

eReferral Working Group Kick-Off Meeting Summary

Meeting Summary

Meeting Chair: Alex Reis			
<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Note Taker</u>	<u>Next Meeting Date</u>
Thursday, October 19, 2023, 1:00pm - 02:00pm ET	Virtual	Sadrina Petit, Project Analyst, Digital Health Interoperability	Wednesday, November 1, 2023 1:00pm - 02:00pm ET
Meeting Objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and Introduction 2. Setting Meeting Cadence 3. Review of the Existing E-Referral Implementation Guide (Version 0.1) 4. Overview of Proposed E-Referral Workflow Models 5. Next Steps and Responsibilities 			
Presenters			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Reis – Facilitator • Mark Fernandes – eReferral / eConsult Product Owner • Attila Farkas – Senior Director, Interoperability Portfolio 			
Invited Guests			
Public			

1. Welcome and Introductions

A. Reis welcomed all participants to the working group meeting and introduced, Mark Fernandes, and Attila Farkas. Meeting materials and recording of the session will be made available on the InfoCentral working group.

2. Working Group Objectives

E-Referral & eConsult is one of the four near-term initiatives that supports the strategic goals identified in the [Shared pan-Canadian Interoperability Roadmap](#). A. Farkas offered to provide an overview of the share.

This newly established working group is looking to build on the existing eReferral specification developed by the eReferrals Workstream under the FHIR Implementations Community. The objective of this working group is to use a collaborative approach to develop a pan-Canadian eReferral and eConsult specification.

Decision: Alex Reis and Tim Berezny will be the co-chairs of this working group.

3. Working Group Structure and Key Activities

Working group members are encouraged to lean on their expertise to provide guidance/input during the

development of the specifications.

Content will be shared through InfoCentral and InfoScribe for review and feedback. The proposed timeline is to have an early release, V0.1.0 Draft, specification by March 2024 and a major release, V1.0.0 Draft by July 2024.

To date, the specification review process has been an open review period where feedback was collected from the community and used to inform the direction of the specifications. Going forward, specifications will go through balloting, which aligns with international standards and best practices.

Decision: *The working group meetings will be scheduled as bi-weekly meetings and on an ad-hoc basis as required.*

4. E-Referral Proposed Scope

A.Reis presented high level conceptual (sequence) diagrams that show two possible integration paths between a point of service system (EMR for example) to a referral management system. One path that depicts a loose integration where the POS uses a portal (form) that provides the referral capabilities required to create and manage a referral, and another that shows a POS taking on more of the responsibilities of creating the referral through the use of FHIR restful APIs.

R. Buchanan raised that we need to spend a few cycles to align the sequence diagrams to the existing models to ensure alignment in language and usage.

T. Berenzy requested that we share the Mermaid scripts for the integration pattern diagrams to allow working group members to review and provide feedback. He also requested a collaborative space for providing feedback as we develop the specifications. A. Farkas responded that InfoScribe will be set to allow for anonymous viewing/commenting and select members can be added as co-authors. Infoway continues to explore collaborative tooling that will support the co-development of pan-Canadian specifications.

Action: *Working group members to review the existing specification developed by the FHIR Implementers - eReferral Workstream (<https://simplifier.net/guide/ca-on-ereferral-r4-iguide/Index/Home/Introduction?version=0.11.1>)*

Action: *Working group members to review the proposed scope of use cases for eReC-CA v0.1.0 DFT (deck will be shared this week prior to next meeting)*

Action: *Infoway to share Mermaid code for conceptual integration pattern diagrams.*

5. Next Steps:

Moving forward, members agreed to a bi-weekly meeting cadence. However, it was also acknowledged that ad-hoc meetings may be required as the work progresses. The next working group meeting will be scheduled for November 1, 2023, from 1-2pm ET.

Action: *Circulate meeting presentation,summary, and recording. Schedule the next working group session for November 1st, 2023.*

Action Items

Action Item #	Action Item	Responsible	Due Date	Status
1	Schedule the next working group meeting for November 1, 2023, from 1-2pm ET	Infoway	October 25, 2023	Completed
2	Share presentation, meeting highlights and recording on InfoCentral	Infoway	October 25, 2023	Completed
3	Share Mermaid code for conceptual integration pattern diagrams	Infoway	October 25, 2023	Completed
4	Review v0.11.1 of the e-referral FHIR implementation guide	Working group members	November 1, 2023	In Progress
5	Participants are to review the proposed use cases that are intended to be within the scope of our project. These use cases will be shared by the end of the week for your consideration and feedback.	Working group members	November 1, 2023	In Progress