NPCR-AERRO’S PARTNERSHIP WITH IHE: ENSURING CANCER’S CONNECTIVITY WITH THE EMR/EHR

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Collaborating with existing initiatives is the most efficient way to connect the cancer surveillance workspace to the National Health IT efforts.

- Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP)
- Health Level 7 (HL7)
- Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE)
- Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology (CCHIT)
- Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN)
HITSP

- Partnership between public and private sectors
- Common goal of developing a widely accepted and useful set of standards enabling interoperability among health care software applications at the local, regional, and national health information network in the United States
- Key points for the purposes of this presentation:
  - Declaration of HL7 as a standard
    - Both 2.x and CDA
  - Public Health Case Reporting
Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE)

- An initiative by healthcare professionals and industry to improve the way computer systems in healthcare share information
- Promotes the coordinated use of established standards (e.g., HL7, DICOM)
- Address specific clinical need in support of optimal patient care
- IHE organizes demonstrations of IHE-compliant systems working in real-world clinical scenarios at medical meetings and other venues
Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE)

IHE profiles support health information networks worldwide, and have been accepted as requirements by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services for federal procurement of healthcare IT systems.
How IHE works

- Users of healthcare information identify a need for information exchange and define the use case
- Technical and subject matter experts develop the detailed specifications, called profiles
- The profile incorporates many health information technology standards
  - DICOM
  - HL7
- The profiles are vetted by community stakeholders
How IHE Works

- Profiles are international; Country specific constraints are contained in appendices
- Once published, software vendors and health care professionals collaborate to implement a profile into their application
- IHE is organized into Domains
  - Quality Research and Public Health (QRPH)
  - Anatomic Pathology (AP)
  - IT Infrastructure (ITI)
IHE Content Profile

- A sharable information component that can be exchanged...
  - within an HIE or RHIO (XDS)
  - via Media or USB Device (XDM)
  - via Reliable Messages (XDR)

- Document content using standards
  - HL7 2.x
  - CDA Release 2.0: Medical Document
  - Community Standards (e.g. cancer)
IHE- AP: Anatomic Pathology Reporting to a Public Health Repository - Cancer Registry

- Uniform method for data transmission
- Facilitates standardized electronic reporting of anatomic pathology data in public health domain
- The North American realm constraint is:  
  - NAACCR Volume V: Pathology Laboratory Electronic Reporting, Version 3.0
- Profile published in August 2009
- Successfully tested in IHE Connectathon 2010
- Demonstrated in IHE Showcase at HIMSS 2010
IHE-QRPH: Provider Reporting to Public Health Repository - Cancer Registry

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- Content profile; identifies data elements to be included in cancer case reports from providers to central registries
- Builds on work from the NPCR-AERRO Clinic Provider Office (CPO) Reporting Workgroup
IHE Profile: Public Comment

- Profile was published for public comment on June 6th
  - Comment period through July 6th
  - Email was sent to NAACCR listserv, CPO workgroup, EHR/EMR vendors, and other interested parties
- All comments will be vetted by IHE Quality, Research, and Public Health (QRPH) Committee and changes made as appropriate
- Final profile published in mid-August, 2010
Pathology Report indicates patient has cancer

Clinic/Physician Office (CPO) transmits patient data to Public Health Cancer Registry

IHE ARPH; HL7 2.5.1 ORU Message

State Public Health Agency

IHE RFD, DSC

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Profiles, Standards & Systems

- IHE Request Form for Data Capture (RFD)
- IHE Clinical Research Data Capture (CRD)
- HITSP C76: Case Report Pre-populate Component
- HITSP TP50: Retrieve Forms for Data Capture Transaction Package
- HITSP T66: Retrieve Value Set Transaction

Supporting Infrastructure:
  - PHIN VADS for reportability criteria and standardizing data element values
  - Form Filler, Form Manager, Form Archiver, Form Receiver
  - Security
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- Anatomic Pathology Reporting Profile used existing transaction profiles which laboratories already had in place
- Provider Reporting Profile uses content from existing IHE profiles
- Increases vendor acceptance of profile
- Leveraging existing work can shorten time and cost of implementation
  - Provider EMR reporting prototype took *less than 4* weeks to develop
Collaborating with IHE

- Collaborating with PEERS
- Quality, Research and Public brings three related areas together
- Allows common expertise AND challenges to be presented to the health IT community
- Develop Profiles that can be use by multiple programs
- Provider Reporting Profile can be applied to many public health programs where the physician is required to notify a central agency (i.e. Health Department) of a diagnosed health condition
Cancer Surveillance as a Public Health Proof of Concept for Partnering with IHE
Collaborating with IHE

- Access to and Support of IT Vendors
- Educate vendors on the needs and challenges of public health
- Learn intricacies of EMR/EHR systems
- Coordinated development of profiles that meet the needs of the user and are acceptable to the vendor
- Identify partners for implementation of the Profile
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