

Patient Summary Working Group Meeting

Meeting Summary

Meeting Chair: Allana Cameron			
<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Note Taker</u>	<u>Next Meeting Date</u>
January 7, 2025, 1:00pm – 2:00pm ET	Virtual	Sadrina Petit, Project Analyst, Digital Health Interoperability	TBD
Meeting Agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IHE North America Connectathons 2. PS-CA Release Timing and Scope 3. IPS Updates 4. Patient Summary Implementation Progress 5. Next Steps 			
Presenters			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allana Cameron, Senior Manager Interoperability Solutions, Patient Summary • Sonia Balgah, Senior Business Analyst • Kenneth Sinn, Senior Standards Specialist 			
Invited Guests			
Public			

1. Welcome and Introductions

A. Cameron welcomed all participants to the working group meeting and introduced Sonia Balgah, and Kenneth Sinn. Meeting materials and recording of the session will be made available on the InfoCentral working group.

2. Content Presentation

The Infoway team presented each of the agenda items as outlined above. The meeting focused on discussing the status of the ballot process, implementation considerations, and the work in progress regarding the patient summary.

The presentation deck is available [Patient Summary Working Group Meeting](#)

The video recording is available [Patient Summary Working Group Meeting](#)

3. Questions raised during the working group meeting:

What events are upcoming in early 2025?

The IHE North American Connectathons will take place in Toronto from February 3–7, featuring components like the Connectathons, Projectathon, and Plugathon.

What is the significance of the Projectathon?

The Projectathon will test document formats, content, secure exchange transactions, and harmonized provincial patient summaries. It demonstrates growing interest in the Patient Summary, with 26 systems registered for testing.

What are the weekly office hours for the Projectathon?

Weekly office hours will be held on Tuesdays from 2–4 PM Eastern. These are open drop-in sessions for participants to ask questions.

What is the status of Plugathon registration?

Registration has been extended to *January 17, 2025*.

What is the Plugathon, and why is it important?

The Plugathon is a platform for exploring emerging technologies and innovative ideas, offering interactive workshops and sessions. It facilitates discussions on future specifications and advancements in interoperability.

What features or updates are planned for the next PS-CA release?

The next PS-CA release will incorporate learnings from the Projectathon, adopt new IPS features like the patient story section and lab status updates, align with CA Core Standards, address impactful backlog items, and include feedback from limited production rollouts in Alberta and New Brunswick.

What international contributions are planned for the Plugathon?

Sessions will include representatives from Saudi Arabia, the US, Latin America, Europe, and Australia. They will share implementations and discuss the future of the IPS.

What is the "Patient Story" section in the IPS?

This new feature provides narrative text and optional resources that capture what matters most to the patient, such as their values, concerns, and preferences.

What is the status of the pending lab results feature in IPS?

The inclusion of pending lab results has been approved for observations and other resources like imaging studies and diagnostic results. This allows for a more complete view of patient data, addressing gaps identified by the New Brunswick implementation team.

What is the purpose of the IPS Coordination Committee (IPSCC)?

The purpose of the IPSCC, a committee within the Joint Initiative Council, is to provide a dedicated, open forum for the Collaborating SDOs to coordinate their advancement of the IPS Suite. For example, it coordinates requirements and feedback across multiple Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) like HL7, ISO, SNOMED, IHE, and CEN. This ensures that all SDOs are informed of updates and that experiential learnings from implementations are integrated effectively.

What contributions has Canada made to the IPS global community?

Canada is recognized for actively sharing implementation learnings, such as the need to display pending labs. This feedback has driven updates to IPS specifications, demonstrating the country's leadership and engagement in the global community.

What is the significance of experiential learnings in IPS?

Experiential learnings, like those from New Brunswick and Alberta, help ensure IPS remains relevant and aligned with real-world use cases. These insights often inform multiple SDO artifacts, highlighting the importance of coordinated feedback mechanisms.

What is the new IPS Coordination Process?

A pilot process ensures that requirements submitted for IPS are appropriately distributed to the relevant SDOs. For example, feedback impacting multiple artifacts, which are owned by the corresponding SDOs (e.g., HL7, ISO, SNOMED, etc.), is coordinated for resolution.

How can participants stay engaged with updates on IPS?

Interested participants can subscribe to regular IPS update emails and join discussions on the IPS FHIR Zulip chat. They are also encouraged to raise specific issues or interests for consideration in future PS-CA releases.

What is the IPS Maintenance Agency, and how does it relate to the IPS Coordination Committee (IPSCC)?

The IPS Maintenance Agency is part of ISO TC 215, designed to address rapid changes to the IPS specification (ISO 27269). It acts as a front door for faster updates compared to traditional ISO methods. The IPSCC collaborates closely with the Maintenance Agency to ensure coordination across SDOs.

Which jurisdictions in Canada have implemented or are working on Patient Summary solutions?

New Brunswick and Alberta implemented Patient Summary solutions in 2024, while BC and Ontario are preparing to go live this fiscal year. Saskatchewan and Manitoba are planning migrations to conform to PS-CA, Nunavut is exploring cross-border sharing for 2025, and PEI has expressed interest.

What are the two main approaches to Patient Summary creation in Canada?

Provider-initiated (used by BC, Alberta, and Ontario) and patient-mediated (adopted by New Brunswick, where patients control creation and sharing).

How are AI and trust frameworks being integrated into IPS discussions?

At the Plugathon, combined sessions with the AI and trust framework tracks will explore how AI can improve data quality and reduce administrative burden and how trust frameworks support IPS.

How can participants learn about clinical use cases for Patient Summary?

A detailed slide on clinical use cases across jurisdictions will be shared in the meeting deck, highlighting commonalities and differences between provider-initiated and patient-mediated approaches.

What are the immediate next steps for PS-CA and IPS-related activities?

Finalize release timelines post-Projectathon, encourage Canadian participation at the Plugathon, and continue to support the Canadian Patient Summary implementation efforts.

How can participants stay engaged or ask questions?

Join Projectathon office hours, post in the InfoCentral forum, email the team, or subscribe to IPS HL7 updates.

Action Items:

Action Item #	Action Item	Responsible	Due Date	Status
1	Provide updates on the finalized scope and timeline for the next PS-CA release.	Infoway	TBD	In Progress
2	Add interested participants to the email distribution list for IPS updates.	Infoway	TBD	In Progress