

Instructions

Track Leads: Please provide the following information under your track name. Be as succinct as possible.

Guidelines for report out:

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- *1 paragraph: now what?

[Attachments](#)

*1 paragraph summary: what was the track trying to achieve
Electronic attachments/medical records are a high priority for payer/provider interactions (as most at least claims and prior authorization are manual processes today). Current thinking has attachment submissions occurring via X12 messaging. However, there is substantial interest with FHIR-based messaging for exchanging attachments and prior authorizations. This track will explore the feasibility of this approach.

*1 list of participants

Anthem Inc., HCSC

*1 paragraph: notable achievements

- Built new patients and payer and provider information to build attachment requests
- Send Solicited Communication Request from Payer to Provider for supportive document required (Left Knee Xray) for claims processing.
- Then acted as Provider and to build Communication to send the requested attachment.
- Sent attachment once as jpeg link to Xray and then again as encoded with base 64.
- Also acted as provider sending and unsolicited attachment to payor

Worked with Financial Management – Paul Knapp

- Built a claim from Provider
- Sent a Pre-Authorization request to Provider

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*1 paragraph: discovered issues / questions (if there are any)

Attachments for claims and Pre/Prior Authorizations are considered administrative transactions in the US. Under HIPAA Regulation Standards Development Organization(SDO) X12 is the responsible SDO. However, there is substantial interest with FHIR-based messaging for exchanging attachments and prior authorizations. This track helps explore the feasibility of this approach.

*1 paragraph: now what?

Bulk Data

Summary: Providers and organizations accountable for managing the health of populations often need to efficiently access large volumes of information on a group of individuals. This Connectathon track focused on testing export for all patients in a server, and for pre-specified groups of patients.

Participants: Google, Epic, Cerner, Boston Children's Hospital



Results: Connections! Two clients connecting to two servers. Exercised the API for kicking off a request, polling for results, and fetching files.

Discovered issues:

- *Throttling* while polling
 - we should have consistent error codes (e.g. 429 status code for "too many requests")
 - We need to test the currently defined approach with "Retry-After" header containing a http date or a delay time in seconds
 - Should servers prevent client new exports while a previous request is running?
- We need to test the API For deleting a pending request (i.e. DELETE [polling content location])
- We need to test the API with security (backend services) in place.
- Is it okay for a server to return multiple logically distinct resources with the same ID?
- What value does group-based export add vs. defining groups on-the-fly (e.g. using search parameters to define a set of patients with a given insurance plan)
- There is a growing desire to use this asynchronous pattern for other use-cases. Do we need to tease out documentation on asynchronous exchange from the bulk data aspects?

Now what? Encourage implementation of security, retry-after, and job deletion. Continue Argonaut review process and external security review by September WGM. Incorporate feedback into the Bulk Data spec and subsequently into the core FHIR spec.

Care Planning and Management

Summary: Effective care management includes active use of clinical practice guidelines and best practices that provide advice based on evidence-based care, plus using these care protocols to create and share care plans among all members of a patient's care team. This track emphasized integrating FHIR resources for PlanDefinition and CarePlan used to define protocols and create care plans, Business Process Modeling Notation (BPMN) standard to define clinical pathways, and FHIR PlanDefinition with Clinical Quality Language (CQL) to provide guidance at the point of care using CDS Hooks. Participants engaged in active coordination with Clinical Reasoning and CDS Hooks tracks.

Participants: Allscripts, Book Zurman, Clinical Cloud Solutions, InterSystems, Motive Medical Intelligence, Philips, Veterans Health Administration



Results:

- Continued work from January connectathon to develop sample FHIR resources that represent a realistic clinical scenario for a patient with Diabetes, Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), and Congestive Heart Failure (CHF). All participants agreed that this realistically complex scenario provides a productive use case for analyzing and prototyping solutions for care planning and care management. This clinical use case is based on the [NIH Chronic Kidney Disease \(CKD\) Care Plan project](#).
- We successfully connected FHIR care planning resources with clinical reasoning logic using the Clinical Quality Language (CQL) and CDS Hooks.
- The cqf-ruler server was used to develop a CDS Hooks service based on FHIR PlanDefinition and CQL to provide care management guidance for CKD a patient. CDS Hooks returns info cards with 2-year and 5-year kidney failure risk percentages, plus suggestion cards for ordering eGFR labs, referral to a nephrologist, or recommendation for Pneumococcal Immunization, as needed based on clinical practice guidelines.

Participants:

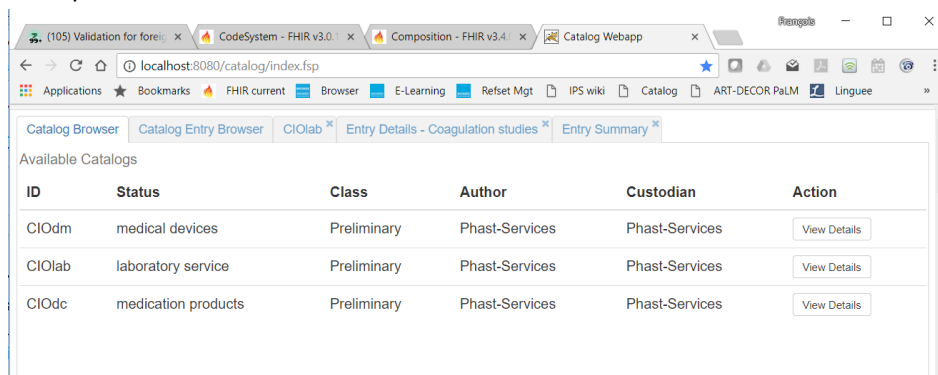
Phast (catalog server), University of Utah (catalog client), EMR Direct (catalog client)



Results:

The two clients were able to interact with the server.

Example:



The full scenario described on the catalog track page

[http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=201805_Catalog#Scenarios] was executed, which enabled to refine both the server and the clients.

Discovered issues:

The set of resources defined for catalogs is adequate for a laboratory test/panel compendium, with all details. Some value sets of the new resources EntryDefinition, SpecimenDefinition still need to be finalized in the standard.

Now what?

- Need to finalize the bindings on the set of new resources: EntryDefinition, ObservationDefinition, SpecimenDefinition.
- Still need to test other kinds of catalogs (medications, other services, devices, ...). Need to interest new parties on this topic, so as to grow for next connectathon in Baltimore.

CDS Hooks

Goals

Gain implementer feedback on the balloted 1.0 specification.

Participants

- EHRs
 - Cerner
 - Epic
- CDS Services
 - Arpage AG / HL7 Switzerland
 - Clinical Cloud Solutions
 - HarmonIQ
 - HLN Consulting
 - IMO
 - Interopion
 - Lantana Consulting Group
 - McKesson

Notable Achievements

HLN Consulting was able to integrate their immunization forecasting and electronic case reporting CDS Services with both EHRs and in doing so, identified a bug in the CDS Hooks Sandbox that we were able to fix as well as bugs in the EHR implementations. Lantana's CDS Service evaluated a patient's conditions and provided Zika screening decision support. Interopion was able to integrate with both EHRs to test their CDS Service that returns their SMART Pediatric Suite app to the user via a card. Additionally, we had a couple of participants create a CDS Service for the very first time. Seeing new blood participate in our track is great and a sign of a continually growing community.

We also held a CDS Hooks breakout session where we had a great discussion amongst track participants and those interested in CDS Hooks. This discussion resulted in great discussion on areas of the specification that we may need to improve based upon implementer feedback at the Connectathon.

What's Next?

The CDS Hooks community is embarking on the ballot reconciliation process, the culmination of which will result in a published CDS Hooks 1.0 specification.

Clinical Notes

Summary

Clinical Notes are a critical element for a clinician to communicate the status of a patient to another caregiver. These notes occur in various formats, such as: unstructured (XHTML, text), fixed file format (PDF, RTF), or structured (HL7 CDA/FHIR Composition). This Connectathon track focused on testing basic search and write using PDF, XHTML, and plain text.

Participants

Cerner, Epic, Argonaut



Results

Progress! Two servers support returning clinical notes to initial scenarios. Exercised search by DocumentReference ID, patient, patient + note creation date, and patient + note type; and writing a new text or XHTML notes.

Discovered issues

- *Mime types and LOINC codes*
 - Each FHIR server supports a different subset of the ValueSets at these elements
 - MIME type for DocumentReference.content.attachment.contentType.
 - LOINC code for DocumentReference.type.
 - Clients need to know what a server supports for create and read
 - Discovering this by trial and error is time consuming and unlikely to be comprehensive.
 - Communicating this out of band would pose implementation burden.
 - We considered several options for a server to communicate what they support on read and write:
 - CapabilityStatement.rest.resource.documentation - free text markdown
 - CapabilityStatement.rest.resource.extension - define extension to express this element is bound to a value set
 - CapabilityStatement.rest.resource.supportedProfile - place to list all profiles you support for a given resource. Should also have a

CapabilityStatement.rest.resource.profile which is minimum for all of that given resource.

- Extension on ValueSet to record which element(s) it constrains. This would allow a client to retrieve using /ValueSet?element=DocumentReference.type.
- We also discussed a vendors just posting to their website :)
 - All these options are hard for clients add burden and challenge for clients without
- Test new [DocumentReference.class](#) value set to restrict DocumentReference retrieval to 'clinical-note'
- Imaging notes and Pathology reports may be retrievable as DiagnosticReport. Future discussion on whether those should be exposed through DocumentReference.

Clinical Research

What was the track trying to achieve

We were working on providing some examples of the ResearchSubject and ResearchStudy Resources which could be used to supplement the implementation guide. We built the first two of 4. For real world we tried to map the content in a ClinicalTrials.gov trial registration to a *ResearchStudy* resource.

There was a discussion around the use of the PlanDefinition for implementing a Clinical Trial Schedule of Activities. Issues encountered include association of a set of activities (ie as a CarePlan instance) with an ARM.

1 list of participants (with logos if you have time and energy)

Geoff Low, Medidata



Bob Milius, CIBMTR



Discovered issues / questions (if there are any)

Evaluation of the model identified a couple of augmentations to be referred to the BR&R group for review:

- The ResearchStudy has a single sponsor reference; ct.gov has references for a lead_sponsor and zero or more collaborators. Propose adding *collaborator* attribute to the ResearchStudy so collaborators can be associated with the study.
- Alignment of Interventions in ct.gov schema with study summary is not clear, and will need refinement.

Now what?

Feedback to the BR&R project on the findings for ResearchStudy. Suggest a session at the WG Meeting in Baltimore to expand on the alignment between the PlanDefinition and ODM/Protocol elements.

Clinical Reasoning

*1 paragraph summary: what was the track trying to achieve

We had two goals, 1) running patient-view hooks with Cerner and Epic and 2) Providing decision support content for the Care Planning track

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Zynx Health

Motive Medical Intelligence

Apelon

Philips

Accenture

*1 paragraph: notable achievements

Imported PlanDefinitions from Zynx Health and Motive Medical Intelligence

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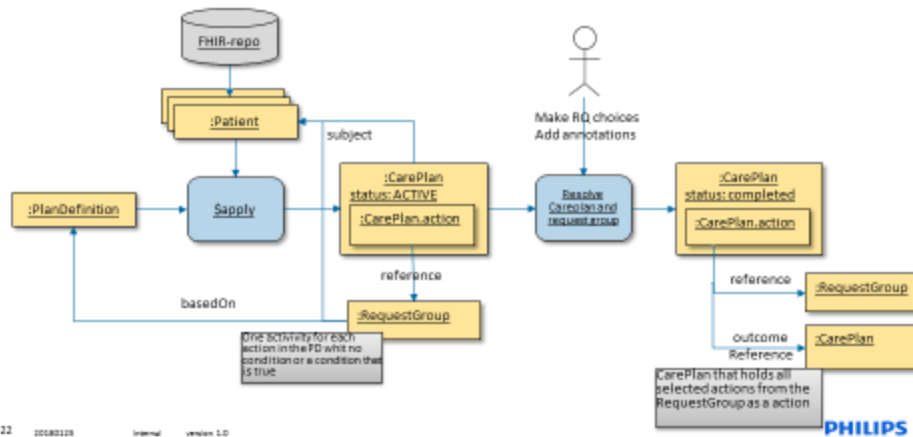
Found and fixed several issues with our implementation of CDS Hooks

Found that we need a mechanism to determine the version of the FHIR server and support multiple FHIR server versions with the same endpoint

*1 paragraph: now what?

We had discussions with the Care Planning Track around the lifecycle of PlanDefinition and RequestGroup and how the CarePlan for a patient would evolve over time. We agreed on an approach where the optionality in a RequestGroup would be resolved to a new CarePlan. We are now incorporating that into the implementations and will continue testing the approach with the Care Plan track at future connectathons.

CarePlan Processing



Direct / Certificates

Goals

The purpose of this track was to continue discussion and trial use of certificate-backed authentication and authorization to access FHIR resources, in Scenario 1 using Direct messages for transport and in Scenario 2 using public key infrastructure (PKI) based trust networks to securely scale RESTful transactions.

Participants



Notable achievements

At the Koln connectathon, the track added certificate-based Dynamic Client Registration to our test scenarios and the participation of additional track constituents in certificate-backed authentication to FHIR resources. Both scenarios were successfully tested. JWT profiles were discussed and refined.

Track participation introduced the following questions:

1. How will FHIR endpoints advertise what authentication method(s) are accepted?

2. What is the profile for Dynamic Client Registration? What minimum bar of attributes must clients provide when registering, how must/may these attributes be validated and how are they subsequently communicated to users and RSes?

3. How can specific data use agreements be incorporated into a trust framework? We have established practices when intermediaries direct traffic between endpoints, but what does that say about the relationships between the endpoints themselves, at the terminus of interoperability in either direction?

What's Next

Formalize client registration profiles

Note: Connectathon results for the Direct/Certificates track will also be reviewed at a DirectTrust webinar on May 21, **Using DirectTrust To Establish A Trusted Exchange Framework For FHIR**: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3869567737308632579>

Documents

Goals

- Test/update mappings/transforms from CDA to FHIR
- Generate a fully bundled document from a Composition resource using the Generate Document operation

Participants

- Sarah Gaunt (Lantana Consulting Group)
- Corey Spears (Infor)
- Gay Dolin (IMO)
- Amnon Shabo (Philips)
- Ron Shapiro (Qvera)
- Lisa Nelson (MaxMD)

Notable Achievements[\[edit\]](#)

Scenario/Goal	Participants	Asserter	Result	Issues/Challenges/Notes
Create and persist Document (bundle) from a Composition resource using \$document operation	Client: Postman Server: http://test.fhir.org/r4	Gay Dolin, Sarah Gaunt. Amnon Shabo	Pass	
Created a narrative document from C-CDA Document (C-CDA on FHIR from Ambulatory Transitions of Care)	Client: Cloverleaf Integration Engine Server: HAPI	Corey Spears, Gay Dolin	Pass	
Create document with entries C-CDA on FHIR from Ambulatory Transitions of Care, CCD)	Client: Cloverleaf Integration Engine, Postman, QVera Interface Engine Server: WildFire, HAPI, Vonk, http://test.fhir.org/r3 & http://test.fhir.org/r4	Corey Spears, Ron Shapiro, Gay Dolin	Pass	Refined transformations based on testing: Made sure that the legal authenticator and authenticator in the C-CDA were being handled properly and put into separate attestors in the FHIR target. Started a larger discussion around how to reference the source (CDA) document in the target (FHIR) document (bundle). Will take to SD. Discovered and resolved an issue around transformation of allergy status. Explored medication timing transforms Created GForge Tracker issue about requiring inline resources in the context of a clinical document bundle. (#17109)

				Different servers return quite different validation results. How to deal with negated concepts (such as no family history of cancer from a C-CDA document) - there is no way to transform this into FHIR and not lose the negation.
Create clinically robust examples to test transformations	Client: Cloverleaf Integration Engine, Postman, QVera Interface Engine Server: WildFire, HAPI, Vonk, http://test.fhir.org/r3 & http://test.fhir.org/r4	Corey Spears, Ron Shapiro, Gay Dolin, Amnon Shabo	Pass	Identified the need for more clinically robust examples
Create and test imaging report document	Client: Postman Server: http://test.fhir.org/r3	Amnon Shabo	Pass	Need a way to report on findings together with the actual imaging report - findings are fully structured. Starting point was DIR report in C-CDA on FHIR. Have now created a valid example that is fairly closely aligned with DIR.
Review prototype FHIR R4 Mapping Language files	n/a	Lisa Nelson, Sarah Gaunt	n/a	Have noted issues with the mappings More explanation is needed on how the mappings are used

Discovered issues

- See notes in table

Next Steps

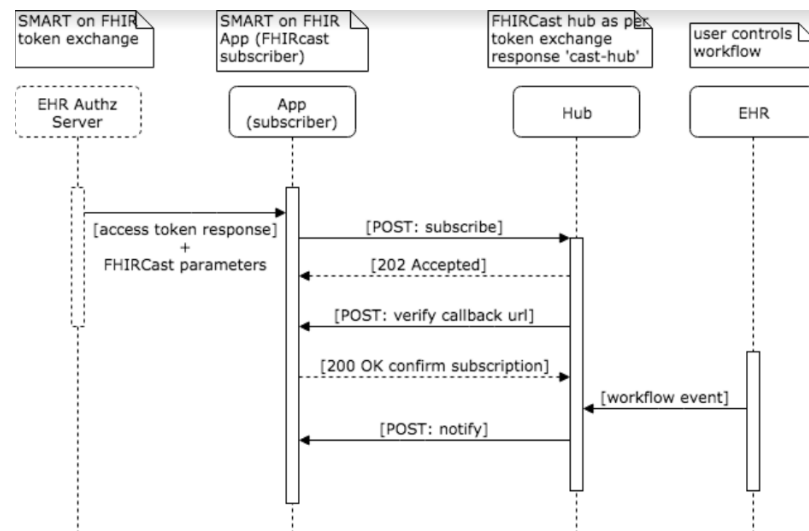
- Continue update of CDA to FHIR transforms
- Talk to SD about how to best reference the CDA source of a FHIR document (that is the result of a CDA to FHIR transform) - have added (RelatedDocument (e.g Transform, replace etc.) for Transformed Documents (both directions): Best practice and options) to SD (hosting FHIR-I) agenda here in Cologne - Tues Q1

- Options:
 - Bundle.link.relation="convertedFrom" and Bundle.link.url - should be able to link to a documentReference resource
 - Composition.relatesTo - maybe add DocumentReference as a choice
- Revisit making Sections reusable (create Section resource or data type or something) - have created a GForge Tracker issue #17114 - have added to SD (hosting FHIR-I) agenda here in Cologne - Tues Q1
- Continue to work on imaging report document modeling (alignment and refinement of the DIR and further specifying the entries in the sections) and examples
- Need more explanation around the FHIR R4 Mapping language files - maybe a demonstration on how to use them
- Have all the transform tools, including the FHIR R4 Mapping language files, transform a set of documents and compare results, which will surface differences and help come to a consensus on the correct approach to mapping the data
- Negation - how to deal with negation in FHIR

FHIRcast

[FHIRcast](#) synchronizes healthcare applications in real time to show the same clinical content to a common user, by extending [SMART on FHIR](#) to achieve tight integration between disparate, full-featured applications. Following implementer feedback at the January connectathon, the specification was updated to model a common webhook design

pattern (specifically the [W3C WebSub RFC](#)). The track goals were to implement this new version of the specification and gather additional implementer feedback on these changes.



Participants

- Brett Esler - Oridashi
- Isaac Vetter - Epic
- Oliver Krauss - University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria

- Martin Bellehumeur - Siemens Healthcare
- Ashish Singh - Siemens Healthcare
- Bas van den Heuvel - Philips
- Richard Ettema - PenRad



Notable achievements

Since our last connectathon, the community created an [opensource FHIRcast sandbox](#) (notably Leo Bergnéhr and Niklas Svenzen from Sectra). Brett, Martin, Ashish and the PenRad team stressed the sandbox and even found and documented some bugs. Overall, the sandbox is a great tool for developers new to FHIRcast. In addition to the sandbox, Brett also created a Hub, so the track had two distinct servers. Martin and Ashish, and Isaac each developed their own FHIRcast clients. Oliver dove into the specification while beginning work on both his own client and hub. Brett demoed his Hub in use by the Oridashi clinical application synchronizing with three different instances of Isaac's python client. Lastly, we also continue to refine and enhance the specification; notably, [PR #25](#) begins to define multiple launch and SSO scenarios using OAuth and [PR #24](#) describes bidirectional synchronization -- both critically important.

Also, see [the video](#) Brett made of FHIRcast in operation.

Discovered issues/questions

The track identified a number of outstanding issues, both with the sandbox and the specification itself. Specification:

- [Issue #29: How can a subscribed app validate that it's subscription is active?](#)
- [Issue #28: How can a subscribed app determine session context immediately upon subscribing?](#)
- [Issue #27: Does the callback url need to be verified as belonging to the subscriber?](#)
- [Issue #26: How are new events defined? Can we create a swagger definition for events?](#)

Sandbox:

- [Issue #5: Notification context from sandbox doesn't conform to spec.](#)

- [Issues #8: Url verification parameters from sand box doesn't conform to spec.](#)

What's next?

The future is bright! Next steps include:

1. Resolving the above issues and reviewing and incorporating [PRs #24](#) and [#25](#).
2. Continuing to build the implementer community and respond to feedback.
3. Ballot specification into HL7.

[Financial Track](#)

BUST - Zero Attendees

[GDPR-General Data Protection Regulation](#)

Examine FHIR capabilities and how they relate to an organization being GDPR compliant. This is not a general discussion of GDPR, but focused on helping the reader understand the capabilities that exist in FHIR.

Participants:

- Firely



- ByLight



- HL7 Austria
- CGM Clinical
- VA/BZI
- Infor
- Accenture



Accomplishments

- [Shared spreadsheet mapping FHIR Capabilities to GDPR, with identified gaps](#)

- Most interesting gaps
 - Should there be a standardized operation for submitting an erasure request?
 - More clear AuditEvent for Export that can be used to know where data has been propagated, to support a potential Erasure or Correction act.
 - More clear how to use AuditEvent to support a report of all uses of an identified patient's data

[IHE on FHIR with focus on MHD](#)

Expose the FHIR Connectathon community to IHE and the tooling from IHE Connectathon. Focus testing on the [MHD profile](#) as the most desired testing from the participants that signed up.

Participants



- HL7 Switzerland



HL7 ARGENTINA

ASOCIACION CIVIL AFILIADO INTERNACIONAL HL7

- HL7 Argentina



- IHE Intl



- IHE Services



- Firely

- ByLight 
- Ahdis 
- SAIHST 

Accomplishments:

- The group primarily tested the [FHIR conformance resources from MHD](#)
 - 6 bugs found and fixed
- Developed StructureDefinitions for response messages for each transaction
- Worked through some regional specialization to support regional health document exchanges. Cascading StructureDefinition from region constraints, while using MHD StructureDefinition
- Developed PDQm return response StructureDefinition
- IHE validator tool will validate all MHD, PDQm, and PIXm transactions

[International Patient Summary](#)

[Medication Plan](#)

Summary: Testing of the German Medication Plan Profiles, Provision of a test server with numerous valid examples

Participants: Molit Institut, HL7 Deutschland e.V., Lang Health IT Consulting, Gefyra GmbH

We had no implementers participating in the track, but held it anyway in order to get the testing environment up and running for later repetitions of the connectathon and Medication Plan tutorials.



Resources

MedicationStatement	202
Medication	199
List	58
Patient	28
Composition	26
StructureDefinition	26
Practitioner	25
Observation	14
ValueSet	9
AllergyIntolerance	6
CodeSystem	4

Achievements: Testserver is running with >300 example resources available

Discovered issues:

Issues with the core spec:

- (GF#16675: example uri in Identifier type contains whitespace -> profiles with Identifier types don't validate in HAPI)
- (GF#16586: Specify how \$valide behaves with regard to resources with display values for foreign language resources -> Currently differences between java/.NET validator)

Issue with Forge:

- Adding/editing invariants at root level results in corrupted Profile (resolved, thanks Michel!)

Issues with HAPI Server:

- core extensions missing, can't be uploaded
- Implementation of Composition/\$document (which is currently not part of the HAPI-FHIR master branch) not yet correct, should return a Bundle of type document, not a search result.
- non-core constraints hardcoded into HAPI validation

Issues with HAPI FHIRPath engine:

- resolve() doesn't work
entry.all(\$this.item.resolve().first().dosage.asNeeded=true) works in .Net but not in HAPI

Issues with .NET-Validator:

- errors if display value doesn't match code

Issues with our profiles:

- Errors in ValueSet Bindings
- Insufficient mustSupport-Flags
- Slicings that don't work
- MedicationStatement was not fully self-contained; dosage.asNeeded should be used (but see FHIRPath issue above).

Issues with our examples:

- Missing mandatory elements
- Invalid units (wrong case)
- Invalid Dates (with Timezone)
- Empty values
- Invalid Extensions

General issues with the "Medikationsplan plus" implementation guide:

- Clarification about context and usage of the profiles needs to be added in the implementation guide

- Identified limitations in the use of the FHIR profiles due to required compatibility with the in-sync CDA representation, may lead to future improvements in the context of workflows.

MedicationPlan issue-tracker:

<https://github.com/hl7germany/medikationsplanplusplus/issues>

Now what:

After having detected and resolved many issues with our specification and the test server, we are now confident to release the testserver to the public and encourage implementation and adoption of the specification.

Patient Track

(cancelled -- no participants)

Storage and Analytics

Objectives:

The track was devoted to bringing together FHIR storage & search implementers. We wanted to share experience, understand pros and cons of different approaches to storage and discuss practical questions that arise during the implementation.

Participants:



Notable achievements:

- Hands-on guidelines with different implementation strategies created
- Created a README for individual database technologies
- Transferred queries between different query languages
- Discussion about the used datasets: create it before the connectathon in different sizes
- Discussion: Comparable queries are needed, based on CQL
- More databases start to natively support JSON, support for raw selection of elements can be provided by `_query` + indexed search based on FHIR search parameters

Open questions:

- Find common README format for individual database technologies
- More meaningful queries are needed
- Get more participation, more databases, more other technologies
- Unify data with Bulk data track?
- Use Vonk Loader for other databases?
- How to combine `_query` with other search parameters? Is this needed? Based on FHIR Path?

Links:

[Link](#) to github account where detailed description and result of the track can be found.

Terminology Services

Questionnaire Track

Objectives

Start testing the revised R4 version of Questionnaire, including the updated Structure Data Capture specification. Discuss how to better handle population of QuestionnaireResponse instances from existing FHIR data and how to extract information from QuestionnaireResponse instances to populate other FHIR resources (e.g. Observation, MedicationStatement, etc.)

Track Participants

Lloyd McKenzie (lead), Robinette Renner, Ajay Kanduru, Brian Postlethwaite, Ana Kostadinovska

Additional discussion Participants

Chris Grenz, Simone Heckman, Brett Marquard, Brett Esler, Joel Schneider, Oliver Kraus, Grahame Grieve, Rick Geimer, Kathleen Connor, Bas van den Heuvel, Adnan Turic, Kevin Olbrich, Isaac Vetter

Achievements

- Identified 3 approaches to pre-population
 - Automated pre-population where the answer can be selected directly from existing data (e.g. Patient birth date)
 - Assisted pre-population where candidate answers are selected from the data for the user to then choose from and upon selection, the question answer can be automatically populated. (e.g. Concurrent medications that may be relevant to this reaction)
 - Question-specific information retrieval where relevant information from the EHR can be displayed to the user to allow them to synthesize and manually answer a question
- Identified candidate technologies to extract information from a QuestionnaireResponse to populate one or more resources (and/or request update of existing resources)
 - Using definitions plus a profile containing fixed values
 - Using StructureMap
 - Using ActivityDefinition

Issues

- StructureMap doesn't currently allow Questionnaire as a source or target structure for mappings

Next steps

- Will create examples using candidate information extraction approaches and review to identify what approach(es) should be supported in the eventual revised Structured Data Capture (SDC) specification

- Will take the updated specification to ballot in August and look to exercise it at the Baltimore Connectathon

[Versioned API](#)

Goals: Identify and address issues related to proposed mechanism for negotiating FHIR versions between clients and servers.

Participants:

- Kevin Olbrich
- Christiaan Knaap
- Toby Hu
- Brian Postlethwaite

Achievements:

- Conversion of resources from one version to another is a separate concern. When conversions happen the server operator may wish to indicate to the client that such a conversion occurred and indicate the quality of the conversion. Supporting conversion is not strictly required, but
- Clarifications about responsibilities of servers and clients
 - Servers:
 - Only one FHIR version in a response. No mixed formats. If you need resources with different formats, additional requests will need to be made.
 - Should conform to the REST API behavior specified by FHIR for the appropriate version
 - Should return the version in the 'Content-Type' of responses.
 - If a client specifies different versions in the accept and content-type headers when creating or updating a resource then this can be interpreted as a request to convert the new/updated resource from one format to another. Server operators are not required to implement conversion. If they do support conversion then the proper resource should be returned. If not the server should return a bad request with an operation outcome in the format requested by the accept header and not perform the create/update.
 - If a client requests a resource in a version that the server cannot represent the data in, the server should return an operation outcome with an error indicating this problem. This may occur if the server stores data in a FHIR-specific format and does not have the ability to convert from one to another or if it just has not completed the conversion yet.
 - Maybe report the "available versions" in the CapabilityStatement.format element
 - Clients:
 - Given a client requests a CapabilityStatement from a server while also specifying a set of requested versions. When the CapabilityStatement returned does not include one of the requested versions Then an error should be indicated.

- The 'fhirVersion' parameter should be appended to all mime-types in the 'Content-Type' header for all requests with a body. (use case here is for POSTs with search parameters.... The content type would be `application/x-www-form-urlencoded;fhirVersion=x.x`). This also would cover other formats like msgpack or protocol buffers if they become supported.

Discovered Issues:

- We need a server that implements the proposed mechanism so we can test against it
- A server operator may wish to indicate that a FHIR version other than the requested one is preferred (and it may be an older or newer one than that requested by the client)
- Use of the `_format` query parameter to specify versions is an interesting concept, but currently most servers don't handle it well (some give bad responses, others ignore the entire `_format` parameter)
- Some server operators may have difficulty converting resources from one FHIR version to another and may not be able to return complete records in some cases. Consider tagging those resources with SUBSETTED.

What's next:

- Get a reference server implementation so we can perform tests against it