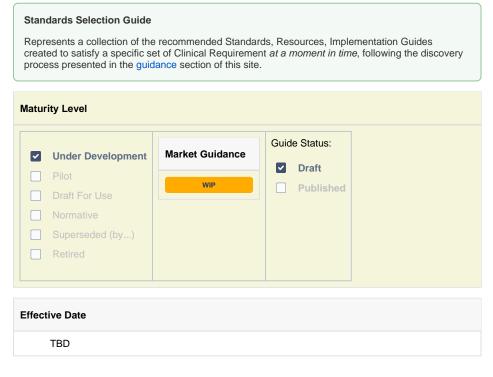
# **Provider Registry**

# Standards Selection Guide



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#### **Purpose**

This document provides an overview of available standards and a recommended approach to support the requirements identified below. The intent is to simplify standards selection decisions in future projects and, in turn, to promote standardization of solutions across projects by providing useful information to support decision making in a readily consumable format.

#### **Business Context**

The Provider Registry (PR) is a foundational component of the Electronic Health Record (EHR) which provides a trusted and centralized source of regulated health service provider information to authorized consumers. Health Service Provider Identifiers (HSPID) within the PR enable unique identification of individual health care providers across the systems participating in the EHR. Demographic and licensing information for all providers is stored within the PR for validation and/or retrieval by source and consumer systems and organizations.

The guide is concerned with extending information exchange with existing, provincial Provider Registries to support contribution and consumption use cases including those that enable consumer applications. The guide is proposing the development of FHIR artefacts (e.g. implementation guides, profiles, extensions, valuesets, etc.) that reflect and interact with Canadian content in a standardized manner.

#### Typical Use Cases

The use cases outlined below are intended to provide context and frame which the standard must meet.

The use cases identify different activities related to a provider registry:

# UC-1 Maintain provider information UC-2 Logically delete provider record UC-3 Merge provider records UC-4 Notify consumer of information updates (passive) UC-5 Consumer search for provider information (active) UC-6 Request transaction history



#### **UC-1 Maintain provider information**

Data received from source systems is used to add or update provider information within the registry, including secondary identifiers and licensing information.

Multiple business events relate to provider maintenance including:

- Addition of a new provider
- Update of provider demographic information
- Association of a license with a provider
- Nullification of a license with a provider

Information updates in the registry then trigger notifications to distribute updated provider information to client systems UC-4.

#### UC-2 Logically delete provider record

Identify and logically delete a provider added to the registry in error.

Information updates in the registry then trigger notifications to distribute updated provider information to consumer systems UC-4.

#### **UC-3 Merge provider records**

Two provider records are combined in the registry.

Information updates in the registry then trigger notifications to distribute updated provider information to consumer systems UC-4.

#### **UC-4 Notify consumer of information updates (passive)**

Events in the PR trigger notification messages which are distributed to subscribing applications.

- · Add provider
- Update provider
- Merge provider
- Nullify license

#### **UC-5** Consumer search for provider information (active)

A consumer system sends a query to the provider registry:

- · Get provider details using HSPID
- Get provider details using License and Role
- Identify provider using License when HSPID role isn't known
- Find candidate providers matching a set of search criteria

If the request is authorized, the PR responds with the requested information.

# **UC-6 Request transaction history**

A source system requests a history of provider record changes by date range or other criteria.

If the request is authorized, the PR responds with the requested information.

#### **Evaluated Standards**

This guide focuses on establishing a new set of HL7 FHIR interfaces to existing EHR resources. Provider Registries have been implemented in various provinces and are mostly employing HL7 v3 messaging standards with sporadic HL7 v2. This guide is proposing extensions of interfaces to these systems using HL7 FHIR and reusing these in a broader, Canadian context.

- Consumer messaging
- Source messaging

#### **Consumer messaging**

A primary role of the Provider Registry is to enable provider identification within consumer systems contributing data to or consuming data from provincial EHR solutions. The predominant means for exchanging data with the EHR is HL7 version 3 messaging.

Standard	Fit for Purpose			Stewardship		Quality		
	Fits Requirements	Implementat ion Type	Vendor Support	Canadian Steward	SDO Maintained	Complexity	Standard Maturity	Training, Support and Tooling
HL7 FHIR		Under Development		Yes	Yes		Draft	
AB MR2009 (HL7 v3)		Production in Canada		Yes (AB)	Localized		High	
pan-Canadian MR2009 (HL7 v3)		Production in Canada		Yes	Localized		High	
ON (v3, v2)								
BC (v3)								
Architectural Constraints and Considerations		Secondary Benefits						
Use of HL7v3 conforms with the architectural design of Canada's digital health blueprint.  AB MR2009 extends the Canadian specification with the ability to merge and logically delete providers.  BC has an implementation that should be described here  Ontario has an implementation that should be described here  HL7v3 messaging does not provide the means to transmit a the history of changes to a provider records.  The PRS XML Messaging specification is proprietary to the registry solution but is shared across several provinces.					erfaces across EHR applica ers by minimizing variability			
	Recommend	dation		Supporting Rationale				
HL7 FHIR Identify FHIR resources required to implement new interfaces to exist accelerate and ease adoption of content in these Provider Registries.				ovincial assets to				

# Recommended Standards

The following standards and related specifications were identified as the recommended approach to support the in-scope requirements. The table lists the summary with the rationale.

Standardization Requirement	Options	Choice	Rationale
Extending EHR PR assets with FHIR interfaces	FHIR assets	х	

# Implementation Resources

# **Community Pages**

Matters related to Provider Registry messaging in Canada are handled through the following Community on InfoCentral.

#### InfoCentral - Community Page

Health Level Seven International (HL7) - Community Site

Link to the new FHIR Working Group to be added here

# Implementation Guides and Specifications

Placeholder for linking in newly created FHIR content (profiles, extensions, valuesets, etc.)

#### **Technical Resources**

Any and every relevant tooling that might be of use to developers and implementers will be listed here.

# **Existing Implementations**

The following organizations have been or are involved in implementing the solution outlined in this Guide:

Implementing Organization	Contact Information	Notes