



Sharing Clinical Documents and Integrating Workflow

Practical Solutions from Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE)

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An important date for your diary:
OXFORD - WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL 2008



Optimal patient care requires efficient access to comprehensive electronic health records (EHRs). The Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) initiative accelerates the adoption of information standards needed to support EHRs world-wide. More than 200 vendors have implemented and tested products based on IHE specifications.

A major contribution to the enhancement of information and image sharing, using existing as well as new documents, has been made by IHE through the development of its Cross Enterprise Document Sharing specification. Applications that support this specification can be used to enhance communication within a hospital, a hospital group, a small or large community and on a global scale.

This important event in Oxford is being held during a week long interoperability testing session – the IHE-Europe Connectathon. During this week suppliers will be evaluated by international experts in proving that their software can interoperate with the software of three other suppliers, as defined by the IHE specifications (based on broadly accepted IT and Healthcare standards). This one day meeting during the connectathon week will provide a strategic overview of IHE Cross Enterprise Document sharing including:

- sites within Europe where IHE document sharing is already being used
- how it may be applied within the context of shared clinical care within the UK
- how it can be implemented in developing countries

The meeting is specifically designed to inform CEOs, CIOs, Financial Directors, Clinical Directors, IT / ICT Directors and Managers regarding the benefits of this efficient and cost effective implementation of technology for the enhancement of communication within healthcare in the UK. The meeting will be of significant interest to suppliers and those involved in planning the implementation of healthcare IT systems.

The meeting will include:

- Review of clinical requirements for a single application to access local documents and documents available via the NHS Spine.
- Review of use of the IHE methodology to streamline the purchasing of interoperable systems and save resources.
- The scope for IHE document sharing on a global scale

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