HEALTH STORY
PROJECT HIMSS

VISION: COMPREHENSIVE ELECTRONIC RECORDS THAT TELL A PATIENT'S COMPLETE HEALTH STORY

Approximately 1.2 billion clinical documents are produced in the United States each year. These documents comprise around 60% of all clinical data. This tremendous source of clinical information is underutilized in today's computer-based record systems.

PROLOG

Health Story started in 2006 as an alliance of healthcare vendors, providers and associations that pooled resources in a rapid-development initiative. The Project produced **Health Level Seven (HL7)** data standards for the flow of information between common types of healthcare documents and electronic medical record (EMR) systems.

STORYLINE

Joining forces with **Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise USA (IHE)** and the Office of the **National Coordinator's** Standards & Interoperability Framework, Health Story helped harmonize work across these organizations to produce what is now at the core of the national interoperability agenda — the ***Consolidated Clinical Document Architecture (C-CDA)*** cited in Meaningful Use Stage 2.

A NEW CHAPTER

In January, 2013, Health Story signed a Transition Agreement with **HIMSS** transferring management of the project to the cause-based, not-for-profit organization focused on providing global leadership for the optimal use of information technology (IT) and management systems for the betterment of healthcare. The agreement states in part that "Welcoming Health Story into HIMSS will provide the effort with greater exposure ... [and offer] a new, clear channel for advancing our cause to improve the completeness and interoperability of electronic health records." The agreement provides for continuity in the mission and direction of the organization while gaining the strength and support of a major international player in health information systems. HIMSS will staff the project and underwrite basic functions. Any HIMSS member can opt-in at no charge while sponsors can continue to promote and expand the project.

PLOT THICKENS

This move strengthens the organization, administrative and management while expanding awareness and access. It positions Health Story to address new frontiers in health information integration and interoperability. The initial constituency was drawn largely from dictation/transcription vendors looking for relevance in the era of the EHR. Today, that support remains and has been joined by cohorts representing the full electronic document lifecycle from electronic information capture, to document management, encoding, processing and analytics.

Health Story is the place to come to standardize, integrate and articulate the critical role played by each of the constituencies representing:

- *Dictation/transcription/voice recognition*
- *Natural language processing and computer aided coding*
- *Document management*
- *Big Data analytics*
- *and the Electronic Health Record*

THE SEQUEL

How will the organization use the new framework to accelerate system integration and the realization of information-driven healthcare? The HIMSS/Health Story agreement reiterates the project's mission to:

- *Establish a strong and effective coalition of members and partners*
- *Maintain Health Story's relevance and adoption in nationally-recognized standards bodies*
- *Raise awareness and foster adoption of the Health Story approach and related tools to improve information exchange in three areas:*
    - *Coordinated patient care,*
    - *Payer-provider integration, and*
    - *Population health.*

JOIN THE ROUNDTABLE

We meet on the first Monday of every month at 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm CT.

Join the Roundtable to take an active role to advance the patient's story.
To join our next call, visit www.himss.org/health-story-project.

Why Join?

- *Advocate and build support for the Health Story Project*
- *Collaborate and network with Health Story Project supporters*
- *Engage with industry leaders on monthly meetings*
- *Participation on Health Story Roundtable is open to any HIMSS members at no additional cost*

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