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- Context for this project: Business Case
- Implementing the Business Case
- Web Resource Center
  - HIT Standards Resources
  - Public Health Participation in HIT Standardization
  - HIT Adoption Stories
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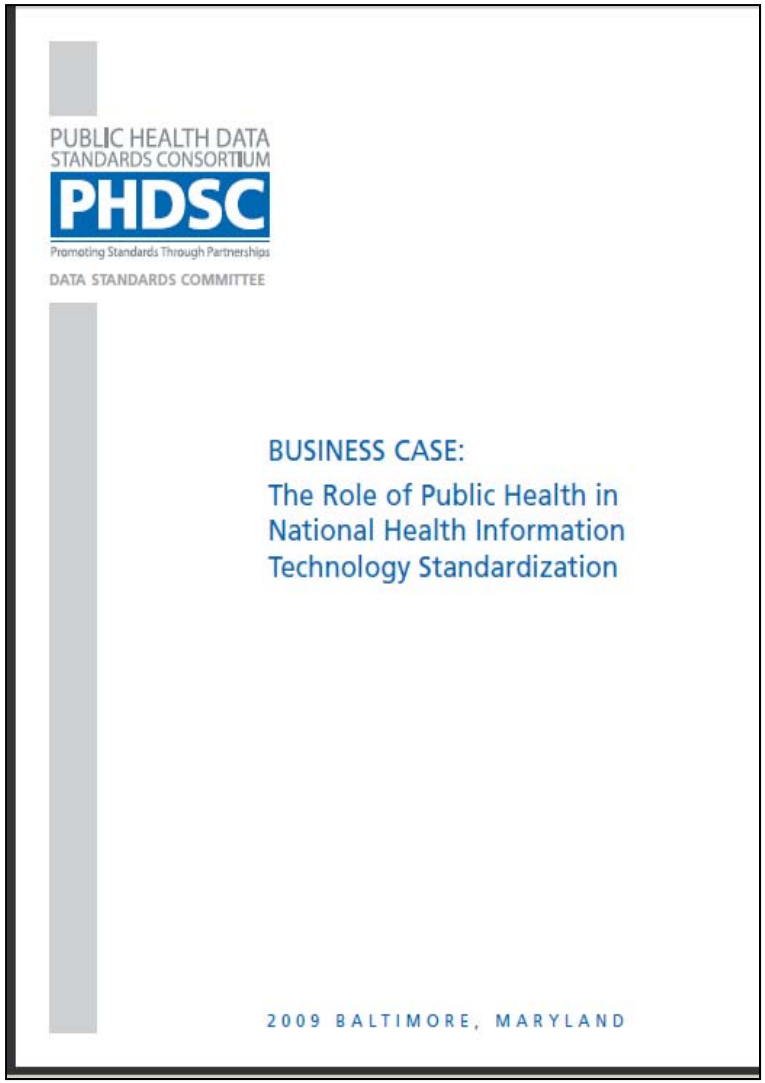
Business Case: Public Health in HIT Standardization



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Business Case: Public Health in HIT Standardization

- *National HIT standardization process requires collective input from public health on **what** public health issues need to be addressed in national interoperable HIT standards.*
- *This input needs to be collaboratively developed, put through the national HIT standardization process and uniformly implemented.*
- ***Public Health's "Organized Voice on HIT Standards"** will have to take on a character reflective of this reality.*
- *We define **Public Health's Organized Voice on HIT Standards** as an open, transparent, participatory process of harmonizing program-specific and jurisdictional needs with national HIT interoperability standards by **working with public health stakeholders and HIT standardization entities** on various phases of HIT standardization.*

What do we want to achieve?

National Health IT adoption strategies have created unprecedented interest in using population-level data. Such data can be available if public health information systems successfully interoperate, *i.e.*, receive and send data between clinical information systems; and across health information systems at all levels of government.

We propose a business strategy that

- *Maximizes the impact of those who participate on behalf of public health in the national Health IT standardization process, and*
- *Obtains input from, informs, and educates other public health stakeholders.*

Through this collaborative public health effort, we could achieve meaningful interoperability across public health information systems as well as between public health and clinical information systems.

How will we want to achieve?

Implementing the Business Case through

- ***Developing a methodology*** for Public Health Participation in HIT Standardization Efforts

- ***Educating*** *Public Health Community about Health Informatics and HIT Standards*

Developing a methodology…

PHDSC Business Case: HIT Standardization Phases, Products and Entities						
HIT Standardization Phases	**Needs & Priorities**	**Development & Maintenance**	**Selection & Harmonization**	**Testing/Trial Implementation**	**Certification**	**Deployment**
Goals	*What should be accomplished?*	*What are the standards?*	*What standards to use?*	*Show what can be accomplished*	*Certify standards-based products*	*Deploy standards-based products*
HIT Standards and Interoperability Framework Development Entities	**HIT Policy Committee** **HIT Standards Committee** **(*Formerly AHIC*)**	**SDOs (e.g., HL7, SNOMED (IHTSDO), LOINC, ASC X12, NUBC, ISO TC215)**	**IHE** **HITSP** **ONC Standards & Interoperability Framework**	**NwHIN** **IHE**	**Certification Entities (CCHIT, Drummond Group, Inc)**	***Proposed*** **IHE & PHDSC Deployment Workshops**
Standards Documents	**Use Cases (Description of the health information exchanges)**	**Standards**	**Interoperability Specifications** **Technical Frameworks** **Integration Profiles**	**Test Reports**	**Functional Profiles** **Certification Criteria**	**Deployment Reports**

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…and working on projects

HIT Standardization and PHDSC Projects						
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Public Health Domains Undergoing HIT Standardization	*AHIC / MU:* Biosurveillance Immunization ELR Public Health Reporting Newborn Screening Vital Records	Biosurveillance Immunization PH-Lab Public Health Reporting Newborn Screening Vital Records	Biosurveillance Immunization PH-Lab Public Health Reporting Newborn Screening Vital Records	PH-Lab Public Health Reporting Hearing Vital Records	PH-Lab Public Health Reporting Hearing Vital Records	PH-Lab Hearing

HITSP Projects

PHDSC Projects

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Educate Public Health and Clinical Professionals about HIT Standards

- ***PHDSC Webinars:***
  - Series of Webinars on Meaningful Use of Health IT for Public Health in partnership with JPHIT
  - HIT Standards for Early Hearing Detection and Intervention
  - Re-evaluation of HL7 EHR-S Functional Model from Public Health Perspectives
  - HL7 Ambassador Presentation on Syndromic Surveillance and Meaningful Use of Health IT
- ***University-based Health Informatics Training*** in partnership with Johns Hopkins University
- ***Health Information Technology Standards Web-Resource***

(http://www.phdsc.org/standards/health-information-tech-standards.asp)

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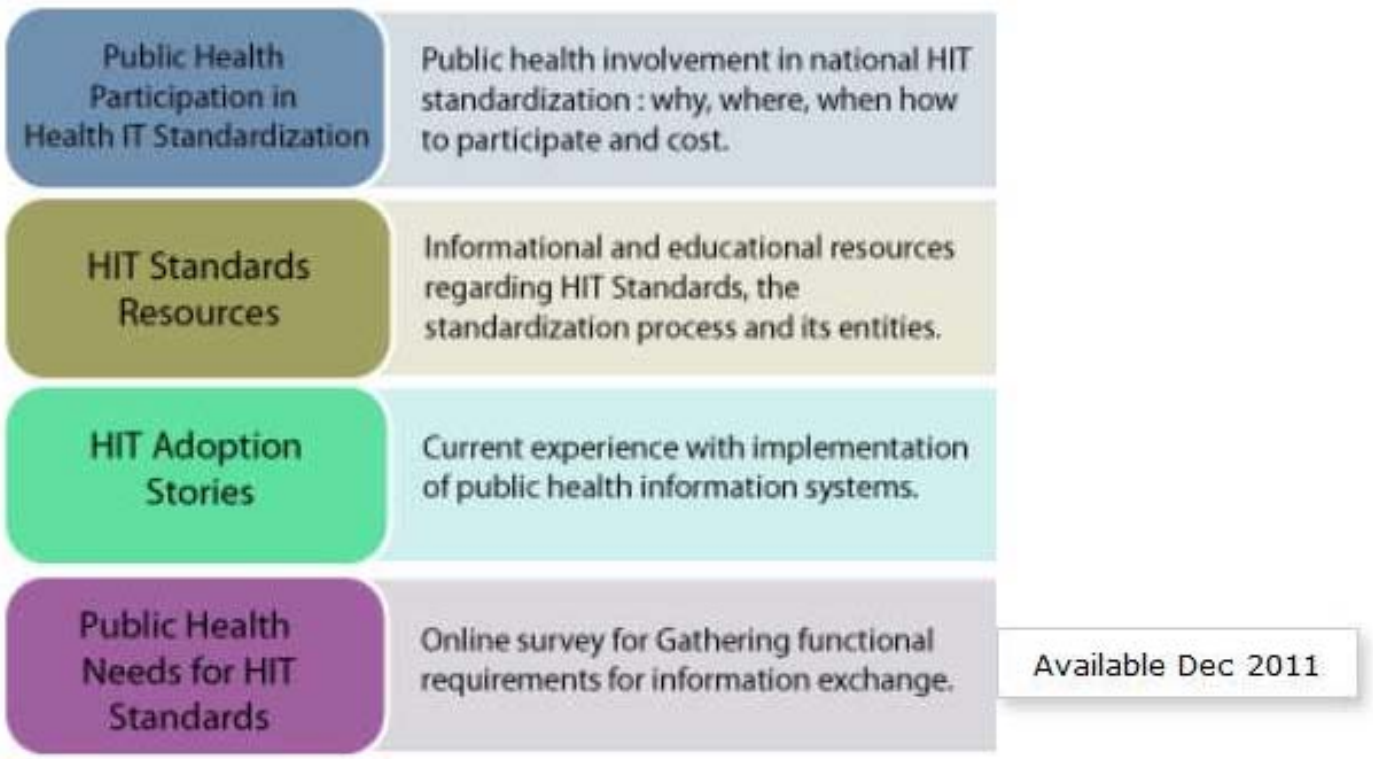

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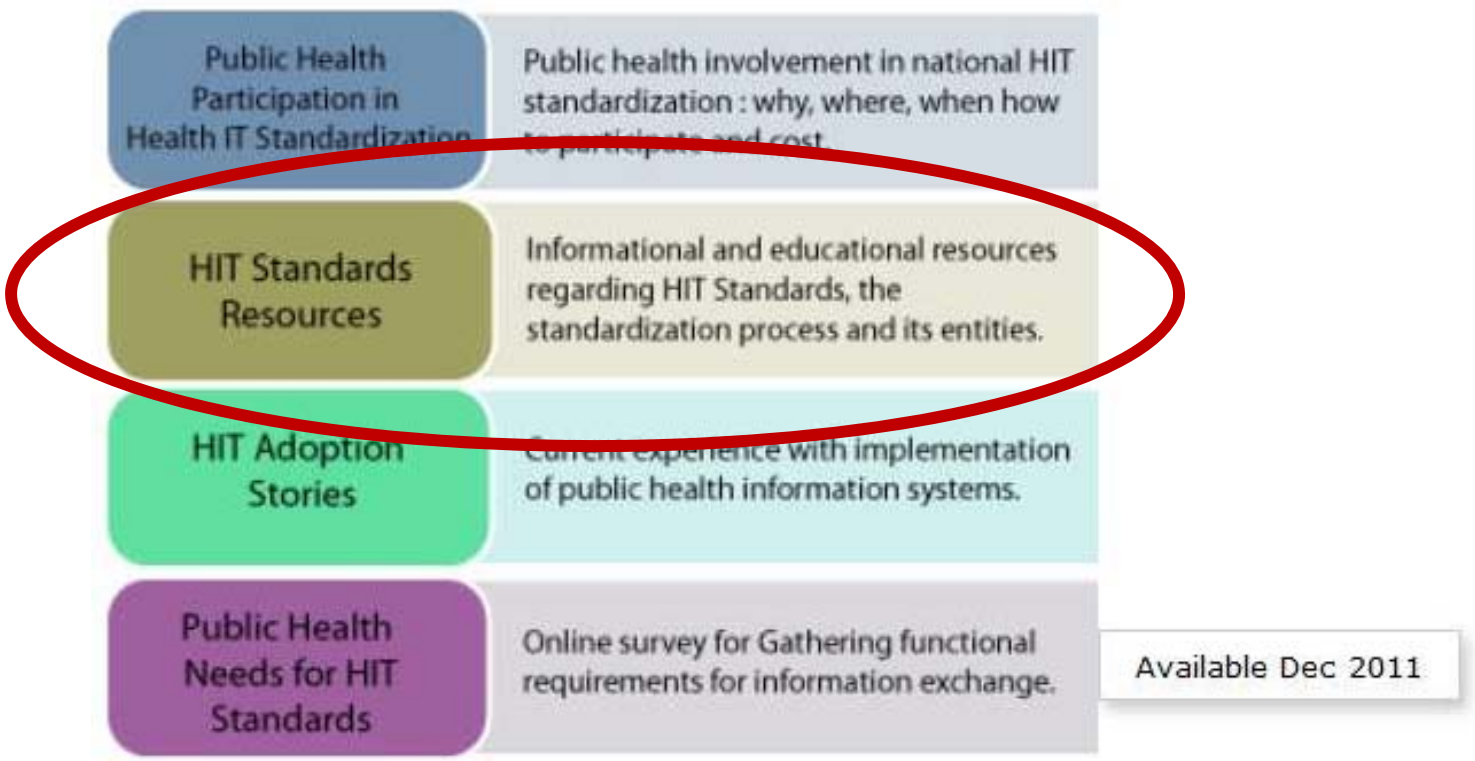

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Health Information Technology Standards

HIT Standardization | Health Information Exchange Priorities | Standards Development | Harmonization | Testing | Certification | Deployment | Adoption

Definitions of Standardization, Standard and Standards Categories

Definitions | Related Topics | Tutorials

Standardization, as defined by the International Organization for Standards (ISO)), is the process of agreeing on standards, which represent the common language that allows the exchange of data between disparate data systems. The goals of standardization are to achieve comparability, compatibility, and interoperability between independent systems, to ensure compatibility of data for comparative statistical purposes, and to reduce duplication of effort and redundancies.

A **Standard**, is a definition, set of rules or guidelines, format, or document that establishes uniform engineering or technical specifications, criteria, methods, processes, or practices that have been approved by a recognized standard development organization (SDO), or have been accepted by the industry as de facto standards, or de jure standards, i.e., formal legal requirements. De facto standards have become standards because a large number of companies have agreed to use them. They have not been formally approved as standards, but they are standards nonetheless.

Standards Categories. In February 2006, the Health Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP) identified the following health information technology standards categories:

HIT Adoption in Public Health

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Privacy & Security Standards	
Examples of Standards Development Organizations	**Domains**
ASTM	Security, Confidentiality
ISO	Privileged Access, Pseudonymization, Audit Trail
IHE	Patient Consent, Anonymization/Pseudonymization
HITSP	Patient Consent, Anonymization/Pseudonymization

ASTM Committee E31 – American Standards for Testing and Materials Committee E31 on Health Informatics

ASTM International is one of the largest voluntary standards development organizations in the world- for technical standards for materials, products, systems, and services.

ASTM Committee E31 on Healthcare Informatics develops standards related to the architecture, content, storage, ***security***, ***confidentiality***, functionality, and communication of information used within healthcare and healthcare decision making, including patient-specific information and knowledge. The Committee, with a current membership of approximately 300 members, has 3 technical subcommittees that have over 30 approved standards and additional draft standards

ISO - International Organization for Standardization

ISO is a network of national standards institutes from 140 countries working in partnership with international organizations, governments, industry, business, and consumer representatives.

ISO 215 Technical Committee on Health Informatics (ISO/TC 215) works on the standardization of health information and communications technology to allow for compatibility and interoperability between independent systems through the following Working Groups: WG 1: Data Structure, WG 2: Messaging and Communications, WG 3: Health Concept Representation, WG 4: Security, WG 5: Health Cards, WG 6: Pharmacy and Medication, WG 7: Devices, and WG 8: Business Requirements for Electronic Health Records. The ISO/TC 215 developed standards for ***Privilege management*** and ***access control***, ***Pseudonymisation*** and ***Audit trails*** for electronic health records.

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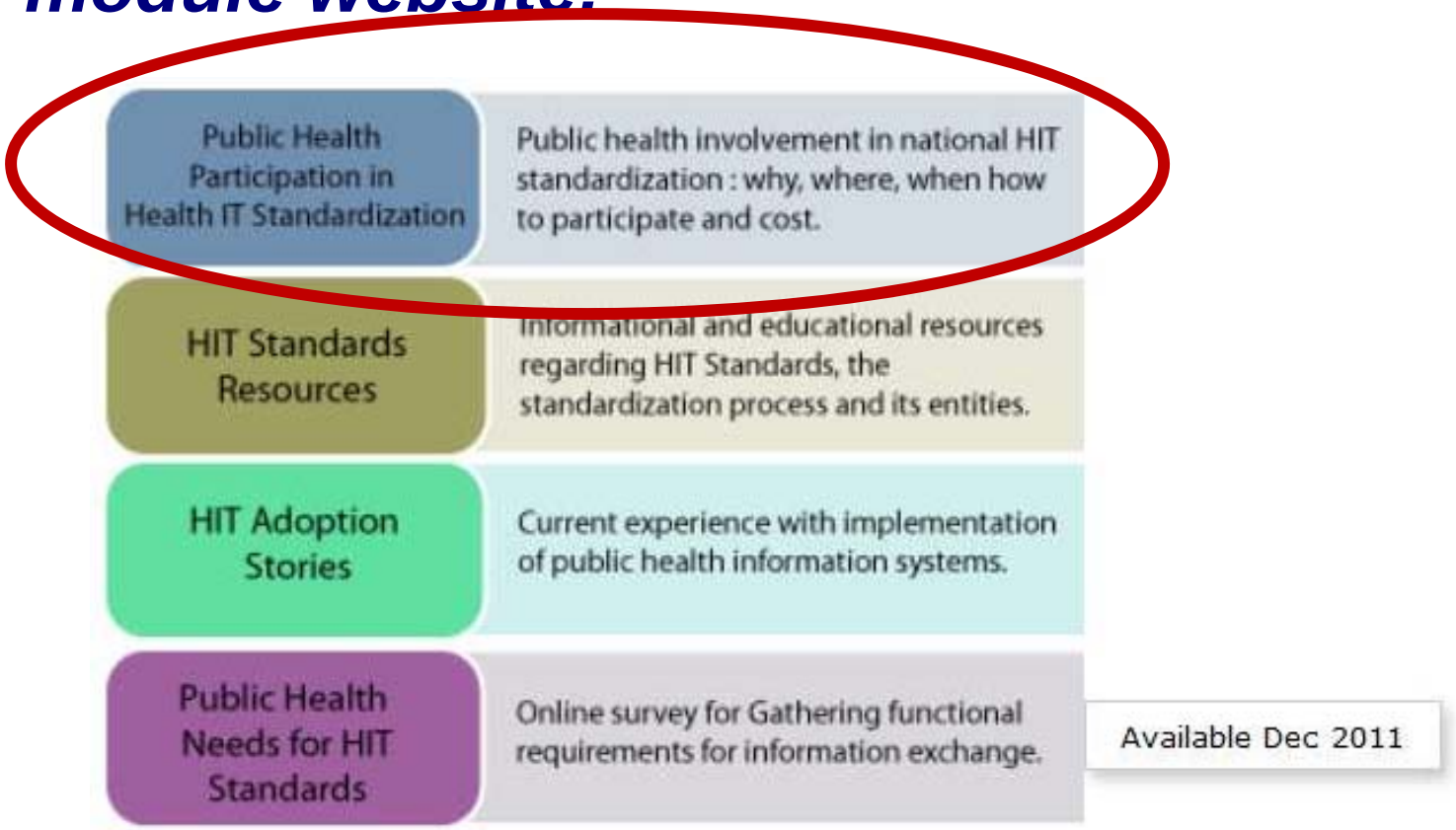

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Main | Why | Where | What | Who | How | How Much
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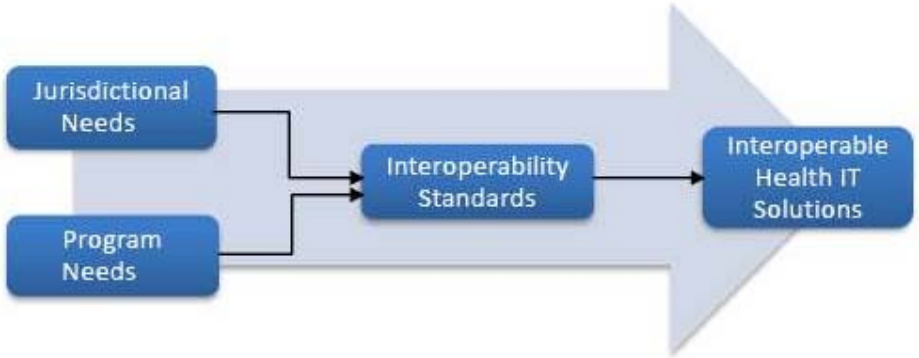
Public Health Participation in Health IT Standardization

Main | Why | Where | What | Who | How | How Much

What interests should be brought to the HIT Standardization table

By participating in Health IT Standardization, you will be able translate your jurisdiction-specific and program-specific needs into standards-based IT applications to support public health program activities.



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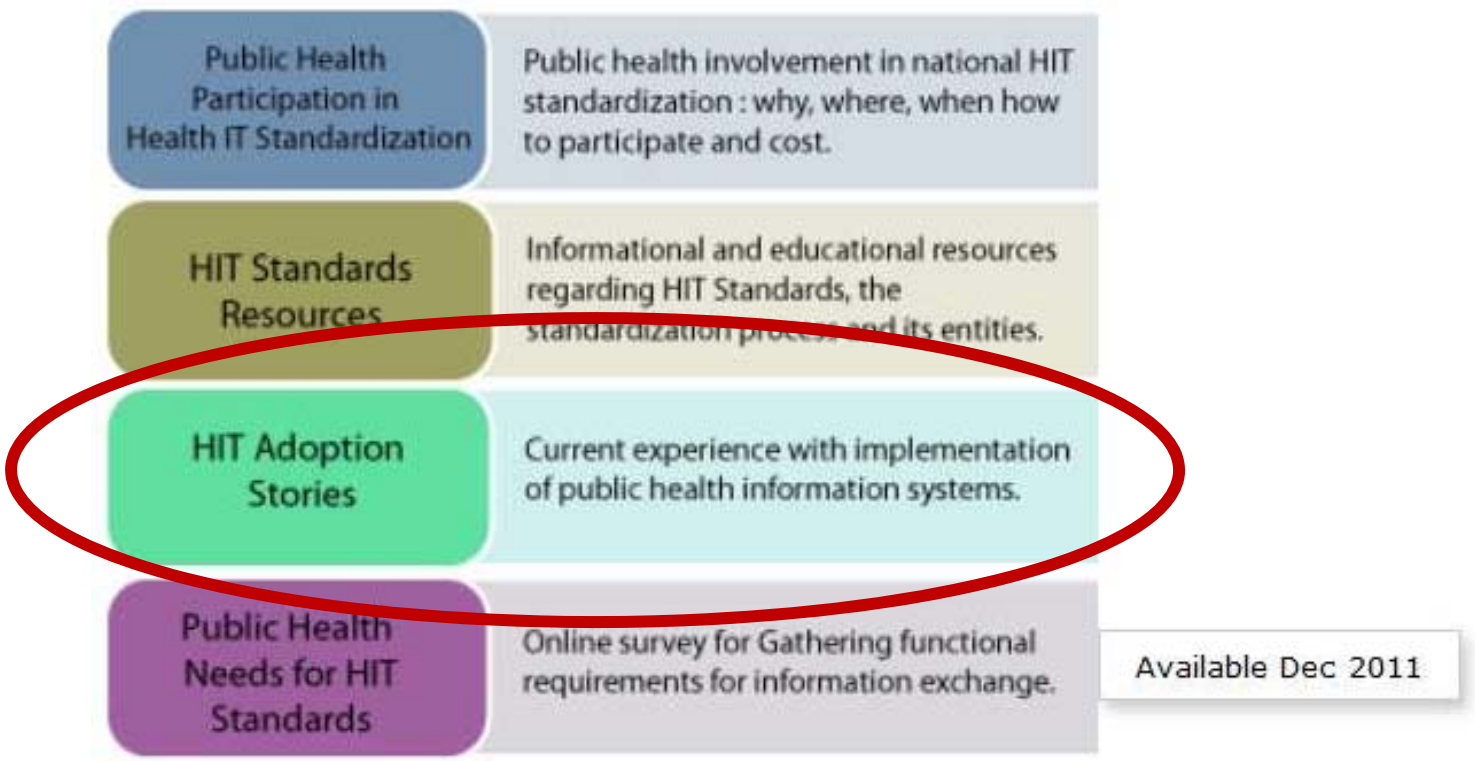

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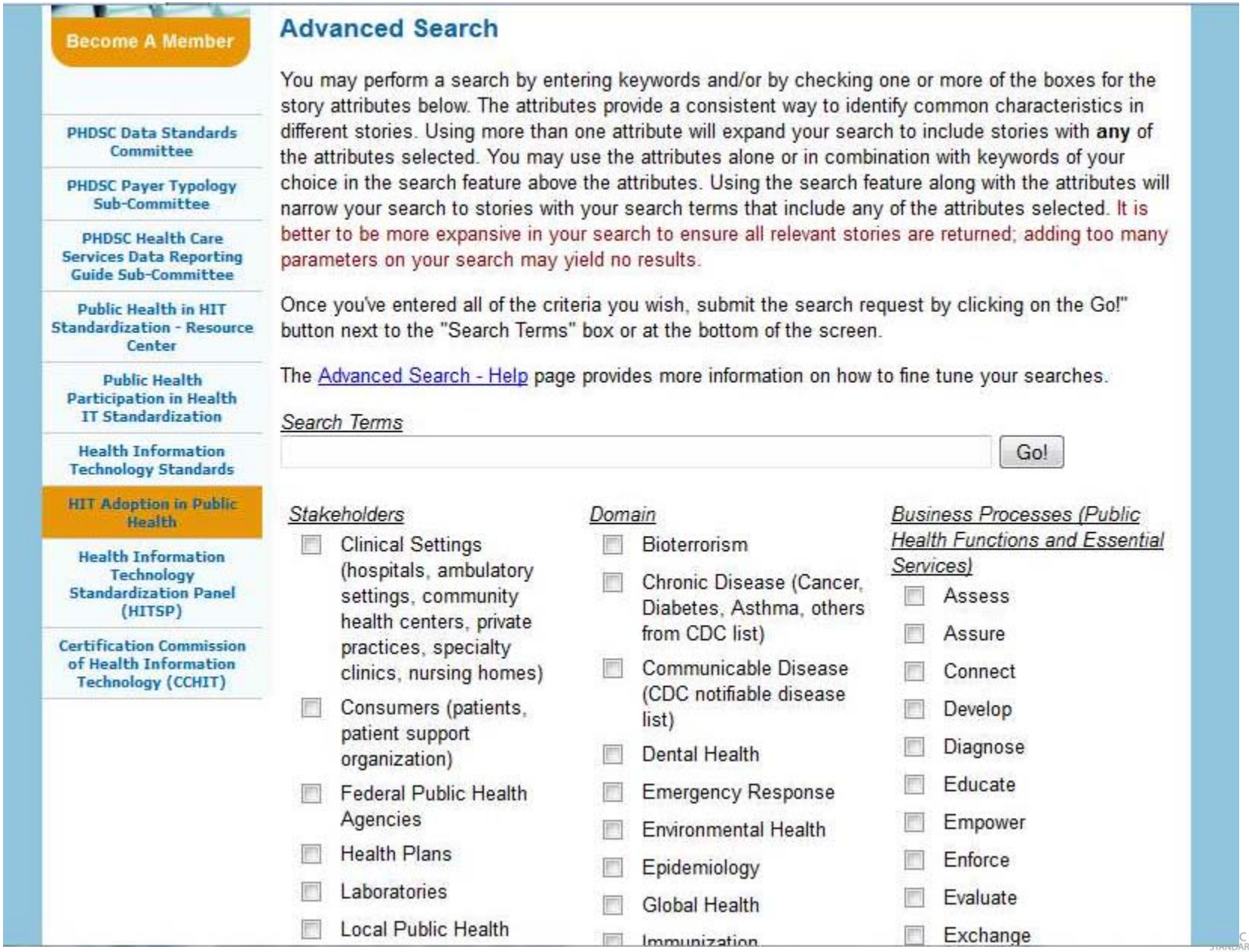
Welcome to the Public Health Standards story page!

Search Terms Go! Advanced Search

The "stories" database provide public health entities a resource for locating public health efforts similar to those they may be planning and understand how standards were incorporated into and benefit the effort. It provides a range of information including a

- **description** of the effort;
- **successes** and **challenges;**
- **Web link** and/or **publication URL** for complete information on the effort.

This stories database is a resource to assist public health to understand and navigate some of the complexities of the field of data standards, facilitate public health adoption of national standards into current and future HIT projects, and align public health applications with those of the broader health care industry.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Once you've entered all of the criteria you wish, submit the search request by clicking on the Go!" button next to the "Search Terms" box or at the bottom of the screen.
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Stakeholders
Clinical Settings (hospitals, ambulatory settings, community health centers, private practices, specialty clinics, nursing homes)
Consumers (patients, patient support organization)
Federal Public Health Agencies
Health Plans
Laboratories
Local Public Health
Domain
Bioterrorism
Chronic Disease (Cancer, Diabetes, Asthma, others from CDC list)
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Business Processes (Public Health Functions and Essential Services)
Assess
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- ☐ Injury
- ☐ Maternal and Child Health (WIC, Newborn screening, Hearing, Birth Defects, other from CDC and HRSA lists)
- ☐ Mental Health
- ☐ Occupational Health
- ☐ Public Health Informatics
- ☐ Vital Statistics (Birth Records and Death Records)
- ☐ Zoonotic, Vector-Borne, and Enteric

Business Processes (Public Health Functions and Essential Services)

- ☐ Assess
- ☐ Assure
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- ☐ Empower
- ☐ Enforce
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- ☐ Identify
- ☐ Inform
- ☐ Investigate
- ☐ Manage
- ☐ Mobilize
- ☐ Monitor
- ☐ Research

Information Management Functions

- ☐ Analyze Data
- ☐ Collect Data
- ☐ Code Data
- ☐ Generate Reports (Reminders, Notifications, Alerts, Summaries)
- ☐ Integrate Data
- ☐ Manage Data (Store, Verify)

HIT Standardization Phases

- ☐ Needs and Priorities
- ☐ Standardized HIT Products Adoption
- ☐ Standardized HIT Products Certification
- ☐ Standards Development
- ☐ Standards Harmonization
- ☐ Standards Trial Implementation (Testing)

HIT Standards

- ☐ Data Standards
- ☐ Functional Standards
- ☐ Identifier Standards
- ☐ Information Exchange Standards
- ☐ Information Standards
- ☐ Privacy & Security Standards

Standardization Activity

- ☐ Certify HIT product
- ☐ Deploy standard
- ☐ Develop spec
- ☐ Establish compliance
- ☐ Establish conformance
- ☐ Establish functional requirement
- ☐ Identify domain need
- ☐ Identify overlap/gap
- ☐ Implement standard
- ☐ Resolve overlap/gap
- ☐ Select standard
- ☐ Test standard spec

■ CDC Domains	15
■ Public Health Essential Function	x 17
■ Informatics function	x 6
■ Standardization phase	x 6
■ Standardization Activities	x 12
■ = a lot!	

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Search for a Story - Your Results

A total of 41 results were found with the following criteria:

Search Terms: Immunization

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR)

The Citywide Immunization RegistryThe New York Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR) provides a central record-keeping system to track the immunization status of individual children and to monitor immunization levels in the population in a timely manner. Th...
http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/cir/cir-home.shtml

California Immunization Registry (CAIR)

The goal of CAIR is to improve immunization rates for all California children through an innovative public-private partnership. CAIR is a collaborative effort involving regional immunization registry services, with the support of their local health departm...
http://www.cairweb.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=28&Itemid=

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Submit a Story

We would like to include your HIT adoption story in our examples and encourage you to take a few minutes to document and link us to your effort by using the entry form below. These submissions will be reviewed by a PHDSC team and posted to the database within one week.

We encourage you to fill out as much information as possible for other readers' benefit (including your contact information so that we can get in touch with you if we have any questions about your entry).

*You may expand the text area box to see more of what has been written. Asterisk * indicates required fields.*

Title*	
URL*	
Publication Reference	
Description* *[max of 15,000 characters]*	
Challenges Faced *[max of 15,000 characters]*	
Lessons Learned *[max of 15,000 characters]*	
Key Words	
Submitter's First Name*	
Submitter's Last Name*	
Submitter's E-mail*	

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View Previously Approved Stories
View Previously Rejected Stories
Quality Assurance
View Stories with Invalid URLs

Submitter's Phone	
Submitter's Organization*	PHDSC
I agree to have my name displayed with the story as the submitter?*	(•) Yes (Story will be posted with your name) ( ) No (Story will be posted without your name)
Privacy Policy*	I have read and agree to the Privacy Policy [x]
Is URL accurate? *(also verified nightly by the system: if 'blank', unverified)*	( ) Yes ( ) No (If not valid, enter a valid URL above)
Reviewer Contacted Submitter	( ) Yes (•) No
Request Review by Another Reviewer	( ) Yes ( ) No
Comments Regarding Review *[max of 500 characters]*	
Reasons not to publish (check all that apply and enter additional comments) *[max of 500 characters]*	[ ] Report only [ ] Inactive [ ] Too old [ ] Not public health [ ] Requires subscription (beyond cursory registration) [ ] Other [ ] Not HIT Story Additional Rejection Reasons:

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Administration - Review Stories with Invalid URLs

There are a total of 16 Stories that have invalid URLs.

Title	Date Submitted	Status	URL (partial)
Arkansas Volunteer Registry	01/18/2011	Rejected	https://emcredential.emsystem.com...
American Public Health Association : Ethical Guidelines	10/19/2010	Rejected	http://www.apha.org/programs/educ...
CDC ATSDR Hazardous Substance Release and Health Effects (HazDat) Database	10/19/2010	Rejected	http://permanent.access.gpo.gov/l...
Children's Medication Algorithm Project	10/19/2010	Rejected	http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhpro...
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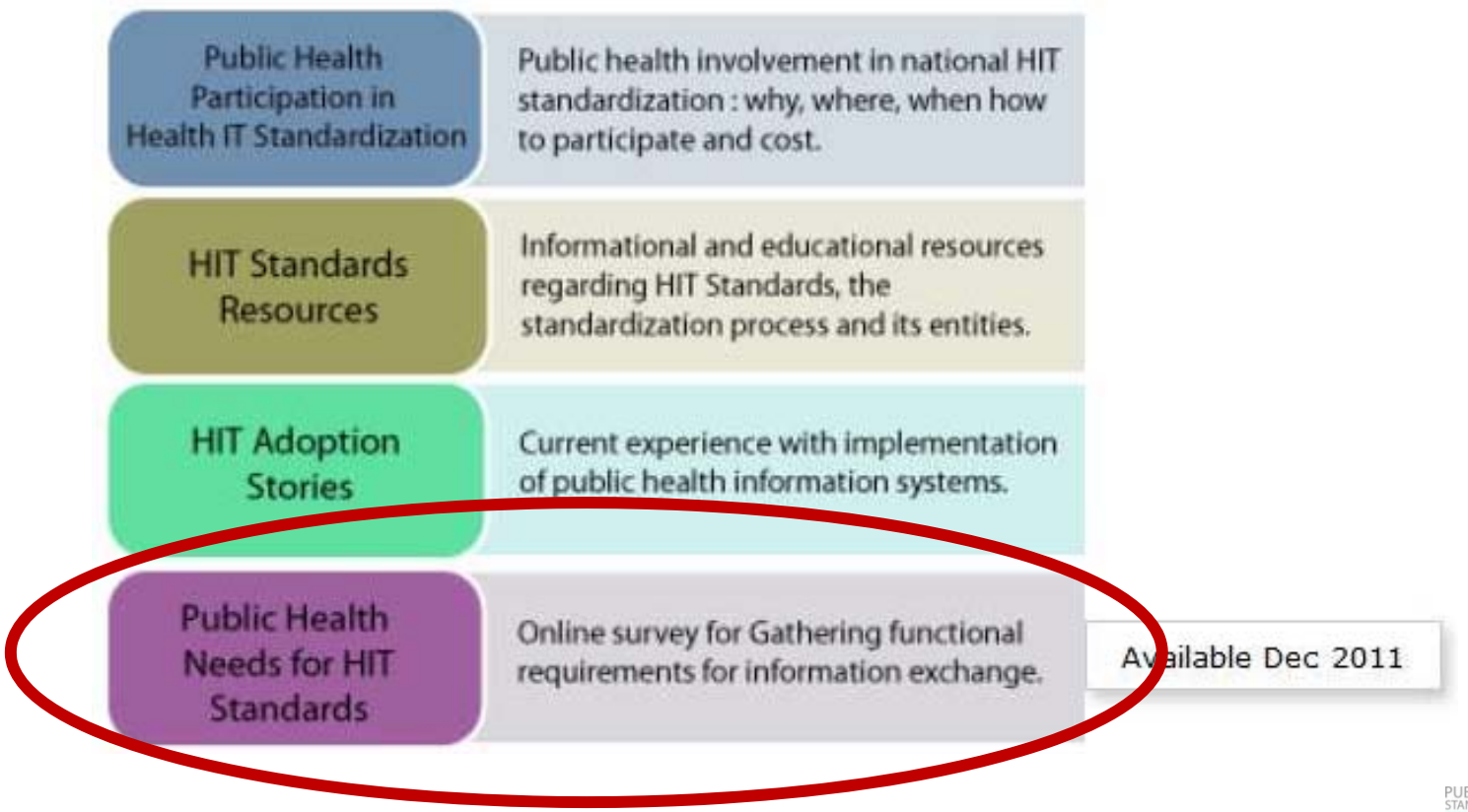

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Summary and Conclusions

- Public health needs to “find its voice”
- We need to *engage and education* public health on HIT standardization issues
- We need to encourage public health to *participate* and *show them how*
- We need *your* stories!