

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>
October 8, 2024, 3:00pm – 4:00pm ET	Virtual	Sadrina Petit, Project Analyst, Digital Health Interoperability	TBD
Meeting Agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PS-CA: Work in Progress and Upcoming Events 2. International Patient Summary Updates 3. Next Steps 			
Presenters			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allana Cameron, Senior Manager Interoperability Solutions • Connected Care • Sonia Balgah, Senior Business Analyst • Connected Care • Kenneth Sinn, Senior Standards Specialist • Connected Care 			
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 aimed to provide updates on the Patient Summary (PS-CA) progress, international patient summary developments, and discuss potential focus areas for the PS-CA roadmap.

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 is the status of PS-CA v2.0.0?

The PS-CA v2.0.0 DFT pre-Ballot was released on August 15, 2024, followed by an open review period from August 16 to September 6. The team is now reviewing feedback, focusing on issues that do not require group

decisions and applying proposed dispositions. The official ballot cycle is set for December 2024. Please note that proposed dispositions will be communicated to submitters by EOD Oct 11th. As these are proposed dispositions, they will be open for discussion in the formal ballot cycle in December 2024. The aim of this “pre-Ballot” was to fix any major items that may prevent the use of this release at the Projectathon event in Feb 2025.

How is gender harmony being incorporated into IPS?

The decision was made to reference the Gender Harmony Implementation Guide, rather than fully integrating gender harmony into IPS. They plan to include examples reflecting gender-related scenarios in IPS.

What changes are being made to SNOMED IPS reset binding?

The SNOMED IPS reset binding was removed because broader SNOMED CT bindings cover the necessary scope. Additionally, new absent/unknown codes have been added to SNOMED, replacing the IPS-specific absent/unknown codes in version 2.0.

What is the adoption status of Smart Health Links (SHL)?

The proposed rule by the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy (ASTP) includes adoption of Smart Health Links, which would significantly broaden its usage if the rule passed.

How is PS-CA integrating shareable health links into its latest release?

Shareable health links have been integrated into the PS-CA v2.0.0 release to support patient-mediated access use cases. This aligns with the Smart Health Links specification and helps enhance patient access to their health information.

How do Shareable Health Links tie into the Smart Health Links specification in PS-CA v2.0?

Shareable Health Links have been added in PS-CA v2.0 and are linked to the Smart Health Links specification. This supports the new use case for patient-mediated access, and further details can be provided by the New Brunswick team, who implemented the use case.

Will the Gazelle tests and validators be updated to reflect PS-CA v2.0 before the February 2025 Projectathon?

Yes, the Gazelle tests and validators will be updated to reflect PS-CA v2.0. The team is currently working on it, and updates will be communicated to the group via the InfoCentral Working Group.

How can attendees engage in the international updates shared by Ken?

Ken sits in on international meetings discussing updates and proposals for the International Patient Summary (IPS), and these updates can be shared regularly during working group meetings. Participants can also provide feedback on international discussions for Ken to take back to those groups.

What kind of research is New Brunswick conducting on patient summary feedback?

New Brunswick has hired a postdoctoral researcher to gather feedback from patients and clinicians on their patient summary implementation, which went live in July 2024. This research will inform both the national specification and other jurisdictions' implementations.

What is being done to address comments submitted during the PS-CA v2.0 review cycle?

The team is internally reviewing feedback from the open review period and applying proposed dispositions. Where proposed dispositions have been applied, the specifications will be addressed immediately, while more complex issues will be reviewed in the formal balloting cycle in December 2024. As these are proposed dispositions, they will be open for discussion in the formal ballot cycle in December 2024. The aim of this “pre-Ballot” was to fix any major items that may prevent the use of this release at the Projectathon event in Feb 2025.

How will cross-jurisdictional support for vendors be handled in the PS-CA?

Analysis is underway to identify differences across jurisdictions and must-support data elements. This analysis will help vendors understand what they need to support and how to handle cross-jurisdictional implementations.

When will the next Patient Summary Working Group meeting take place?

The team will post the schedule for the next meeting shortly, and regular engagements are planned to resume more frequently.

4. Poll Feedback for Future Working Group Direction:

Are you interested in learning about the work different jurisdictions are doing and their Patient Summary implementations?

Received 11 votes, all indicating 100% interest. This shows unanimous support among working group participants for learning about Patient Summary implementations across various regions.

Would you like to stay updated on the changes to the International Patient Summary?

Received 10 votes, all at 100%. This indicates that all working group members are keen on staying informed about updates to the International Patient Summary.

What topics would you like this group to address?

With a pan - Canadian IPS standard as well as multiple jurisdictional- specific versions, what are vendors going to need to support and how will they play together especially for cross jurisdictional software vendors?

Continued insight from the international community to consider future alignment needs in Canada. For example, if/how IPS is implemented in the US and how it fits with USCDI.

Address comments submitted via ballot review cycles or Jira

I'm interested in understanding how national specifications like PS-CA relates to CA Core +. Additionally, how does this work align with the HALO specification and what's the national strategy?

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Action Item #	Action Item	Responsible	Due Date	Status
1	Provide updates on jurisdictional implementations of the patient summary, such as the work done by New Brunswick, to share learnings and feedback.	Infoway	TBD	In Progress
2	Incorporate regular updates on the international landscape, including changes to the IPS specification and opportunities for Canadian input, into the patient summary working group meetings.	Infoway	TBD	In Progress
3	Discuss and address any key topics or issues raised by the group that should be prioritized in the PS-CA roadmap.	Infoway	TBD	In Progress
4	Follow up on the timeline for updating the Gazelle test cases and validators to reflect the PS-CA version 2.0 standard.	Infoway	TBD	In Progress