



**BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE
WITHDRAWAL OF HL7 VERSION 3
STANDARD: SPECIFICATION AND USE OF
REUSABLE INFORMATION CONSTRAINT
TEMPLATES, RELEASE 1
FOR THE MAY 2023 BALLOT CYCLE**

March 31, 2023

Dear Voter,

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

**Withdrawal of HL7 Version 3 Standard: Specification and Use of Reusable
Information Constraint Templates, Release 1
(WITHDRAW_V3_TEMPLATESPEC_R1_O1_2023MAY)**

Per ANSI rules, any ANS subject to periodic maintenance shall be revised, reaffirmed or withdrawn five years (5) after its designation as an ANS. HL7 is conducting this ballot in accordance with the HL7 Essential Requirements (HL7 ER) section 03.04.01 (Reaffirmation of an HL7 American National Standard), to allow those parties with an interest in the ANS to record their position on the decision to reaffirm, revise or withdraw this ANS.

For the purposes of this ballot the question being asked is as follows:

Should the standard be withdrawn as an American National Standard, reaffirmed as an ANS, or subject to revision and brought to ballot as a new version?

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 ANS 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, March 31, 2023

Review Group Ballot Close Date: Monday, May 1, 2023

Ballot Document

The Technical Steering Committee announces the ballot opening for the following item:

Withdrawal of HL7 Version 3 Standard: Specification and Use of Reusable Information Constraint Templates, Release 1 [PI ID 1792, 1st Comment-Only Ballot]

This implementation guide describes how templates are specified, registered, used and exchanged. It describes how to exchange template definitions using an Implementable Technology Specification (ITS). It covers template characteristics, versioning of templates and definitions of relationships that exist for templates. It also explains how to use template references and validate them in XML instances.

Unique Ballot ID: WITHDRAW_V3_TEMPLATESPEC_R1_O1_2023MAY

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=377.

From this page select the 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.