



Federal Advisory Committee Health IT Advisory Committee (HITAC) Meeting, November 10, 2022

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My name is Shelly Spiro; I'm the Executive Director of Pharmacy HIT Collaborative (PHIT) representing over 250,000 members of the majority national pharmacy associations including pharmacy education and accreditation and 14 associate members.

Regarding Dr. Rolle's presentation about *2023 Planning related to Pharmacy Interoperability and Emerging Therapeutics*, the pharmacy profession agrees with the plan and the formation of the Pharmacy Interoperability Task Force. Pharmacists are on the cutting edge of documenting and sharing clinical services using FHIR and in many cases are ready and willing to expand these interoperable exchanges.

Over the past seven years, the pharmacy profession stepped up and adopted a FHIR R4 enabled Pharmacist eCare Plan Implementation Guide balloted and published at NCPDP and HL7. This eCare Plan is highly adopted by 19 system vendors¹ with millions of eCare Plans being shared nationally. The eCare Plan applications are being taught in 97 colleges of pharmacy.² In another initiative through a joint effort with NCPDP and HL7, we are working on a FHIR resource for a standardized medication profile (SMP)³ to help exchange medication-related data during transitions of care. PHIT are the stewards of over 120 value sets within the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) Value Set Authority Center (VSAC) to follow USCDI rules including codes to document social determinants of health issues identified by pharmacists during patient care encounters.

We are in support of ONC forming a 2023 Pharmacy Interoperability Task Force.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE: None

¹ Pharmacist eCare Plan Initiative Software Solutions, <https://www.ecareplaninitiative.com/software-solutions>, accessed November 10, 2022.

² Academia-CPESN Transformation Pharmacy Collaborative, <https://www.actforpharmacy.com>, accessed November 10, 2022.

³ HL7/NCPDP Informative Document: Standardized Medication Profile, Release 1, https://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/product_brief.cfm?product_id=578, accessed November 10, 2022.