



**BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE
RETIRE HL7 VERSION 3 STANDARD:
LABORATORY; RESULT, RELEASE 1 FOR
THE SEPTEMBER 2024 BALLOT CYCLE**

August 16, 2024

Dear Voter,

Health Level Seven (HL7) invites you to take part in a Comment-only level ballot to retire / withdraw the following HL7 Standard:

**Retire HL7 Version 3 Standard: Laboratory; Result, Release 1
(RETIRE_V3_LABRESULT_R_N1_2024SEP)**

For the purposes of this ballot the question being asked is as follows:
Should the standard be Retired as an HL7 standard and withdrawn from ANS status?

Accordingly, voters should lodge their votes as follows:

- **Affirmative** – Indicates support of withdrawal of the specification
- **Negative** – Indicates support of either reaffirming or revising the specification. If you support either of these actions, indicate your reasons in the comments accompanying your negative vote.

For details on obtaining a copy of the specification under review, please refer to the Balloting Procedures section further down in this announcement.

Review Group Pool Signup

Pool sign up is closed.

Review Group Ballot Open/Close Dates

The ballot pool in this document will open and close for voting on the following dates:

Review Group Ballot Open Date: Friday, August 16, 2023

Review Group Ballot Close Date: Monday, September 16, 2024

Ballot Document

Orders and Observations Work Group announces the ballot opening for the following item:

Retire HL7 Version 3 Standard: Laboratory; Result, Release 1 [PI ID 1873, 1st Comment-Only Ballot]

The HL7 Version 3 Normative Edition's laboratory domain comprises the models, messages, and other artifacts that are needed to support messaging related to the results or observations association with laboratory tests. It currently supports the results of laboratory testing of any type of specimen, including human, animal, and environmental. In the future it is additionally intended to support ordering and the workflow associated with complex orders of laboratory tests, and may include templates.

Unique Ballot ID: RETIRE_V3_LABRESULT_R_N1_2024SEP

General Guidelines

The standard under consideration is available to HL7 members and non-members as a free download from the HL7 web site linked to

https://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/product_brief.cfm?product_id=59.

From this page select the appropriate download link under "Related Documents".

HL7 will conduct these ballots according to its procedure for electronic balloting.

Unique Ballot IDs: Each ballot document has a unique Ballot ID that can be found following its descriptive text. In addition, updated ballot comment spreadsheets will be available on the balloting website at the time the ballots open.

For more information on Balloting Procedures and Guidelines, see <https://confluence.hl7.org/x/-wohAg>.

For Other Balloting Help, see <https://confluence.hl7.org/x/XQghAg>

OTHER ISSUES - Should you have any other issues logging in to the Ballot Desktop, signing up for ballot pools or voting, please contact Lynn Laakso, Director of Technical Publications (DTP@HL7.org), or Webmaster@HL7.org.