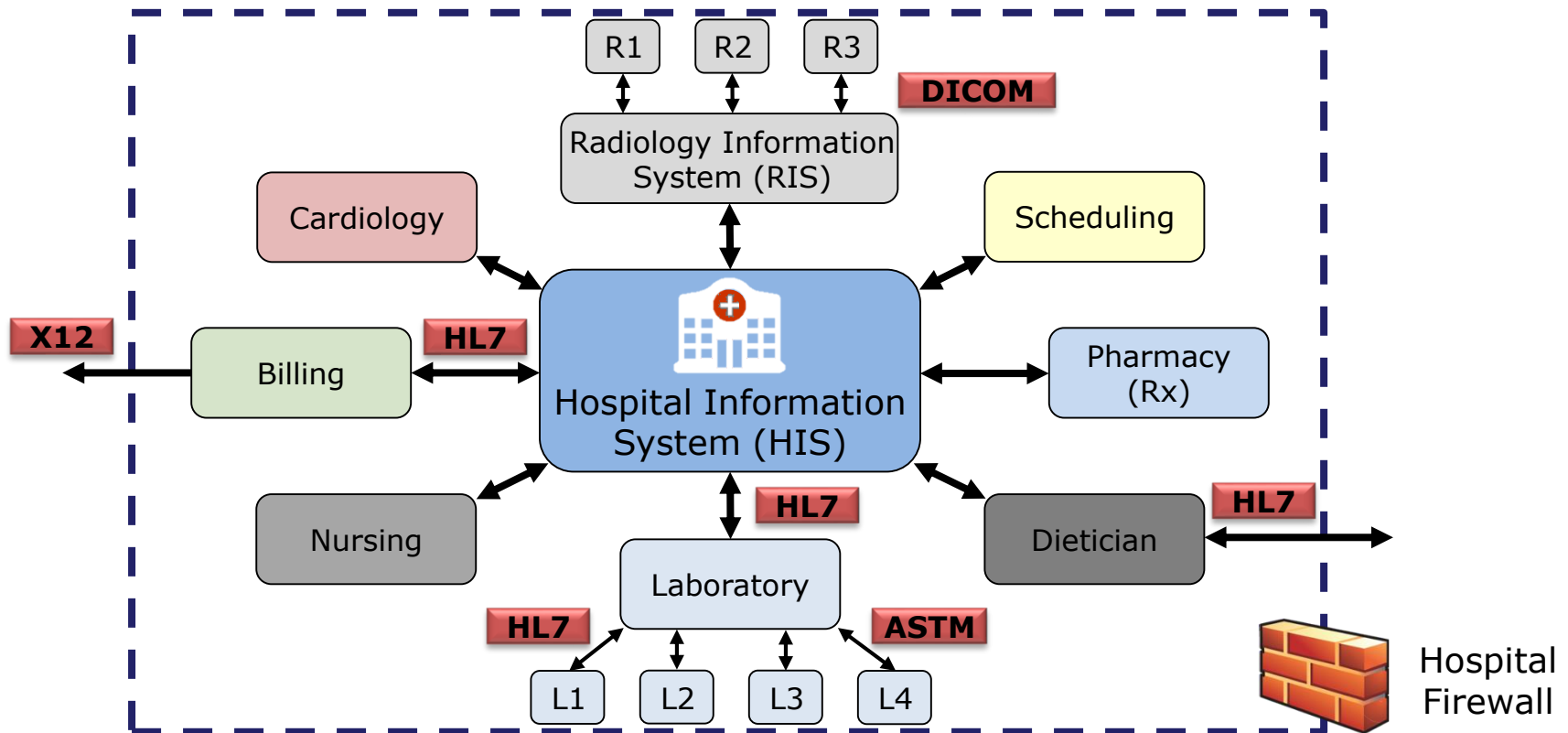
# NIST Role: Meaningful Use/Certification Process



NIST – National Institute of Standards and Technology  
 ACB – Authorized Certification Body  
 SME – Subject Matter Expert  
 CHPL – Certified Health IT Product List

ATL – Accredited Testing Laboratory  
 ONC – Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology  
 CEHRT – Certified Electronic Health Record Technology

# HL7 and Healthcare Integration

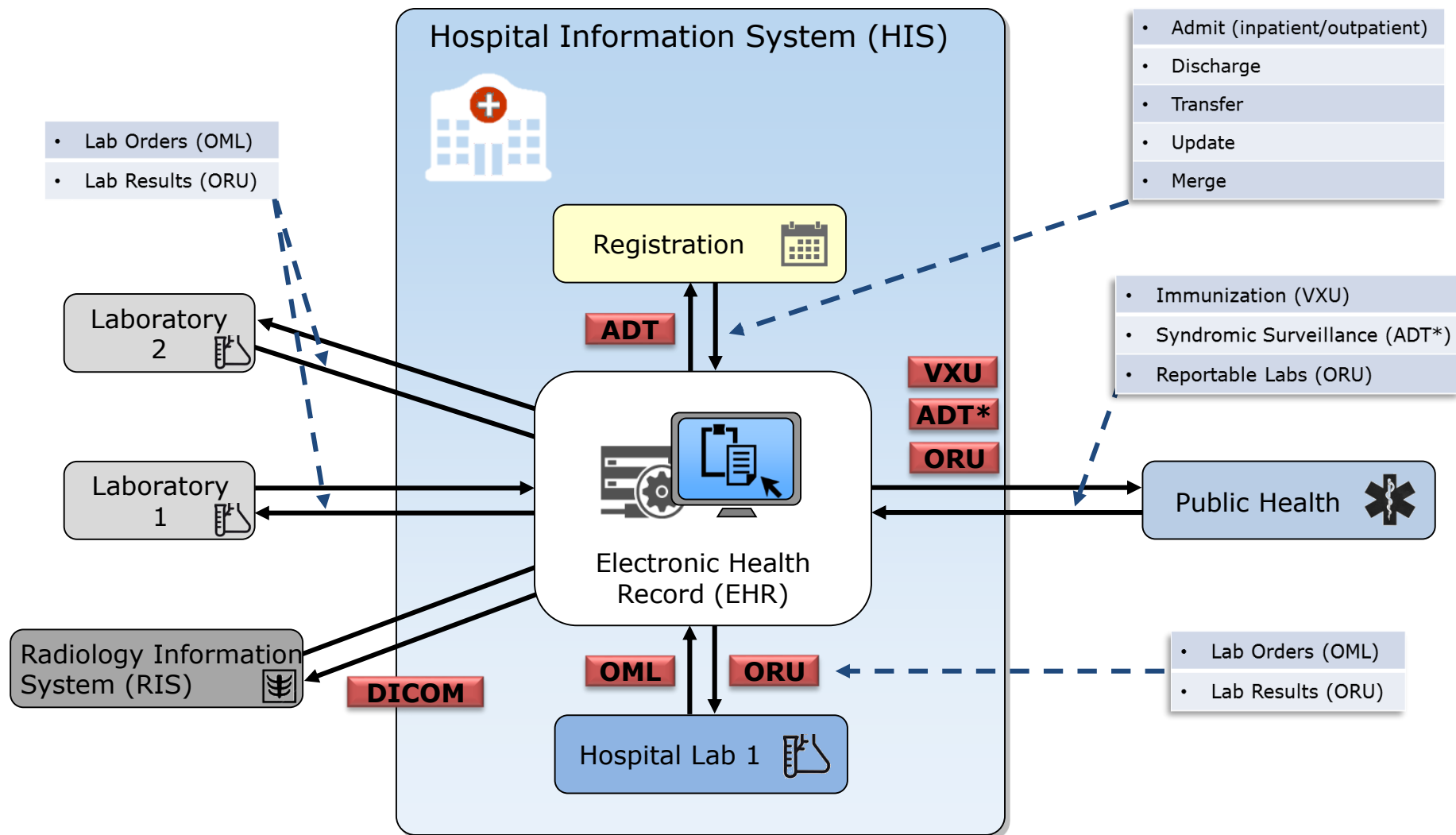


- HL7 (Health Level Seven) Messaging Standard (Application level)
- Standards for the exchange, management, and integration of data for clinical care
  - Messages model real world events
  - e.g., Messages for registering a patient or requesting a lab order
- HL7 provides a flexible framework to build messages
- Widely used; 90% of hospitals

Adapted from HL7 Desktop Reference Guide—NeoTool 2002

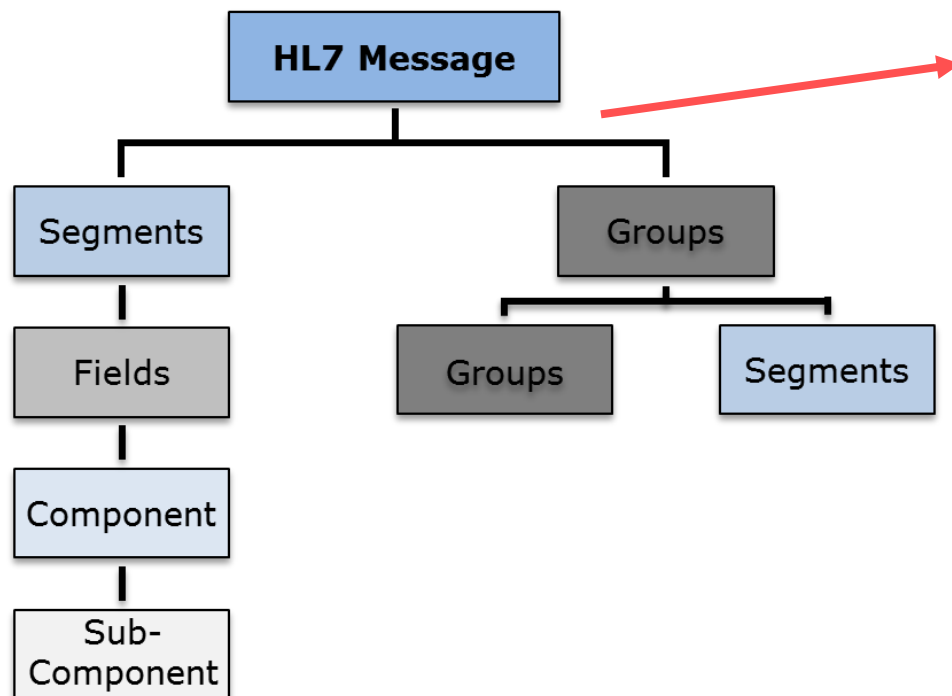


# Example Healthcare Integration



# HL7 V2 Message Framework

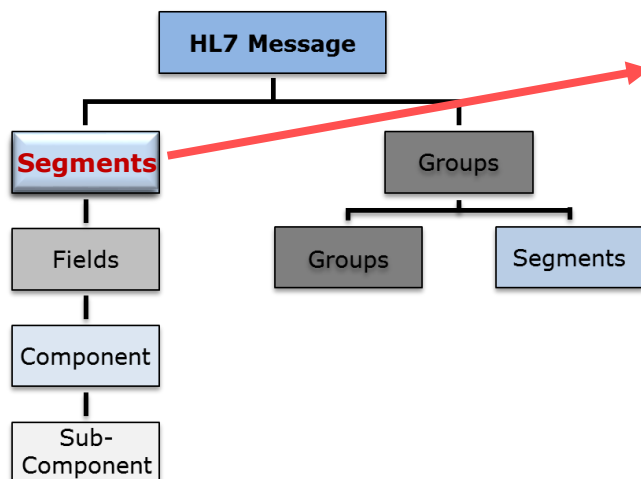
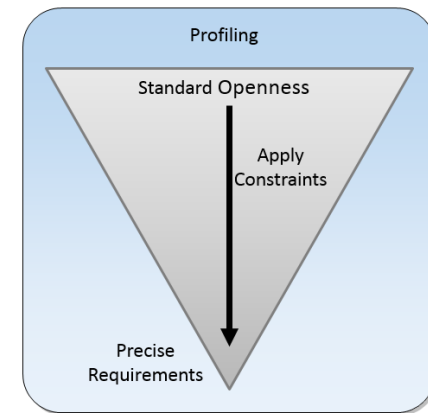
- HL7 V2 Standard - Hierarchy of Message Elements
  - Groups, Segments, Fields, Components, and Sub-Components
  - Groups and Segments can contain additional elements
  - Fields and Components can contain additional elements or are primitive elements
  - Sub-components are primitive elements (i.e., can data values)



- Many Message Events (100s)
- Model Real World Events, such as
- **Admit/Discharge/Transfer (ADT)**
  - ADT A04 (Register Patient)
  - ADT A08 (Update Patient Data)
  - Etc.
- **Lab Orders (OML)**
  - OML O21 (Order)
- **Lab Results (ORU)**
  - ORU R01 (Result)
- **Immunization**
- Etc.

# HL7 V2 Is a Framework (Broad Scope by Design)

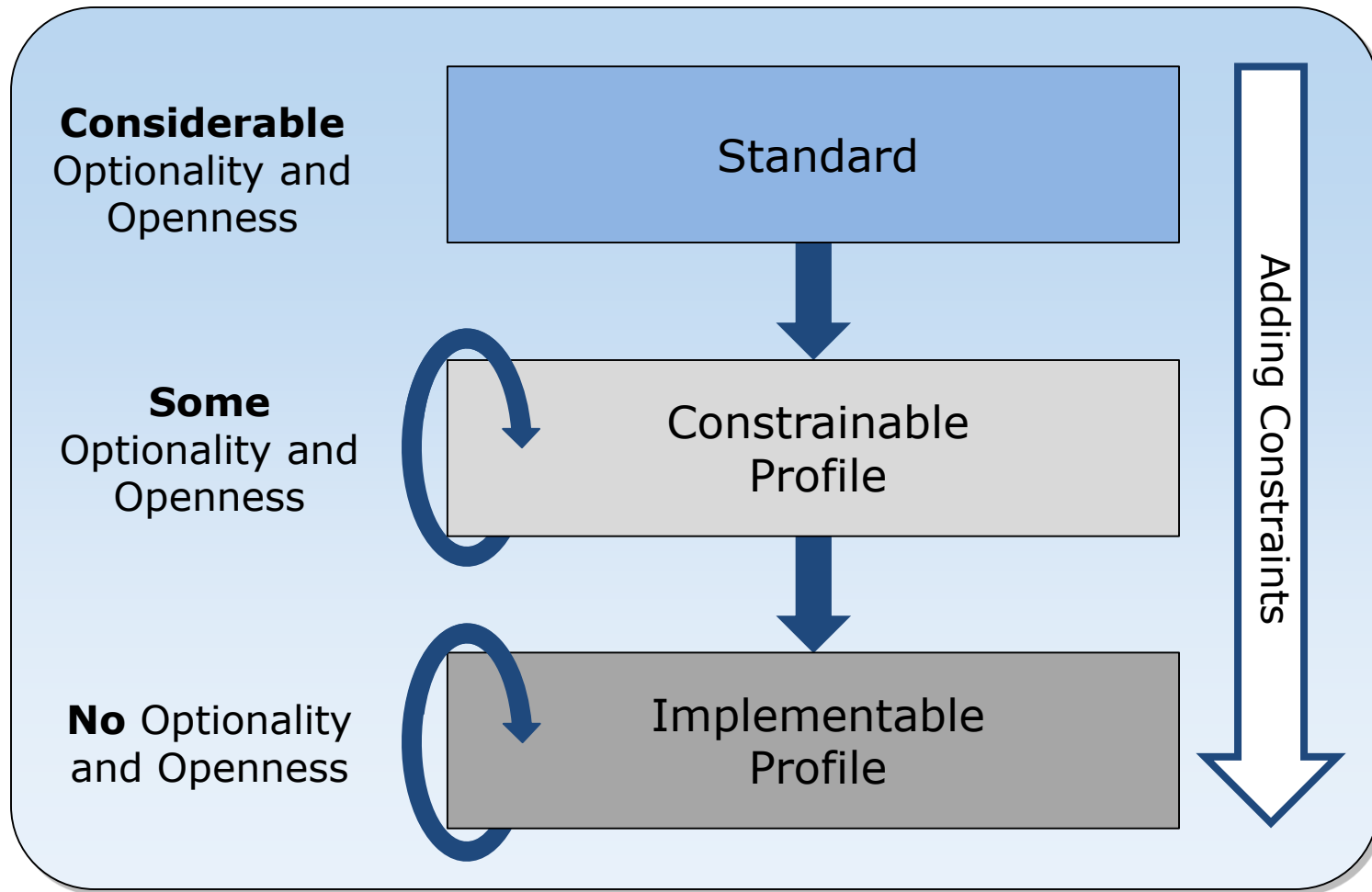
- Overwhelmingly large with many optional features
- Little agreement on how to define an interface
- Applications didn't know what to expect
- Profiling is necessary



**Example: PID Segment**

SEQ	LEN	DT	OPT	RP#	TBL#	ITEM	ELEMENT NAME
...							
5	250	XP	R	Y		00108	Patient Name
6	250	XP	O	Y		00109	Mother's Maiden Name
7	26	TS	O			00110	Date / Time of Birth
8	1	IS	O		0001	00111	Administrative Sex
9	250	XP	B	Y		00112	Patient Alias
10	250	CE	O	Y	0005	00113	Race
<b>11</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>XAD</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Y</b>		<b>00114</b>	<b>Patient Address</b>
12	4	IS	B		0289	00115	County Code
13	250	XTN	O	Y		00116	Phone Number - Home
...							
37	80	ST	O			01541	Strain
38	250	CE	O	2	0429	01542	Production Class Code

# Profile Hierarchy



# Profiling: Applying Constraints

## HL7 v2 Message Template

**VXU**  
Unsolicited vaccine history

## HL7 Base Standard

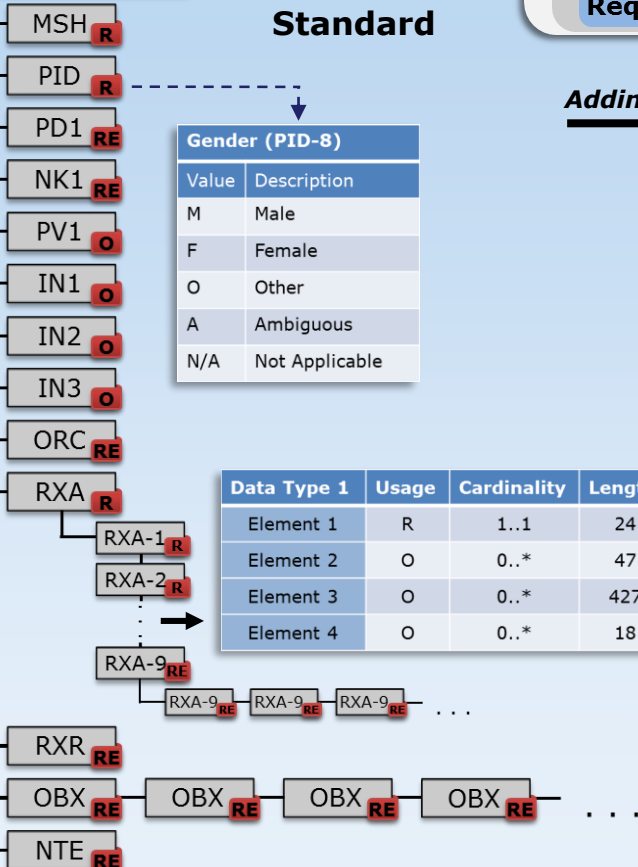
## Broad Framework

Use Cases

Specific Requirements

Adding Constraints

Standard Openness

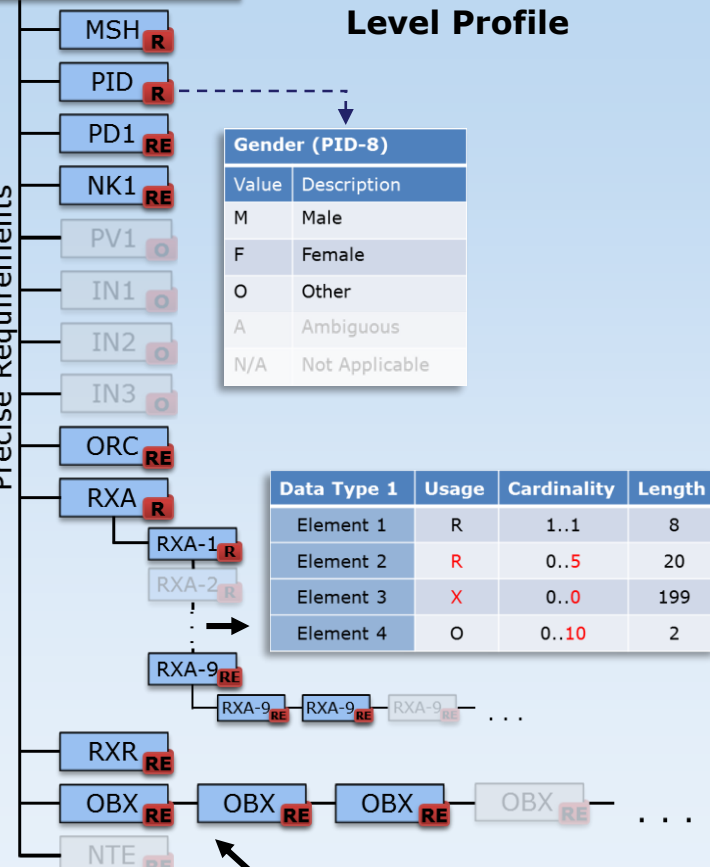


## Constrainable Profile

**VXU**  
Unsolicited vaccine history

## National Level Profile

Precise Requirements

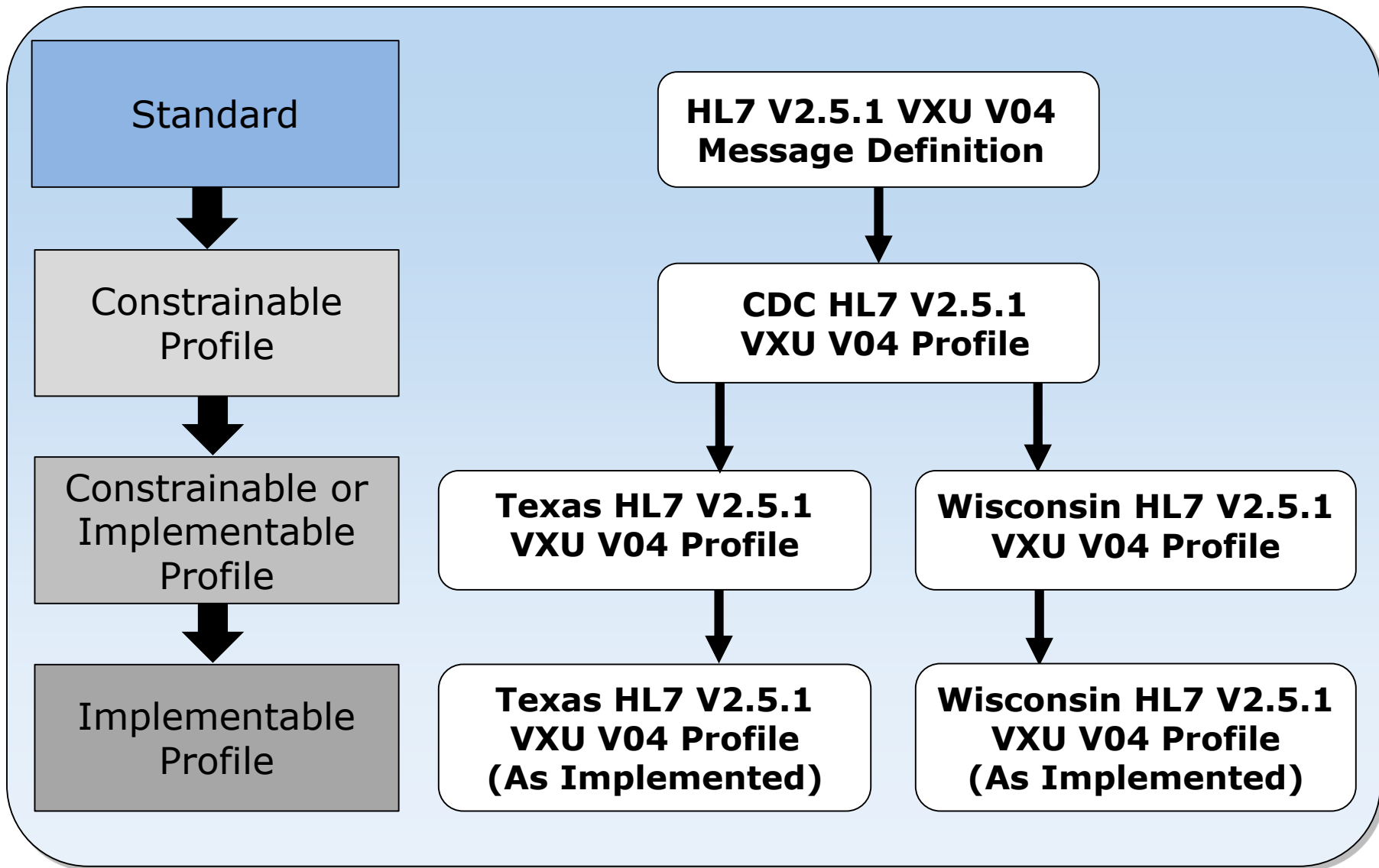


Explicit Constraint: OBX-11 (Status) SHALL be valued 'F'.



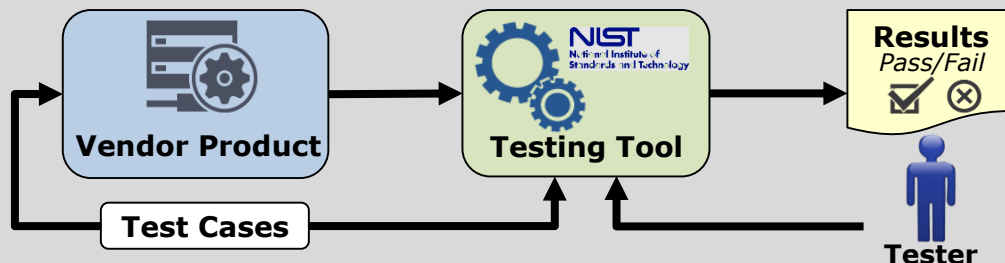
# Example HL7 Message: Immunization History and Forecast

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MSH|^~&|MyIIS|StatePH|MYEHR|DCS|20141031145233-0500||RSP^K11^RSP_K11|443533469|P|2.5.1|||NE|NE||||Z42^CDCPHINVS|DCS^^^^DCS^XX^^6439432|StatePH
MSA|AA|793543|||
QAK|37374859|OK|Z44^request evaluated Immunization history^CDCPHINVS||
QPD|Z44^Request Evaluated History and Forecast^CDCPHINVS |37374859|123456^^MYEHR^MR|Stanley^Clement^S^^L|Smith|19500214|M|10 East Main
St^Tittletown^W|^^L|PRN^PH^^1^690^1231234
PID|1||123456^^MYEHR^MR~34500907^^MyIIS^SR||Stanley^Clement^S^^L||19500214|M||10 East Main St^Tittletown^W|^^L
ORC|RE||197023^DCS|||||^Clerk^Myron|||||DCS^Dabig Clinical System^StateIIS
RXA|0|1|20090415|20090415|31^Hep B Peds NOS^CVX|999|||01^historical record^NIP001|||||CP|A|
OBX|1|CE|30956-7^vaccine type^LN|1|45^Hep B NOS^CVX |||||F|||||
OBX|2|CE|59779-9^Immunization Schedule used^LN|1|VXC16^ACIP^CDCPHINVS|||||F|||20141031
OBX|3|ID|59781-5^dose validity^LN|1|Y|||||F|||20141031
ORC|RE||1970213^DCS|||||^Clerk^Myron|||||DCS^Dabig Clinical System^StateIIS
RXA|0|1|20090515|20090515|31^Hep B Peds NOS^CVX|999|||01^historical record^NIP001|||||CP|A|
OBX|4|CE|30956-7^vaccine type^LN|2|45^Hep B NOS^CVX |||||F|||||
OBX|5|CE|59779-9^Immunization Schedule used^LN|2|VXC16^ACIP^CDCPHINVS|||||F|||20141031
OBX|6|ID|59781-5^dose validity^LN|2|Y|||||F|||20141031
ORC|RE||197023^DCS|||||^Clerk^Myron|||||DCS^Dabig Clinical System^StateIIS
RXA|0|1|20091215|20091215|31^Hep B Peds NOS^CVX|999|||01^historical record^NIP001|||||CP|A|
OBX|7|CE|30956-7^vaccine type^LN|3|45^Hep B NOS^CVX |||||F|||||
OBX|8|CE|59779-9^Immunization Schedule used^LN|3|VXC16^ACIP^CDCPHINVS|||||F|||20141031
OBX|9|ID|59781-5^dose validity^LN|3|Y|||||F|||20141031
.....
ORC|RE||197789023^DCS|||||^Clerk^Myron|||||DCS^Dabig Clinical System^StateIIS|||||
RXA|0|1|20101015|20101015|141^influenza seasonal^CVX |999|||01^historical record^NIP001|||||CP|A|
OBX|34|CE|30956-7^vaccine type^LN|12|88^influenza NOS^CVX |||||F|||||
OBX|35|CE|59779-9^Immunization Schedule used^LN|12|VXC16^ACIP^CDCPHINVS|||||F|||20141031|||||
OBX|36|ID|59781-5^dose validity^LN|12|Y|||||F|||20141031
ORC|RE||193337027^DCS|||||^Clerk^Myron||^Pediatric^MARY^~~~~~L~~~~~MD|||||
RXA|0|1|20110901|20110901|140^seasonal flu^CVX|0.5|mL^UCUM|00^new immunization record^NIP001|^Sticker^Nurse|^DCS_DC|||33k2a||PMC^sanofi^MVX||CP|A|
RXR|C28161^IM^NCIT|||
OBX|37|CE|30956-7^vaccine type^LN|13|88^influenza NOS^CVX |||||F|||||
OBX|38|CE|59779-9^Immunization Schedule used^LN|13|VXC16^ACIP^CDCPHINVS|||||F|||20141031|||||
OBX|39|ID|59781-5^dose validity^LN|13|Y|||||F|||20141031
ORC|RE||19537023^DCS|||||^Clerk^Myron|||||DCS^Dabig Clinical System^StateIIS|||||
RXA|0|1|20141031|20141031|998^no vaccine admin^CVX|999|||||NA|
OBX|40|CE|30956-7^vaccine type^LN|14|152^pcv NOS^CVX |||||F|||||
OBX|41|CE|59779-9^Immunization Schedule used^LN|14|VXC16^ACIP^CDCPHINVS|||||F|||||
OBX|42|DT|30980-7^Date vaccination due^LN|14|20150214|||||F|||||
OBX|43|DT|30981-5^Earliest Date to give^LN|14|20150914|||||F|||||
OBX|44|CE|30956-7^vaccine type^LN|15|88^influenza NOS^CVX |||||F|||||
OBX|45|CE|59779-9^Immunization Schedule used^LN|15|VXC16^ACIP^CDCPHINVS|||||F|||||
OBX|46|DT|30980-7^Date vaccination due^LN|15|20150914|||||F|||||
OBX|47|DT|30981-5^Earliest Date to give^LN|15|20150914|||||F|||||
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Focus of ONC Certification testing  
is on EHR Product Capabilities

## Phase 1: Capabilities Testing (Conformance Testing)



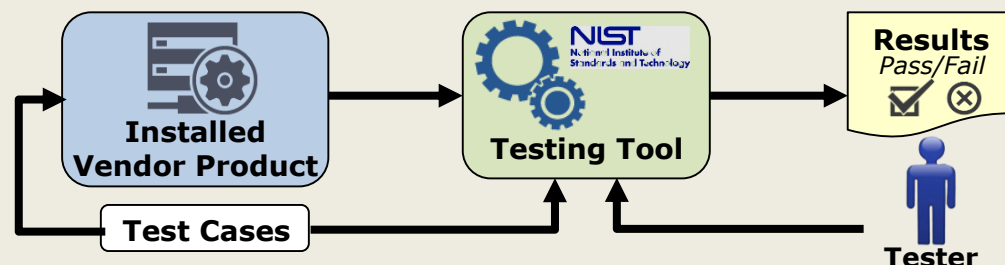
### Certification Criteria:

- National Requirements (*National Profile*)
- Vendor Product (*Test Environment*)

Conformance

Interoperability

## Phase 2: Capabilities Testing (Conformance Testing)



### Certification Criteria:

- Add Local Requirements (*Implementation Profile*)
- Vendor Product (*Configured and Installed*)

## Phase 3: Site Specific Testing (Interoperability Testing)

**Site A**  
*Purchases CEHRT 'ABC'*



**Site B**  
*Purchases CEHRT 'XYZ'*



Working Interface  
*Harmonize local requirements*

CEHRT =  
Certified **EHR**  
Technology

### Site A Specific:

- Revised Test Cases
- Local Requirements
- Local Regulations
- Configuration
- Local Testing
- Results

### Site B Specific:

- Revised Test Cases
- Local Requirements
- Local Regulations
- Configuration
- Local Testing
- Results

# The NIST EHR-S Certification HL7 V2 Test Tools

**Note:** For HL7 V2 only.  
NIST also develops tools  
for other ONC Criterion.

2015 Edition Criterion (Proposed Rule)	NIST Test Tool
Transmission to immunization registries (Send + Q/R)	Immunization Messaging
Transmission of reportable laboratory tests and results	Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR)
Transmission to public health—syndromic surveillance	Syndromic Surveillance
1) Transmission of laboratory test reports 2) Incorporate laboratory tests and values/results	LRI-Laboratory Results Interface (LRI)
Computerized provider order entry—lab (Orders)	Electronic Directory of Services-(eDOS)
Computerized provider order entry—lab (Compendium)	Laboratory Order Interface (LOI)
2014 Edition Criterion	NIST Test Tool
Transmission to immunization registries (Send Only)	Immunization Messaging
Transmission of reportable laboratory tests and results	Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR)
Transmission to public health—syndromic surveillance	Syndromic Surveillance
1) Transmission of laboratory test reports 2) Incorporate laboratory tests and values/results	LRI-Laboratory Results Interface (LRI)
2011 Edition Criterion	NIST Test Tool
Submission to Immunization Registries (Send Only)	Immunization Messaging
Reportable Lab Results	Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR)

# Syndromic Surveillance

HL7 V2 Validation Tool - Meaningful Use 2014 Edition Certification Testing

Home Context-free Validation Context-based Validation Profile Viewer Vocabulary Documentation Settings About

Welcome to the NIST Syndromic Surveillance Validation Suite

The NIST Syndromic Surveillance Validation Suite is intended for certifying 2014 Edition Meaningful Use EHR technology. The validation suite provides functionality to test EHR senders. The Syndromic Surveillance test tool covers the §170.314(f)(3) Transmission to public health agencies - Syndromic Surveillance Test Procedure. Use the Context-based Validation Tab for Meaningful Use certification testing.

A Google Group (HL7v2 Syndromic Testing) has been established for discussion/questions of the Implementation Guide, testing tool and testing issues. No membership is required. A google account is required for posting.

- Site: <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/hl7v2-syndromic-testing>
- Email: [hl7v2-syndromic-testing@googlegroups.com](mailto:hl7v2-syndromic-testing@googlegroups.com)

The following browsers are supported: Internet Explorer versions 8 and 9, Firefox, and Chrome. Recommended browsers are Internet Explorer 9, Firefox and Chrome.

## Key Capabilities

Context-free Testing	<b>(No Test Cases - Test any Syndromic Surveillance message created by EHR)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Context is unknown to validation tool</li><li>• Provides a simple and convenient method for testing message structure and most vocabulary</li></ul>
Context-based Testing	<b>(Test Cases - Test Syndromic Surveillance message associated with a specific test scenario)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Context is known to validation tool</li><li>• All conformance requirements of the SS Implementation Guide can be assessed</li><li>• Used for certifying 2014 Edition Meaningful Use EHR technology</li></ul>
Profile Viewer	Provides a browsable version of the conformance profile which encapsulates the requirements. Can be used to assist in the interpretation of errors.
Vocabulary Browser	Provides a browsable view of the vocabulary requirements. Can be used to assist in the interpretation of value set errors.
Documentation	Provides access to documents which will assist in using the tool (including test procedure, test cases, profile descriptions, vocabulary descriptions and validation tool download).



# On-line Requirements: Message Elements

1

Click on Profile Viewer tab.

2

Data elements may be filtered by Usage.

Select R, RE, C (Only) to view only required, required but may be empty and conditional elements.

Select R, RE, C, O, X (All) to view all data elements, including optional and not supported elements.

3

Click on a tab to filter data elements by segment. The Full tab displays data elements of all segments.

4

Locate data element using element name from the location link.

5

Usage will indicate whether data element is required. The value RE indicates it is but may be empty.

6

Minimum and maximum valid lengths of data element are listed.

7

Make a note of the table ID.

Home Context-free Validation Context-based Validation Profile Viewer Vocabulary Documentation									
Profile Data Type									
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Group <input checked="" type="radio"/> Segment <input checked="" type="radio"/> Field <input checked="" type="radio"/> Component <input checked="" type="radio"/> Subcomponent									
<input checked="" type="radio"/> R,RE,C (Only) <input type="radio"/> R,RE,C,O,X (All)									
<input checked="" type="radio"/> FULL <input type="radio"/> MSH <input type="radio"/> PID <input type="radio"/> PD1 <input type="radio"/> NK1 <input type="radio"/> ORC <input type="radio"/> RXA <input type="radio"/> RXR <input type="radio"/> OBX <input type="radio"/> NTE									
Location	Usage	Cardinality	Data Type	Length	Table	Predicate	Conformance Statement		
PD1.11 : Publicity Code	RE	[0,1]	CE_IZ	[1,483]	0215				
PD1.11.1 : Identifier	R	[1,1]	ST	[1,50]					
PD1.11.2 : Text	RE	[1,1]	ST	[1,999]					
PD1.11.3 : Name of Coding System	R	[1,1]	ID	[1,20]	0396				
PD1.11.4 : Alternate Identifier	RE	[1,1]	ST	[1,50]					
PD1.11.5 : Alternate Text	RE	[1,1]	ST	[1,999]					
PD1.11.6 : Name of Alternate Coding System	C(R/X)	[1,1]	ID	[1,20]	0396	If CE.4 (Alternate Identifier) is valued.			
PD1.12 : Protection Indicator	RE	[0,1]	ID	[1,1]	0136				
PD1.13 : Protection Indicator Effective Date	C(RE/X)	[0,1]	DT	[1,8]		If PD1-12 Indicator) is valued.			
PD1.16 : Immunization Registry Status	RE	[0,1]	IS	[1,1]	0441				

## Profile Viewer page

This page allows tester to view data element information including usage, cardinality, data type, length, table, condition predicate and conformance statements.

# On-line Requirements: Vocabulary

8

Click on Vocabulary tab.

9

Locate and select table ID.

10

Valid values are listed.

## Vocabulary page

This page provides the ability to browse the vocabulary requirements. Search capabilities are provided and include searching on value, table name, table ID and description.

The screenshot shows the 'Vocabulary' tab selected in the top navigation bar. The page is divided into two main sections: 'List of Tables' on the left and 'Value Set Information' on the right.

**List of Tables:** This section contains a table with columns 'Table Id' and 'Value Set Name'. The table lists various HL7 tables, including 0202 (Telecommunication Equipment Type), 0203 (Identifier Type), 0204 (Organizational Name Type), 0207 (Processing Mode), 0211 (Alternate Character Sets), 0215 (Publicity Code), 0296 (Language), 0301 (Universal ID Type), and 0322 (Treatment Completion Status). The '0215' table is highlighted.

**Value Set Information:** This section displays details for the selected table (0215). It includes a search box with the value '215' and a 'Search' button. Below the search box, the following information is displayed:

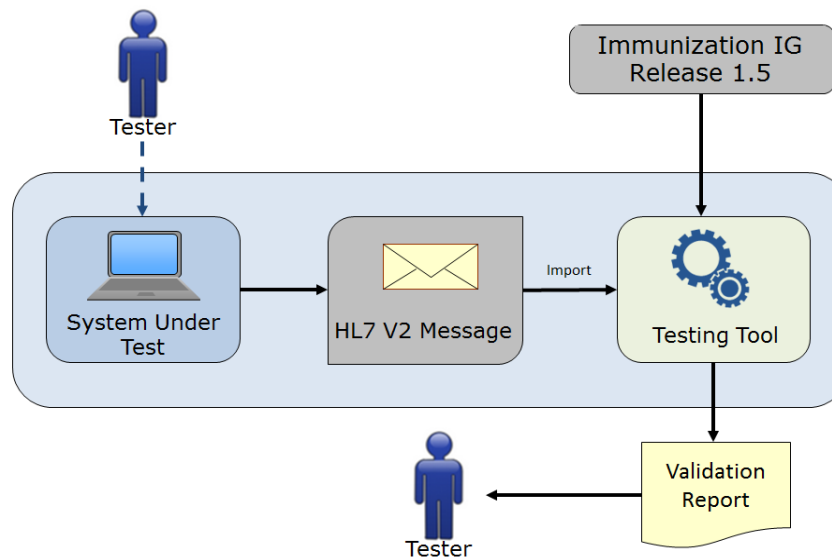
- Table Id: 0215
- Value Set Name: Publicity Code (IIS)
- Value Set Code: PHVS\_PublicityCode\_IIS
- Value Set OID: 2.16.840.1.114222.4.11.3384
- Table Type: User

Below this information is a table of values with columns 'Value (Code)', 'Description', and 'Code Sys'. The table lists 9 values, including '01' (No reminder/recall), '02' (Reminder/recall - any method), '03' (Reminder/recall - no calls), '04' (Reminder only - any method), '05' (Reminder only - no calls), '06' (Recall only - any method), '07' (Recall only - no calls), '08' (Reminder/recall - to provider), and '09' (Reminder to provider).

**Callouts:**

- 8:** Click on Vocabulary tab.
- 9:** Locate and select table ID.
- 10:** Valid values are listed.
- 11:** Use the search box to search for value code, value set, table name, table ID or description.
- 12:** Click on Context-based Validation tab to return to message.

# Context-free Testing: HL7 Content



- No Test Cases provided
- Context (Test Scenario, etc.) is unknown to validation tool
- May be used to test any message created by an EHR
- Provides a simple and convenient method for testing message structure and most *vocabulary*
- Typically is not used for certifying EHR technologies for the ONC certification criteria, but may be used for certification testing in specific instances (the Tester must perform visual inspection to validate content of message)

# Validate test message and review message validation errors

**1** Uploaded test message displays.

**2** If message fails validation, errors will display.

**3** Click on location link to highlight the data element causing the error within the Message Tree and Content.

Note: Location link may not be available if the message element location does not map to a message element in the message tree.

**Message Tree**

- MSH R [1,1]
- PID R [1,1]
- PD1 RE [0,1]
- NK1 RE [0,\*]
- RXR RE [0,1]
- OBX RE [0,\*]
- OBX RE [0,\*]
- OBX RE [0,\*]

**Message Content**

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1 MSH|^~\&|Test EHR Application|X68||NIST Test Iz Reg|201207010822||VXU-V04^VXU_V04|NIST-IZ-00:
2 PID|1||D26376273^^^NIST MPI-MR||Snow^Madelynn^Ainsley^^^L|Lam^Morgan|20100706|F||2076-8^Nat:
3 PD1|||||41^Reminder/Recall - any method^HL70215||||A|20120701|20120701
4 NK1|23|Lam^Morgan^^^^L|MTH^Mother^HL70063|32 Prescott Street Ave^^Warwick^MA^02452^USA^L|^P:
5 ORC|RE||IZ-783274^NDA||||I-23432^Burden^Donna^A^^^^NIST-AA-1||57422^RADON^NICHOLAS^^^^1
6 RXA|0|1|20120814||140^Influenza, seasonal, injectable, preservative free^CVX|0.25|mL^millilit
7 RXR|SH^Intramuscular^HL70162|LA^Left Arm^HL70163
8 OBX|1|CE|64994-7^Vaccine funding program eligibility category^LN|1|V05^VFC eligible - Federal:
9 OBX|2|CE|30956-7^vaccine type^LN|2|88^Influenza, unspecified formulation^CVX||||R
10 OBX|3|TS|29768-9^Date vaccine information statement published^LN|2|20120702||||F
11 OBX|4|TS|24^Date vaccine information statement presented^LN|2|20120814||||F
  
```

**Message Validation Result** Settings Invalid PDF XML DOC HTML

Errors (6) Affirmatives (8)

Description	Line	Column	Location
[IZ-24] If the first occurrence of RXA-9.1 is valued "00" and RXA-5.1 is valued with a CVX code from table PHVS_VISVaccines_ILS (See Appendix A) then for each vaccine information statement that was shared there SHALL be: one OBX segment with OBX-3.1 valued "69704-9" (bar code d) and one OBX with OBX-3.1 valued "29769-7" (presentation /delivery date) associated. Both OBX shall have the same value in OBX-4 OR one OBX segment with OBX-3.1 valued "30956-7" (vaccine type) and one OBX with OBX-3.1 valued "29768-9" (date vaccine information statement published) associated.	6	0	RXA[1]

## 6) Generate Message Validation Report

1

Click on Report Details icon to display Message Validation Report.

2

Message Validation Report may be downloaded as a PDF, XML, Word doc, HTML file.

3

Message Validation Report may be printed.

The screenshot shows the 'Message Validation Result' window. At the top, there is a 'Settings' dropdown and a status bar indicating 'Invalid' with icons for PDF, XML, DOC, and HTML. Below this, there are two tabs: 'Errors (11)' and 'Affirmatives (110)'. The 'Errors' tab is active, displaying a table with columns: 'Description', 'Line', 'Column', and 'Location'. The first row of the table contains the text: '[Z-24] If the first occurrence of RXA-9.1 is valued "00" and RXA-5.1 is valued with a CVX code from table PHVS\_VIS'.

The screenshot shows the 'Message Validation Report' window. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: 'Home', 'Context-free Validation', 'Context-based Validation', 'Profile Viewer', 'Vocabulary', and 'Documentation'. Below this, there is a sub-navigation bar with tabs: 'Test Case', 'Validation', and 'Report'. The 'Report' tab is active, displaying a table with columns: 'Testing Tool', 'Name', 'URL', and 'Version'. The table contains the following information:

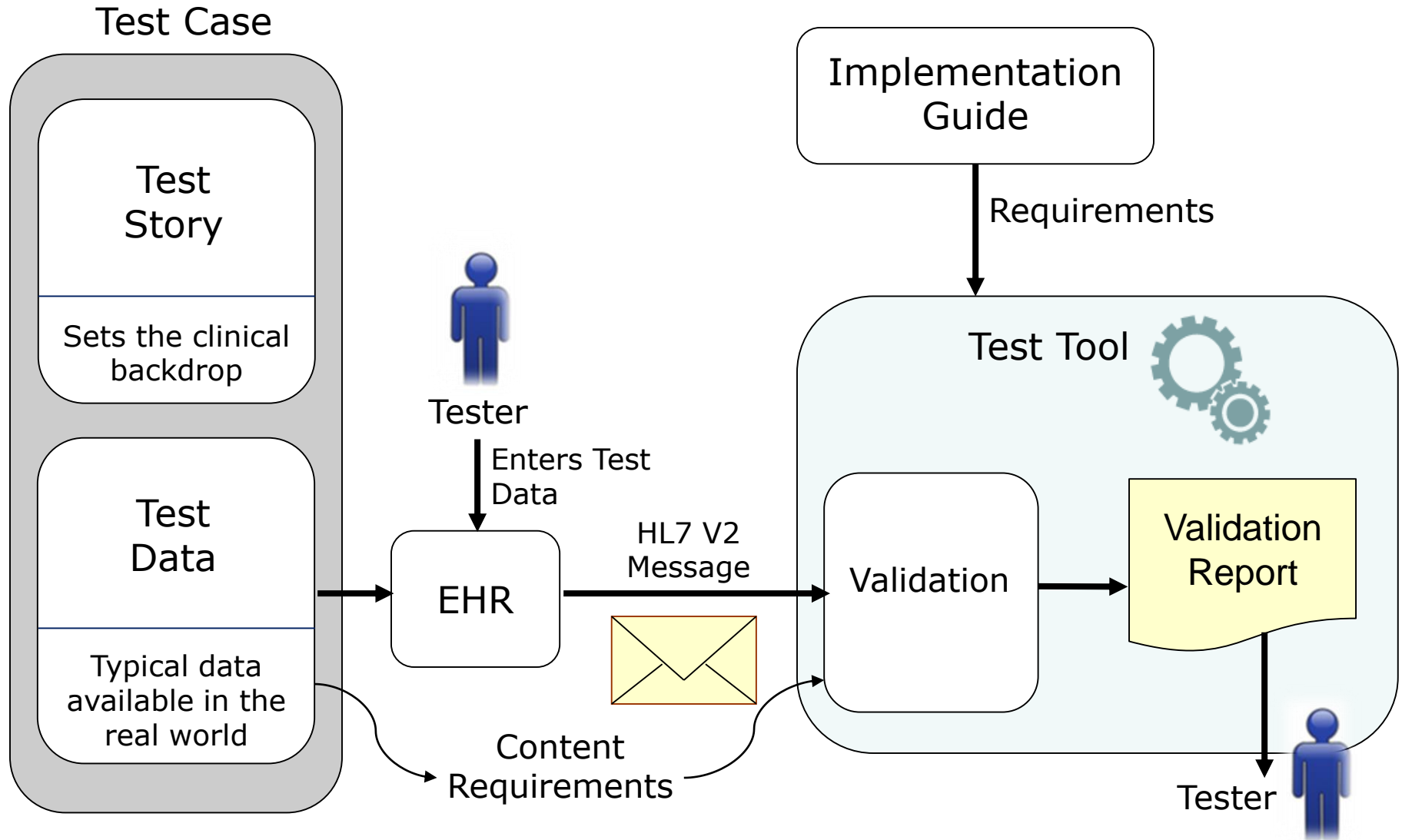
Testing Tool	Name	URL	Version
Immunization Messaging - HL7 V2 Validation Tool - Meaningful Use 2014 Edition Certification Testing		http://hit-testing.nist.gov/mu-immunization	1.0.14-SNAPSHOT

Below the table, there is a section titled 'Message Validation Report' with a date: 'Date: 12 08 2012, 12:16:06.875-05:00'. Underneath, there is a table with columns: 'TestCase', 'Title', and 'Description'. The table contains the following information:

TestCase	Title	Description
IZ_1_1.1_Max		For purposes of reporting immunizations this clinic has been assigned an id of X68 by the Immunization Information System (IIS). A toddler, Madelynn Ainsley Snow, is brought to the clinic on Aug 14, 2012 by her mother, Morgan Lam, for a well child visit. A clinic staff member, Donna Burden, collects basic identifying information, including name, birth date, sex, address, phone, SSN, race, and ethnicity. A clinic staff member, Nicholas Radon, reviews the patient's vaccination history and determines that the patient needs an Influenza (Afluria) vaccination. The mother is interviewed and it is determined that the patient qualifies for a Vaccines For Children (VFC) supplied vaccine under the status of VFC eligible - Federally Qualified Health Center Patient (under-insured). The mother is given a Vaccine Information Statement for Inactivated Flu published by the CDC on Jul 2, 2012 to review. After reading the VIS the mother agrees that the child should receive the vaccination. It is explained to the mother that information about this vaccination will be sent to the IIS and ask if the IIS can send a reminder about when the next vaccination is due. The mother indicates that contact should be made by the IIS. A clinic staff member, Mike Lemon, then prepares an Influenza vaccination dose, CSL Behring Lot #Z0860BB, from the VFC publicly supplied vaccine stock and administers it to the patient in the left arm. A clinic staff member, Donna Burden, enters the patient demographic information.



# Context-based Testing (Sending Application)



# Test Story

## Description

Following treatment, the patient's vital signs gradually return to normal. At 2 PM, the patient's laboratory and radiology tests results are provided to the attending physician. The tests indicate that the infant has influenza and pneumonia. The patient's mother is provided with treatment information and prescriptions for her infant son. The working diagnosis (ICD-9 CM 487.1) is resolved/inactivated, and at 5 PM the patient is discharged home with a final primary diagnosis of pneumonia, and secondary diagnosis of influenza. Big City Children's Urgent Care routinely sends electronic syndromic surveillance data to the Big City Health Department (BCHD) in accordance with a city regulation. At 6:00 PM on February 20, 2010, the facility's electronic health record module for syndromic surveillance data assembles and transmits a Discharge ADT message about this patient encounter to BCHD.

## Comments

This Test Case provides an example of clinical encounter that could take place in either an urgent care or emergency clinical setting. It is therefore applicable to EHR technology used in some ambulatory settings. Dates and times are provided in this test case to illustrate the sequence of clinical and messaging events. Since the exact dates and times are not reproducible when modeling the test case with EHR technology, only date and time format will be validated within tester submitted test data. ICD 9 CM diagnosis codes are acceptable with or without decimals.

## TestObjectives

Output an ADT A03 discharge message in HL7 2.5.1 containing the syndromic surveillance data for the patient encounter.

## Notes to Testers

This Test Case does not prescribe the method used by the EHR to change a Working diagnosis to a Final diagnosis. The Test Case only validates a specific ADT message type. Although the other units of measure for patient age are acceptable in general (and the Context-free validation accepts any of the valid units of measure for age), the SS\_1\_1\_UC\_Visit Test Case specifies that "a" for years be used in this message for the Context-based validation. Certain health departments mandate that the patient age be sent in years only, and the EHR must be able to support sending "0 years".

# 1) Select Test Case and Review Test Story

1

Open Immunization Validation tool using link:  
<http://hl7v2-iz-testing.nist.gov>.

2

Click on Context-based Validation tab.

3

Click on arrows to expand the Test Scenarios and Test Cases. Click on a Test Step.

4

Test Story displays.

5

Test Story may be downloaded as a PDF file.

6

Test Case Package may be downloaded as a PDF file.

The screenshot displays the Immunization Validation tool interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Home, Context-free Validation, Context-based Validation (selected), Profile Viewer, Vocabulary, and Documentation. Below this, there are sub-tabs for Test Case, Validation, and Report. The main content area is divided into two panels. The left panel, titled 'Test Cases', shows a tree view of test cases under the 'IZ\_1\_Admin\_Child' category. The 'IZ\_1\_1\_Max' test case is selected. The right panel, titled 'Title: IZ\_1\_1\_Max', shows the 'Test Story' tab. It includes a 'Download Package(.pdf)' button and a 'Select' button. Below these, there is a 'Download as PDF' button. The 'Description' section contains a detailed text story about a patient's immunization. Below the description, there are sections for 'PreCondition' and 'PostCondition', both showing 'NO PreCondition.' and 'NO PostCondition.' respectively.

# Test Data

## Patient Information

Element Name	Data
Name	Coded Pseudo-Name to ensure anonymity
Gender	Male
Race	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Ethnic Group	Not Hispanic or Latino
Zip Code	02130
County/Parish Code	25025

## Visit Information

Element Name	Data
Admit Date and Time	02/20/2010 8:30 AM
Discharge Disposition	Discharged to home or self care (routine discharge)
Diagnosis Type	Final
Diagnosis	Pneumococcal pneumonia [Streptococcus pneumoniae pneumonia]
Diagnosis Type	Final
Diagnosis	Influenza

## Observation Results Information

Element Name	Data
Observation Identifier	Chief complaint:Find:Pt:Patient:Nom:Reported
Observation Value	Fever, cough
Units	
Observation Results Status	Final results; Can only be changed with a corrected result.

## 2) Review Test Data Specification and Message Content

**1** Click on Test Data Specification tab.

**2** Full tab is selected by default. To view a specific section, click on a tab.

**3** Relevant real-world clinical data is displayed.

**4** Test Data Specification may be downloaded as a PDF file.

**Test Data Specification page**

This page specifies the data that are entered (automatically/manually) into the EHR and included in the message that is created and submitted from the EHR to the Immunization validation tool. The tester shall identify an existing patient record in the EHR or shall create a patient record in the EHR using the data in the Data Sheet associated with the Test Case.

The screenshot shows a web application interface with a top navigation bar (Home, Context-free Validation, Context-based Validation, Profile Viewer, Vocabulary, Documentation) and a sub-navigation bar (Test Case, Validation, Report). The 'Test Case' sub-tab is active. On the left, a 'Test Cases' tree lists various test cases, with 'IZ\_1\_1\_Max' selected. The main content area displays the 'Test Data Specification' for 'IZ\_1\_1\_Max'. It includes tabs for 'Full', 'Patient Information', 'Immunization Registry Information', 'Guardian or Responsible Party', and 'Vaccine Administration Information'. The 'Full' tab is selected by default. Below the tabs, there are two tables: 'Patient Information' and 'Immunization Registry Information'. The 'Patient Information' table lists elements like Patient Name, Mother's Maiden Name, Date/Time of Birth, Administrative Sex, Patient Address, Local Number, Race, Ethnic Group, and Birth Order. The 'Immunization Registry Information' table lists elements like Immunization Registry Status, Publicity Code (Text), Protection Indicator Effective Date, and Publicity Code Effective Date. A 'Download as PDF' button is visible above the tables. A callout box points to the 'Download as PDF' button, stating 'Test Data Specification may be downloaded as a PDF file.'

Element Name	Data
Patient Name	Snow Madelynn Ainsley
Mother's Maiden Name	Lam Morgan
Date/Time of Birth	07/06/2010
Administrative Sex	Female
Patient Address	32 Prescott Street Ave Warwick MA 02452 USA
Local Number	(657) 555-8563
Race	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
Ethnic Group	non Hispanic or Latino
Birth Order	

Element Name	Data
Immunization Registry Status	Active
Publicity Code (Text)	Reminder/Recall - any method
Protection Indicator Effective Date	
Publicity Code Effective Date	



# Message Content

PID : Patient Identification Segment

Location	Data Element	Data	Categorization
PID.1	Set ID - PID	1	IG Fixed Data
PID.3	Patient Identifier List		
PID.3.1	ID Number	3333	Changeable Data
PID.3.5	Identifier Type Code	MR	Changeable Data
PID.5[1]	Patient Name		
PID.5[1].7	Name Type Code		
PID.5[2]	Patient Name		
PID.5[2].7	Name Type Code	S	Test Case Fixed Data
PID.8	Administrative Sex	M	Test Case Fixed Data

DG1 : Diagnosis Segment

Location	Data Element	Data	Categorization
DG1.1	Set ID - DG1	1	IG Fixed Data
DG1.3	Diagnosis Code - DG1		
DG1.3.1	Identifier	481	Test Case Fixed Data
DG1.3.2	Text	Pneumococcal pneumonia [Streptococcus pneumoniae pneumonia]	Changeable Data
DG1.3.3	Name of Coding System	I9CDX	IG Fixed Data
DG1.6	Diagnosis Type	F	Test Case Fixed Data

DG1 : Diagnosis Segment

Location	Data Element	Data	Categorization
DG1.1	Set ID - DG1	2	IG Fixed Data
DG1.3	Diagnosis Code - DG1		
DG1.3.1	Identifier	487	Test Case Fixed Data
DG1.3.2	Text	Influenza	Changeable Data
DG1.3.3	Name of Coding System	I9CDX	IG Fixed Data
DG1.6	Diagnosis Type	F	Test Case Fixed Data

OBX : Observation/Result Segment

Location	Data Element	Data	Categorization
OBX.1	Set ID	1	IG Fixed Data
OBX.2	Value Type	CWE	Test Case Fixed Data
OBX.3	Observation Identifier		
OBX.3.1	Identifier	SS003	Test Case Fixed Data
OBX.3.3	Name of Coding System	PHINQUESTION	Test Case Fixed Data
OBX.5-CWE	Observation Value		
OBX.5-CWE.1	Identifier	261QU0200X	Test Case Fixed Data
OBX.5-CWE.2	Text	Urgent Care	Changeable Data
OBX.5-CWE.3	Name of Coding System	NUCC	Test Case Fixed Data

## 5) Validate test message and review validation errors

**1** Uploaded test message displays.

**2** If message fails validation, errors will display.

**3** Click on location link to highlight the data element causing the error within the Message Tree and Content.

Note: Location link may not be available if the message element location does not map to a message element in the message tree.

**Test Case: IZ\_1.1\_Max**

**Message Tree**

- MSH R [1,1]
- PID R [1,1]
- PD1 RE [0,1]
- NK1 RE [0,\*]
- ORC R [1,1]
- OBX RE [0,\*]
- OBX RE [0,\*]
- OBX RE [0,\*]
- OBX RE [0,\*]

**Message Content**

```
1 MSH|^~\&|Test EHR Application|X68||NIST Test Iz Reg|201207010822||VXU^V04^VXU_V04|NIST-I|
2 PID|1||D26376273^^NIST MPI^MR||Snow^Madelynn^Ainsley^^^^L|Lam^Morgan|20100706|F||2076-8
3 PD1|1||41^Reminder/Recall - any method^HL70215|||||A|20120701|20120701
4 NK1|23|Lam^Morgan^^^^L|MTH^Mother^HL70063|32 Prescott Street Ave^^Warwick^MA^02452^USA^
5 ORC|RE||IZ-783274^NDA|||||I-23432^Burden^Donna^A^^^^NIST-AA-1||57422^RADON^NICHOLAS^^
6 RXA|0|1|20120814||140^Influenza, seasonal, injectable, preservative free^CVX|0.25|mL^mil
7 RXR|SH^Intramuscular^HL70162|LA^Left Arm^HL70163
8 OBX|1|CE|64994-7^Vaccine funding program eligibility category^LN|1|V05^VFC eligible - Fe
9 OBX|2|CE|30956-7^vaccine type^LN|2|88^Influenza, unspecified formulation^CVX|||||R
10 OBX|3|TS|29768-9^Date vaccine information statement published^LN|2|20120702|||||F
11 OBX|4|TS|24^Date vaccine information statement presented^LN|2|20120814|||||F
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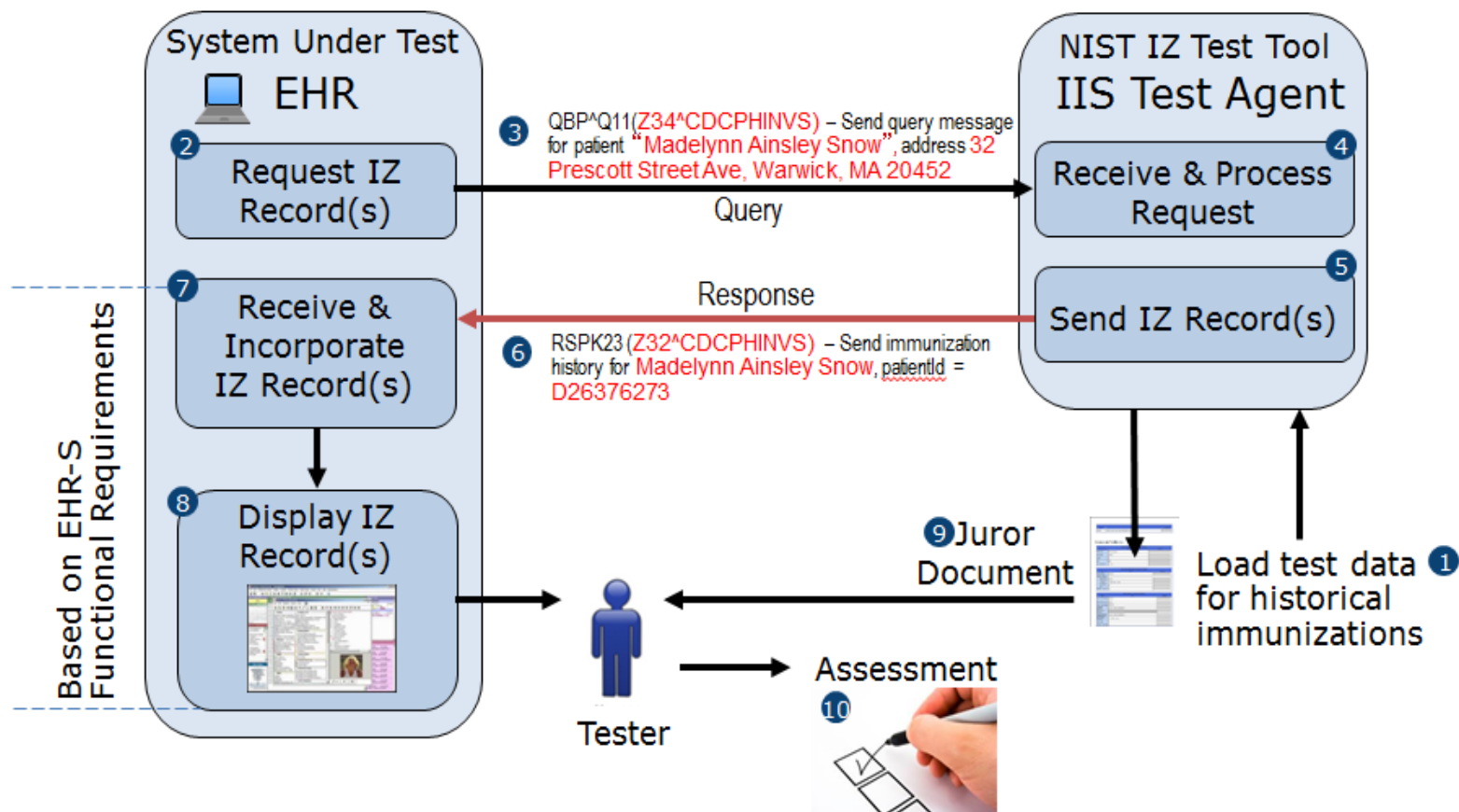
**Message Validation Result** Settings Invalid

Errors (11) Affirmatives (110)

Description	Line	Column	Location
[IZ-24] If the first occurrence of RXA-9.1 is valued "00" and RXA-5.1 is valued with a CVX code from table PHVS_VISVaccines_IS (See Appendix A) then for each vaccine information statement that was shared there SHALL be: one OBX segment with OBX-3.1 valued "69764-9" (bar coded) and one OBX with OBX-3.4 valued "29769-7" (presentation /delivery date) associated. Both OBX shall have the same value in OBX-4 OR one OBX segment with OBX-	6	0	RXA[1]

# Testing Immunization Evaluated History and Forecast

- Test the ability of an EHR Requester SUT to query for an Evaluated History and Forecast
- Test receipt and display the Evaluated History and Forecast
- Tester uses [Juror Document](#) to assess conformance to Display requirements.



# Juror Document: Display Immunization History & Forecast

Evaluated Immunization History and Immunization Forecast (RSP 242)	
Test Case ID	
Inspection Date/Time	
Inspection Settlement	<input type="text" value="Pass"/> <input type="text" value="Fail"/>
Juror ID	
Juror Name	

Patient Information				
Patient Identifier	Patient Name	DOB	Gender	Tester Comment
123456	Clement S Stanley	02/14/1950	Male	
<p>When displayed in the EHR with the Evaluated Immunization History and Immunization Forecast, these patient demographics data may be derived from either the received immunization message or the EHR patient record. When displaying demographics from the patient record, the EHR must be able to demonstrate a linkage between the demographics in the message (primarily the patient ID in PID-3.1) and the patient record used for display to ensure that the message was associated with the appropriate patient.</p>				

Evaluated Immunization History						
Vaccine Group	Vaccine Administered	Date Administered	Valid Dose	Validity Reason	Completion Status*	Tester Comment
Hep B NOS	Hep B Peds NOS	04/15/2009	YES		Complete	
Hep B NOS	Hep B Peds NOS	05/15/2009	YES		Complete	
Hep B NOS	Hep B Peds NOS	12/15/2009	YES		Complete	
DTAP NOS	DTP	04/15/1960	YES		Complete	
polio NOS	polio NOS	04/15/1960	YES		Complete	
polio NOS	polio NOS	06/15/1960	YES		Complete	
polio NOS	polio NOS	09/10/1960	YES		Complete	
polio NOS	polio NOS	04/15/1961	YES		Complete	
pneumococcal ppv23	pneumococcal ppv23	04/15/2013	YES		Complete	
Td NOS	Td NOS	04/15/2009	YES		Complete	
influenza NOS	influenza NOS	10/15/2009	YES		Complete	
influenza NOS	influenza seasonal	10/15/2010	YES		Complete	
influenza NOS	seasonal flu	09/01/2011	YES		Complete	
* "Completion Status" refers to the status of the dose of vaccine administered on the indicated date and may be interpreted as "Dose Status". A status of "Complete" means that the vaccine dose was "completely administered" as opposed to "partially administered".						

Immunization Forecast						
Vaccine Group	Due Date	Earliest Date To Give	Latest Date to Give	Series Status	Forecast Reason	Tester Comment
pcv NOS	02/14/2015	09/14/2015	11/11/2015			
influenza NOS	09/14/2015	09/14/2015	11/11/2015			

# Select Test Case, Load, and Send Test Message to EHR-S

The screenshot displays the NIST Health IT Standards Testing Infrastructure web application. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Context-free Validation, LIS Context-based Validation, EHR Context-based Validation, Profile Viewer, Vocabulary, Documentation, Settings, and About. Below this, a secondary bar shows Test Case, Validation, Report, and Configuration. The main interface is titled "Test Case: LRI 4.2-GU-RN Parent Child" and features a "Refresh Rate" dropdown set to "4 seconds" and a "Refresh" button.

The interface is divided into two main sections: "Sending" and "Receiving". The "Sending" section contains a "Message Tree" on the left and a "Message Content" area on the right. The "Message Tree" lists various message components, including MSH[1]:Message Header R[1,1], PID[1]:Patient Identification R[1,1], ORC[1]:Common Order R[1,1], OBR[1]:Observation Request R[1,1], OBX[1]:Observation/Result R[1,1], OBX[2]:Observation/Result R[1,1], OBX[3]:Observation/Result R[1,1], SPM[1]:Specimen R[1,1], ORC[2]:Common Order R[1,1], OBR[2]:Observation Request R[1,1], OBX[4]:Observation/Result R[1,1], OBX[5]:Observation/Result R[1,1], OBX[6]:Observation/Result R[1,1], ORC[3]:Common Order R[1,1], OBR[3]:Observation Request R[1,1], OBX[7]:Observation/Result R[1,1], and OBX[8]:Observation/Result R[1,1].

The "Message Content" area displays the raw HL7 message text, which includes patient identification, order information, and observation data. Above the message content are buttons for "Save Message", "Load Example", "Browse", "Clear", and "Send". A "Message Validation Result" section at the bottom right shows a green checkmark indicating the message is "Valid", along with icons for PDF, XML, DOC, HTML, and a table icon. Below this, it shows "Errors (0)".

Two callouts are present: Callout 1 points to the "Message Content" area, stating "Message displays with configured receiver info in message content." Callout 2 points to the "Send" button, stating "Click on Send button."



# Testing Display: Review Juror Document for Test Case

**1** Click on Test Case tab.

**2** Click on arrows to expand the Test Scenarios and Test Cases under NIST. Click on a Test Case.

**3** Click on Juror Document tab.

**4** Full version of Juror Document will display.

**5** Data elements that should display or be stored in EHR system display based on the selected Test Case.

**Juror Document**

The Juror Document is the test case-specific checklist the Tester uses to document the presence or absence of the data in the EHR for data elements transmitted to EHR from LIS Test Harness. The data elements are categorized attestation criteria. Some elements are required to be displayed to the clinical user on the EHR screen. Others are attested by viewing database records or configuration files.

**NIST Test Case: LRI\_4.2-GU-RN\_Parent\_Child**

Download Package(.pdf) Select

Test Story Test Data Specification Message Content **Juror Document** Configuration

Download as PDF

FULL Patient Information Lab Results Performing Organization Name and Address

Specimen Identifier Information Order Information Order Information Details

Performing Organization Name Detail Performing Organization Medical Director

Ordering Provider Information Notes

**HL7 v2.5.1 ORU^R01^ORU\_R01 Message: Transmission of Laboratory Results**

Test Case ID		
Inspection Date/Time		
Inspection Settlement	Pass <input type="checkbox"/>	Fail <input type="checkbox"/>
Juror ID		
Juror Name		

**Display Verification**

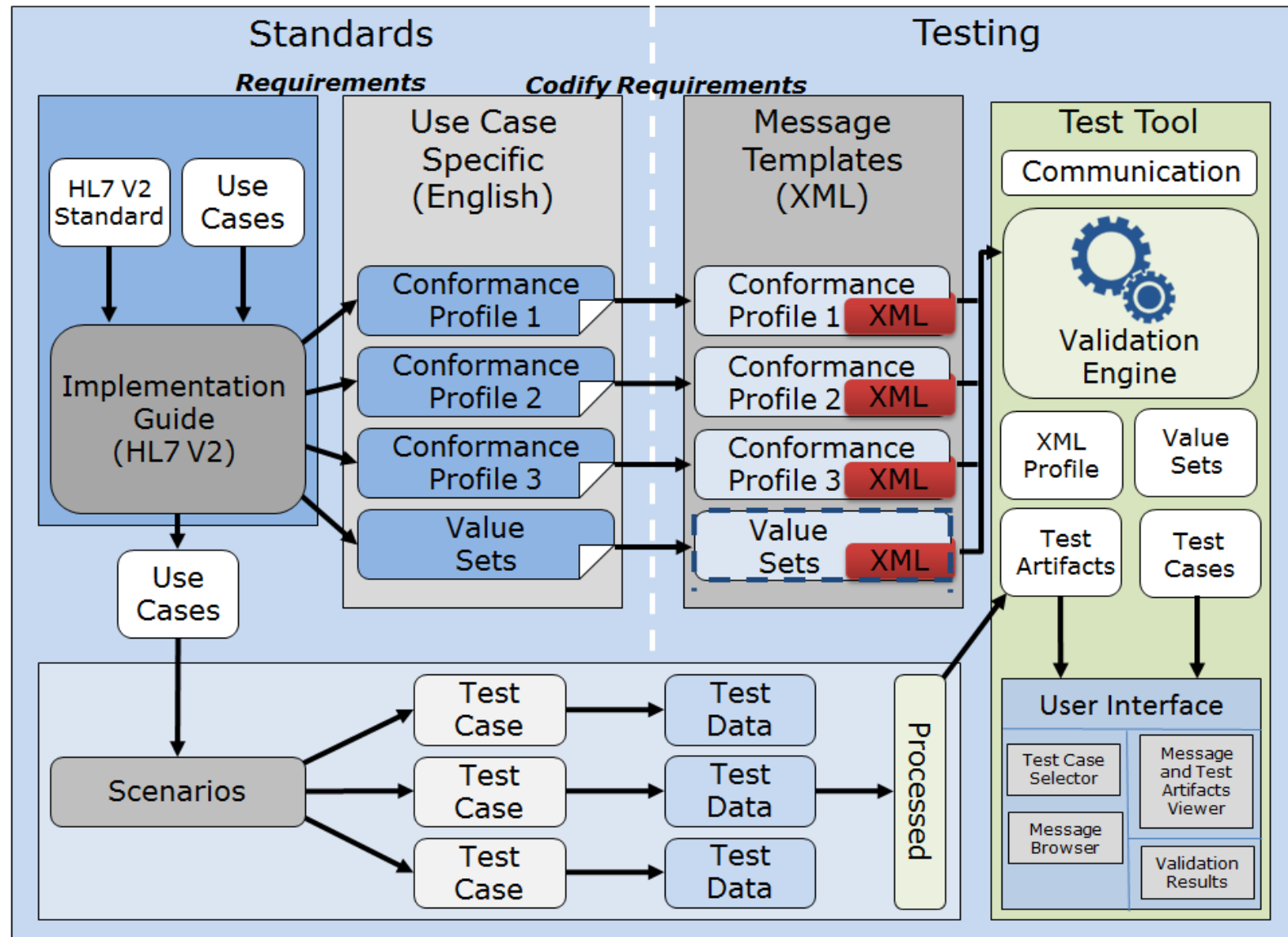
**Patient Information - Display Verification**

Patient Identifier	Patient Name	Comment
PATID1234	William A Jones	

**Lab Results - Display Verification**

Test Name:	Bacteria identified in Stool by Culture						
Test Report Date:	Wed Jun 01 15:04:28 EDT 2011						
Observation	Result	UOM	Range *	Abnormal Flag	Status *	Date/Time of Observation	Comment

# Context-based Test Framework Architecture



## Summary

- Need quality healthcare data communication standards
- Standards must be very specific to targeted use cases
- Conformance and interoperability testing is essential
- Certified EHR systems provide a core set of standardized capabilities that will improve interoperability
- Interoperability between systems is critical for successful adoption and use of EHRs