Bridging Patient Summaries across the Atlantic: The Trillium Bridge Project

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eHealth market is demanding!

HL7 CDA is a powerful tool for incremental interoperability
- Endorsed and adopted by several governments
- Constrained with Templates and Implementation Guides
  - Developed independently... a cost to interoperability

eHealth market calls for agile processes
- Interoperability to lower costs
- plug-n-play interoperability assets

Can we do better?
For Trillium to bloom, timing is everything!

EU and US Information and Communication Technology Policies embrace the triple win: quality, sustainability, innovation and growth:

- Digital Agenda for Europe 2020
- Affordable Care Act, HIEs, and Meaningful Use

Ensure **sustainability** of the healthcare system

Unlock the **market** for innovation

Deliver Quality Care - better care

EU/US Memorandum of Understanding & Roadmap on eHealth/Health IT collaboration

HL7 Foundation established in Brussels in 2010
Semantic Healthnet (2011-2014)
www.semantichealthnet.eu

eHGI (2012-2014)
www.ehgi.eu

Antilope (2013-2015)
www.antilope-project.eu

Trillium Bridge (2013-15)
www.trilliumbridge.eu

Expand (2014-2016)
www.expandproject.eu

Active in
- eHealth stakeholders group
- EFMI council – representative organizational members

European HL7 affiliate membership
957 orgs (2011)
Why Trillium Bridge?

What can we do to lower the cost of transatlantic business engagement in eHealth?

- Reduce barriers for transatlantic coordination, health care, trade
- Decrease standards development and implementation costs
- Accelerate convergence towards global standards
- Support right of citizens to their health data and safety

Well, perhaps we could try building...

...a Transatlantic Bridge for EHR summaries!
Trillium Bridge Project

What:
- Pragmatic Feasibility study on the exchange of Patient Summaries across the Atlantic

How:
- Comparing, analyzing, and mapping patient summaries starting with Meaningful Use 2 C-CDA/CCD and EU patient summaries (epSOS)

When:
- From: July 2013 to February 2015

Who:
- A stellar consortium comprising EU member state ministries, provider networks, industry, associations, SDOs
Trillium Bridge constituency: a transatlantic community of Knowledge and Action
Objectives of Trillium Bridge

- Building the Transatlantic bridge for patient summaries
  - Use cases → gap analysis → demo->identify barriers /easy wins
  - Interoperability assets → Implementations → Validation
  - Policy alignment, future standardization, and sustainability
  - Feasibility study to set the tone and pace for interoperability in the global eHealth ecosystem.

- Attain the vision of EU-US eHealth MoU and roadmap!
Milestones to success

Selecting the Grounds:
- Pilot Use Cases
- Business Architecture
- Gap Analysis

Building the Bridge:
- Aligning Structure & Terminology
- Trust Agreements
- Interoperability assets

Testing the Bridge:
- Testing Tools
- Data Sets
- Validation Reports

Pave the Bridge:
- Policy alignment
- Organizational, Legal, Regulatory Interoperability
- Feasibility Analysis
- Cross-vendor integration
- Incentives
- Standardization
- Innovative Business models
- Education
- Clinical Research
- eIdentification, Security and privacy
The patient feels sick and seeks healthcare in a country that is not his/her country of origin. As he/she frequently visits that country the health professional may have some clinical information about that patient in his/her own records. They will not normally have a language in common.
§ 170.205 Content exchange standards and implementation specifications for exchanging electronic health information.

170.205(a) Consolidated CDA (C-CDA):
(3) Standardized representation of the Consult Note, Diagnostic Imaging Report, Discharge Summary, History and Physical, Operative Note, Procedure Note, Progress Note, and Continuity of Care Document (CCD).

170.205(h) CDA Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture, Category I

170.205(i) CDA Guide for Reporting to Central Cancer Registries

170.205(k) CDA Guide for Quality Reporting Document Architecture, Category III (QRDA-III)
Meaningful Use Use Cases

§ 170.314(b) Care Coordination

   - Incorporate medications, problems, allergies
   - Create C-CDA
   - Medications, problems, allergies
7. Data portability.

§ 170.314(e) Patient Engagement

1. View, download, and transmit to 3rd party.
   - Patient’s ability to download clinical summary
2. Ambulatory setting only – clinical summary.
   - Patient receives patient summary after encounter
Trillium Bridge Use Cases

One Value proposition:

- When patient needs unplanned care overseas, a EHR summary fit for the purpose of safe and efficient health care is available.
- After the health care encounter, patient receives encounter report in a format and language that can be understood back home.

Two use cases:

- Provider mediated (citizen controlled, provider initiated)
- Patient mediated (citizen initiated, citizen controlled)

Blazing the transatlantic path – constraints and assumptions

- Translation of narrative unstructured content (not in scope)
- Incorporate patient summary elements in EHR or PHR (not in scope)
- Preconditions: citizen empowerment
  - EU Citizens have access to their EU Patient Summary (e.g. epSOS PAC)
  - US Citizens have access to their Clinical Summary in C-CDA/ CCD
Provider Mediated Case: Technical Architecture Overview

National Contact Point (Italy)
National Contact Point (Spain)
National Contact Point (Portugal)
National Contact Points other interested MS

- IHE XCA
- IHE XCPD
- IHE ATNA (epSOS)

Trillium Bridge Gateway (based on the epSOS Open NCP)

Terminology Services
- EU epSOS master value sets (MVC/MTC)
- US core value sets (NLM)

Transformer

Local Connector & eHealth Exchange Gateway

MU2 C-CDA/CCD

Lux, Finland, Greece, Slovenia..
Patient Mediated Case: Technical Architecture Overview

- **Italian** (Lombardy) Portal (epSOS Patient Access)
- **Spanish Portal** (epSOS Patient Access Service)
- **Portuguese** Portal (epSOS Patient Access)
- **Portal of other interested EU MS**

**EU Patient Summary** epSOS pivot document (EN)

- **Trillium Bridge Gateway** (based on the epSOS Open NCP)
- **Transformer**

**Terminology Services**
- EU epSOS master value sets
- MVC/MTC
- US core value sets (NLM)

**Tethered Personal Health Record or Health App or BlueButton+**

**MU2 C-CDA/CCD**

**CTS-2**

LUX, FINLAND, GREECE, SLOVENIA..
Trillium Bridge Gateway

EU citizen receiving unplanned care in the US
- EU Patient Summary [from the epSOS Patient Access Service]
- Input EU patient Summary [epSOS pivot document (EN)]
- Output MU2 C-CDA/CCD 1.0

US Citizen receiving unplanned care in the EU
- C-CDA/CCD [from Tethered/ Standalone PHR or Bluebutton+]
- Inputs C-CDA/CCD 1.0
- Output EU patient Summary [epSOS pivot document (EN, PT, ES, IT)]
- Web service or portal
- Patient Summary
- Encounter Report

Transform between CDA/CCD and EU Patient Summary epSOS pivot (EN)

Translate EU Patient Summary epSOS pivot (EN) to Other epSOS Languages

Terminology Services
- EU epSOS master value sets (MVC/MTC)
- US core value sets (NLM)
Comparing EHR Summaries:
EU Patient Summary vs US Clinical Summaries

- Same base Standard (HL7 CDA)
- Different philosophy: capture vs continuity of care
- Different IGs: C-CDA/CCD (US realm) vs epSOS IG
- Different technical approach: Open vs Closed Template
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## Gap Analysis: Sample Sections & Terminologies

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Trillium Bridge: work ahead

- Complete initial Gap analysis (Mid March)
  - Align with S&I WG EHR Interoperability work stream
  - Release Deliverable D2.2: Comparing Patient Summaries in the EU and US: Gap Analysis and Pilot Use Case Definition
- Identify interoperability Assets
  - Deliver specs for Trillium Gateway and transformer
  - Provide prototype CTS-2 service
- Inform and support ONC S&I-led effort towards an HL7 SD WG project and JIC work item
- Demonstrate our early wins
  - eHealth Forum in Athens May 12-14, 2014
Next stop: Athens May 12-14, 2014

www.ehealth2014.eu

Looking forward to welcome you to Athens and meet Martha and Paolo crossing the Trillium Bridge with their patient summary
Parting Thoughts...

- **Trillium Bridge leads health IT in enabling safe informed health care**
  - Key to new market opportunities
  - Milestone in the path to a healthier world
  - Culture of collaboration, creativity, and understanding for the eHealth ecosystem.

Join us to engage, to benefit, to make a difference!
More Than You Think

HL7 is people, HL7 is ideas, HL7 is collaboration