



Canada Health Infoway

CA:eReC Working Group

Online meeting
November 26, 2025

Topics

Topic	Time (ET)
Welcome	5 mins
Release Timelines & Working Group Meeting Cadence	10 mins
Release Scope	40 mins
Projectathon 2026 updates	10 mins

Release Timeline 2025 – 2026

Date (Est.)	Milestone
Now – March 25	Working Group & Spec. Development
Feb 24 - 26	Projectathon against v1.2.0 DFT
~ March 25	Release -Ballot version – available for open review
March 26 – April 24	Open Review & Feedback submission
May 13 – July 8 (8 sessions)	Ballot Dispositioning with Working Group
~ July 29	Changes incorporated into Spec. and Release balloted draft

Working Group Meeting Cadence

- Propose to start with weekly meetings
 - Block 90 min meetings, give time back or cancel if agenda is shorter / more prep needed.
 - Wednesday, 1:00 PM ET – 2:30 PM ET
 - ~ 12 Working Groups until March 25 release

- Next Meeting: Dec 10



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Proposed Scope for Release

P	Item
1	Document workflow edge cases and close gaps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ON CT testing and feedback from implementers provided a list of potential edge cases that the spec does not cover. - Work to understand and prioritize between these gaps with working group, document the gap and provide a recommendation (workflow documentation/sequence diagram changes)
2	HALO and CA:eReC Apps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Needs guidance on how resources relevant to the referral is shared between PoC and HALO Referral app during the launch steps. - Need information about how to return information to a PoC after the app has closed (using the Informer/Recipient Integration?)
3	Alignment with CA Core+ Profiles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued alignment activities. Will bring to the working group if modelling changes are identified.
4	Managing and Sharing Consent incl. Profiling a Consent Resource <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only known eReferral use case is to notify that the patient provided consent for notification emails/text messages to the patient - Might need a new messaging event, because consent can be updated on both requester/performer sides
5	Support for Triage Priority on ServiceRequest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Optional Triage Priority and Comment. Approach considered by AB is to use extensions
6	Adding a “semi-urgent” priority on ServiceRequest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “semi-urgent” in between “routine” and “urgent”
7	Pre-adopt R6 Patient.contact.role on Patient <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patient.contact.relationship used for personal relationships (e.g., Parent, Spouse). Proposing a separate element for roles (e.g., legal guardian, emergency contact)
8	Support for “mature-minor” indicator on Patient <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “mature minor” able to provide healthcare consent although under 18. Doctrine of "mature minor" is a common law doctrine in Canada
9	Discussion: FHIR Messaging Guidance with Reference Architecture WG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementers of FHIR messaging need clear and consistent direction on how to implement message transmission both in scenarios where messaging is direct between two parties and in scenarios where intermediate systems broker message exchange.
10	Discussion: CSD and CA:eReC with Reference Architecture WG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lacking guidance on interoperability patterns when they cross both guides - where do CSD records come from, how are they consumed by RMS, how are they used in messaging or a future paradigm where the CSD record is just referenced?
11	Discussion: Ontario eForms Specification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - eForm Specification based on FHIR SDC aims to standardize referral form elements

eReferral Workflow Edge Cases

1. Appointment modifications
 - Cancellations
 - Change in date/time/location
 - Multiple appointments
2. Bi-Directional Messaging on Child Referral Scenarios:
 - Communications (From requester, performer, replies)
 - Declining 1 split referral
 - Requester revoke on 1 child referral
 - Appointment modifications
3. Adding a CC'd provider to a referral
4. Triage Referral to eConsult (TReC)

CA:eReC at Projectathon 2026

- **Virtual Projectathon from February 24-26, 2026**
- Tests planned to also cover transactions with a Central System
 - Adding Informer/Recipient actors and transactions in addition to the Requester/Performer transactions tested at the last event
- CA:CSD is also being tested as a separate integration profile
 - Testing queries with a Simulated Service Directory
- **Registration Deadline: December 19, 2025**
- For more information: [Link](#)



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