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## Preface

### *i. Notes to Readers*

The HL7 EHR-S Functional Model, which was approved in July, 2004 as a Draft Standard for Trial Use (DSTU), has undergone a series of enhancements in the last year as it made its way to a fully approved American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard. A broad constituency - including intensive outreach to industry, care providers, and healthcare organizations - has worked to refine the initial EHR-S Functional Model. This version reflects the changes made as part of the reconciliation process in the successful membership level balloting that took place at the January 2007 HL7 Workgroup Meeting.

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### ***iii. Changes from Previous Release***

The HL7 EHR-S Functional Model was promoted to an ISO International Standard after passing HL7 consensus ballot as a normative standard and achieving ANSI approval. This promotion follows the process outlined in the ISO/HL7 Pilot Agreement. The June, 2009 release of this document includes updates from the joint ISO/HL7 ballot. The dates of the comment for the 60 day Draft International Standard (DIS) ballot were February through April, 2009. The HL7 comment period was a 30 day window that coordinated with the last 30 days of the ISO-DIS ballot period. Reconciliation was accomplished in May and early June of 2009.



## Chapter 1 Introduction and Overview

The HL7 Electronic Health Records Special Interest Group (EHR SIG) was established in the spring of 2002. In the spring of 2003 the HL7 group began efforts to develop a standardized functional specification for Electronic Health Records Systems (EHR-S). In May 2004 the SIG was promoted to a full HL7 Technical Committee, becoming the EHR TC. The EHR TC is intended primarily to serve as a body which promotes the uptake of Electronic Health Record (EHR) implementation by standardizing the functions that may be present, based on user selection, in an EHR-S.

The Department of Health and Human Services, the Veterans Health Administration, the Health Information Management Systems Society and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, in a public-private partnership, approached HL7 to accelerate their existing work to develop a consensus standard to define the functions of an EHR-S. HL7, through its EHR SIG, responded by developing an EHR-S Functional Model that passed ballot as a Draft Standard for Trial Use (DSTU) in April 2004. The Functional Model DSTU was published and formally registered with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) in July 2004. The Functional Model was then balloted and passed as a normative standard as part of the January 2007 HL7 Workgroup Meeting and is now registered as a normative standard with ANSI.

Learning important lessons from the ballot process, a Functional Model with a clearer, more simplified list of functions, has been created. The HL7 EHR System Functional Model provides a reference list of functions that may be present in an Electronic Health Record System (EHR-S). The function list is described from a user perspective with the intent to enable consistent expression of system functionality. This EHR-S Model, through the creation of Functional Profiles, enables a standardized description and common understanding of functions sought or available in a given setting (e.g. intensive care, cardiology, office practice in one country or primary care in another country).

### 1 Background

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