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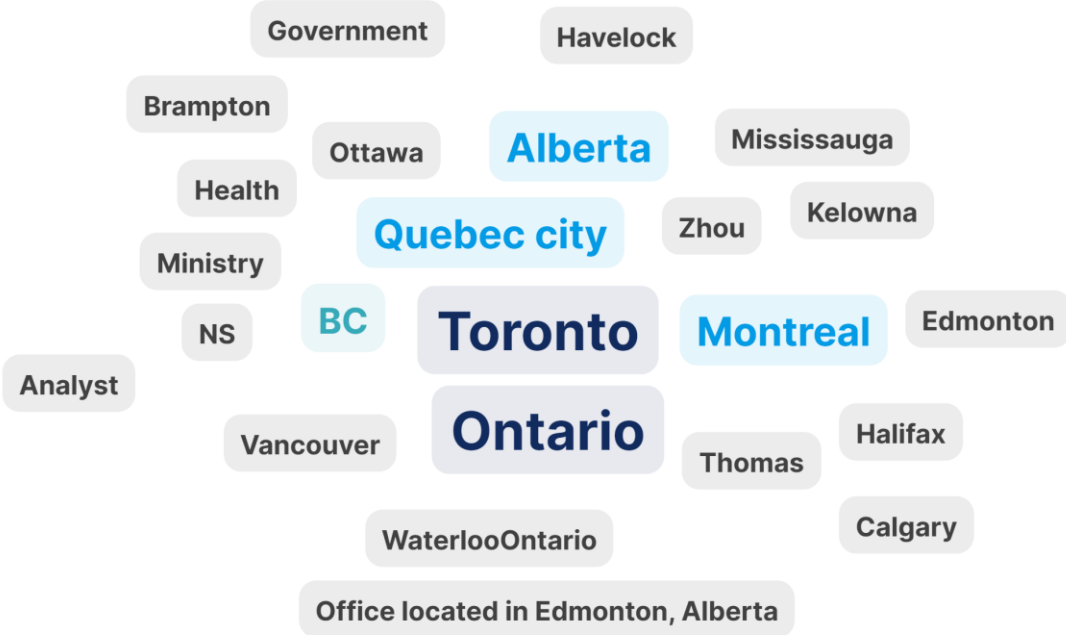
 Can you introduce yourself (vendor name, jurisdiction name, etc)?
Wordcloud Poll  21 responses  16 participants



Poll Results

Where are you joining this online working group meeting from (city, province, state)?

Wordcloud Poll 25 responses 22 participants





Canada Health Infoway

eReferral Working Group (eRWG)

**Kick-off Meeting
October 19, 2023**

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Agenda

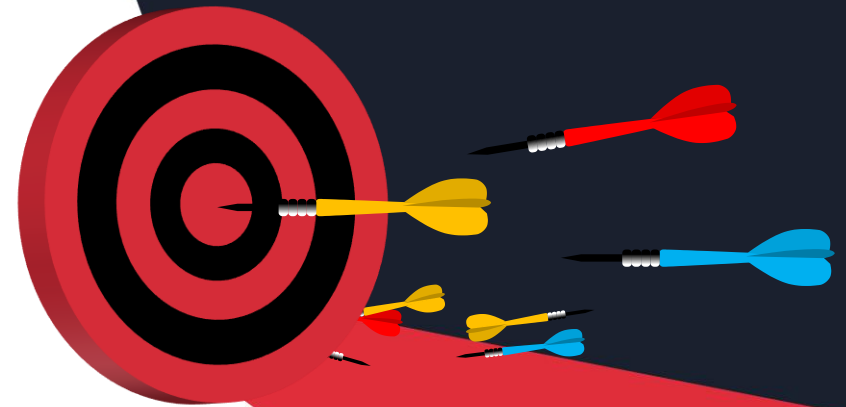
1. Working Group Objectives
2. Working Group Structure and Key Activities
3. eReferral proposed scope
4. Next Steps

Objectives:

- **What** this working group is about
- **How** we are going to work
- **Why** it is a priority
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eRWG Objective:

Collaborate on the various aspects of creating and exchanging **electronic referrals and consults** resulting in a **harmonized pan-Canadian specification** that can be implemented across the country to **improve patient access to care** and **improve care coordination**.



We all have a stake on this

We share common goals

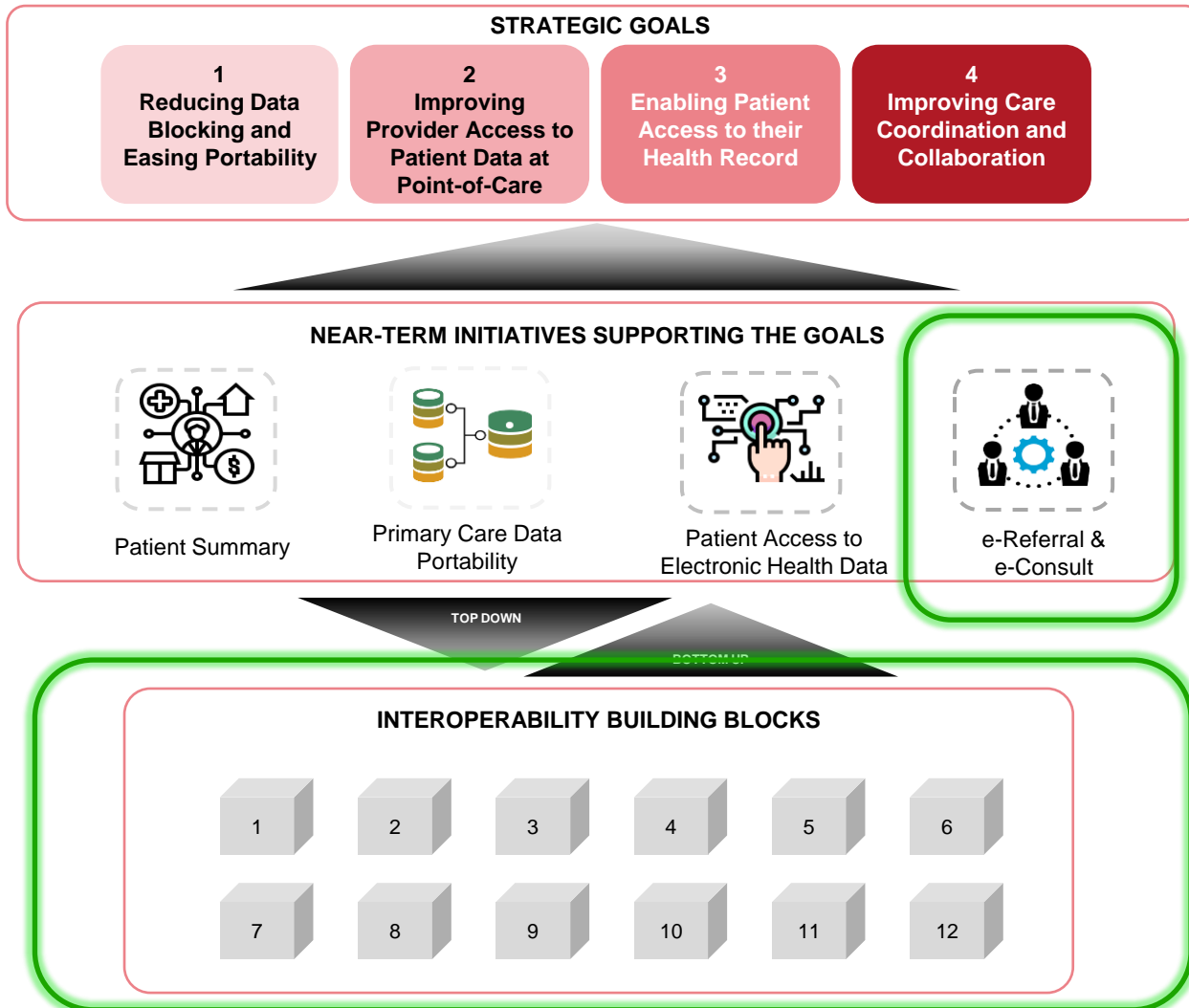
1. High priority for many Jurisdictions
2. Part of the Interoperability Roadmap
3. Vendors have proven the use case

We believe healthcare can be improved

1. Problems
 - Degraded patient experience
 - High costs (paper/faxed based referrals)
 - Physician burnout
2. Benefits
 - Consistent data collection
 - Equitable access to care for patients living in remote areas

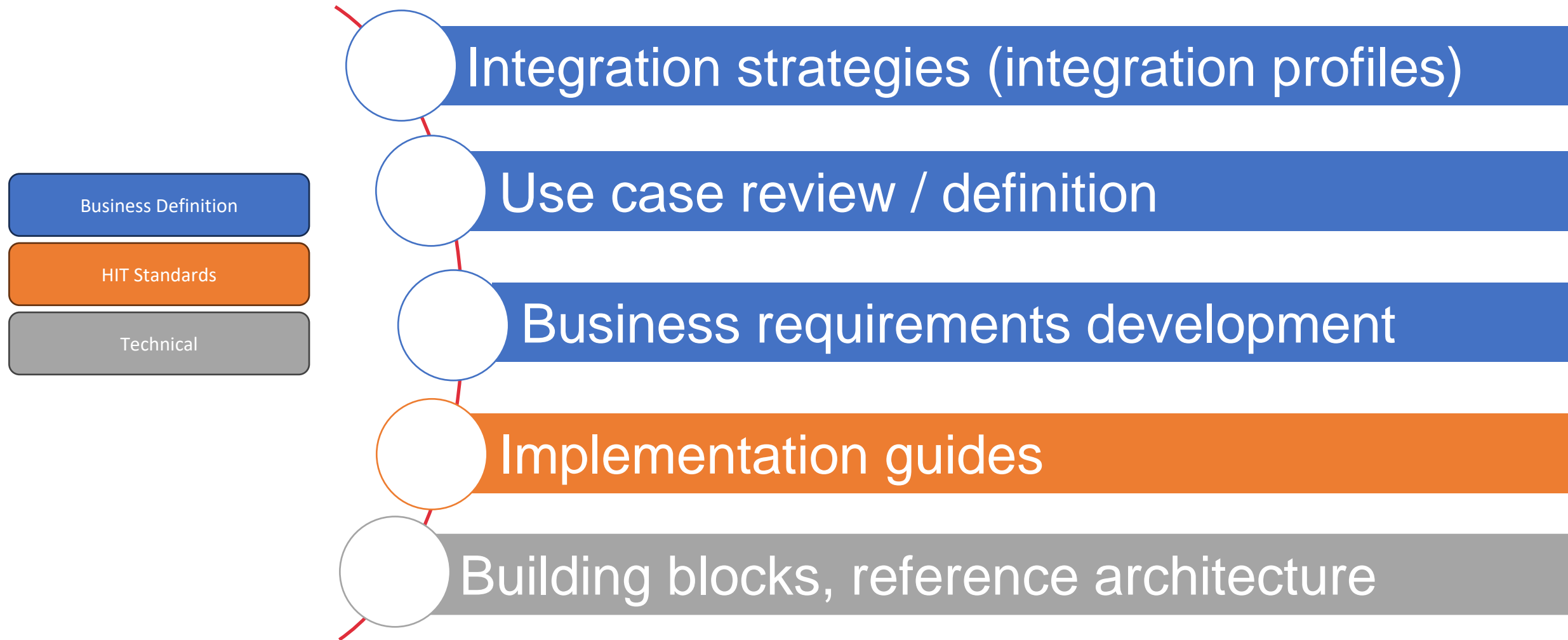
A comprehensive (top-down & bottom-up) approach is being taken to drive pan-Canadian interoperability.

To achieve our strategic goals, we will start with four near-term initiatives which are reflective of current jurisdictional priorities.



- **Strategic Goals** – the common goals that all jurisdictions are aspiring to achieve over the next five (5) years
- **Near-term initiatives** – To achieve our collective interoperability strategic goals, four near-term initiatives have been identified to drive immediate progress and value
- **New initiatives** – As new priorities emerge (or priorities shift), new initiatives will be introduced to drive further progress
- **Building blocks** – A handful of building blocks will be activated in Year 1 based on requirements (this does not imply we must undertake a lot of work or drive a building block to completion but rather advance the building block enough to enable the initiative to work)

What we will discuss in the working group meetings



How you can participate – structure of the working group

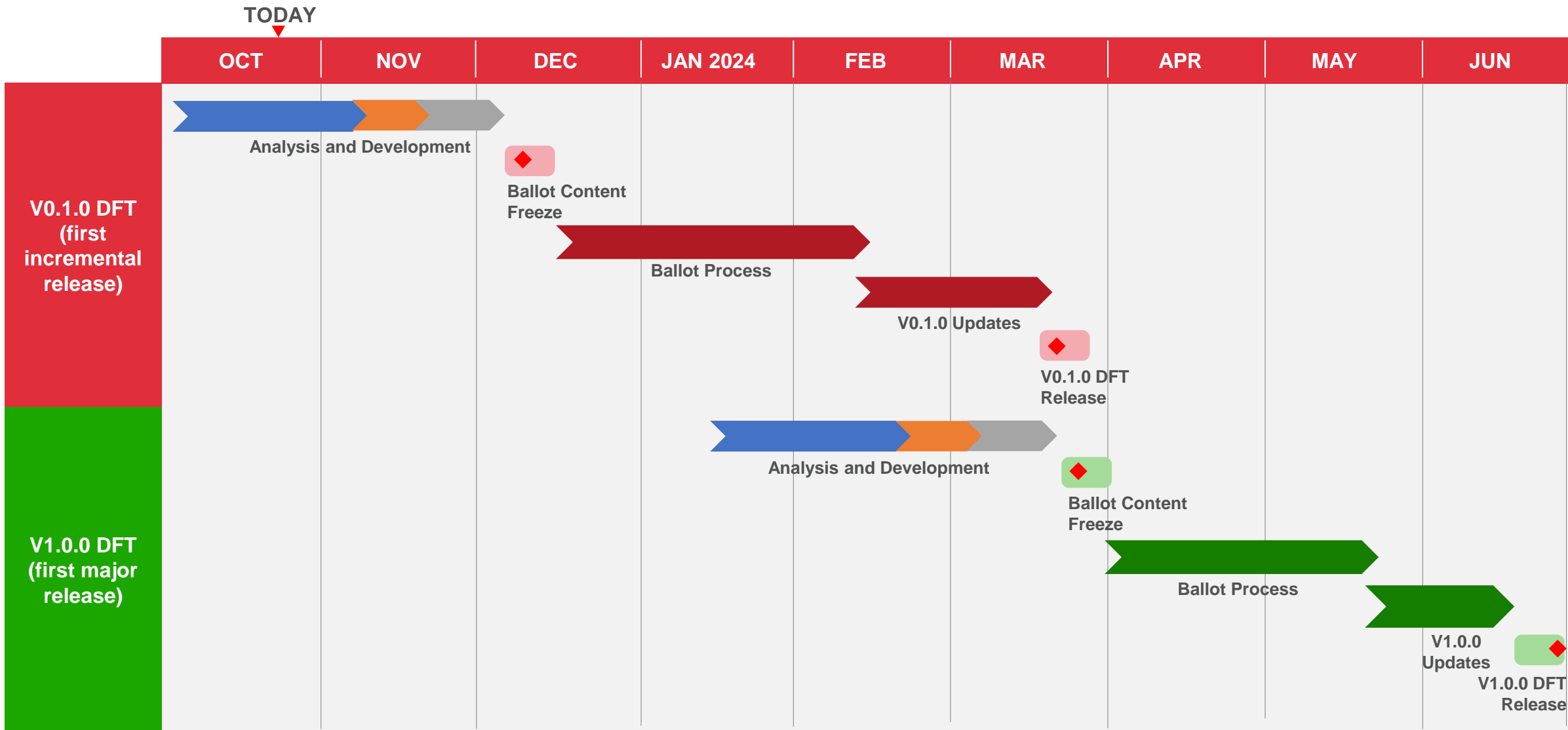
- Identify the stakeholder groups that should participate (clinical, business, technical, etc.)
- Determine cadence for working group sessions (e.g., bi-weekly; potentially more during the balloting cycle)
- Confirm the approach for reviewing content and providing feedback (e.g. InfoScribe and InfoCentral)

How you can participate – key activities

- Attend WG meetings and participate in the content discussions
 - Agenda items will be prepared by the WG chair who will share the agenda in advance of each meeting via the WG forum
- Validate the scope of work for respective specification releases
- Provide guidance/input (e.g., knowledge exchange, lessons learned, etc.) toward the discussion (e.g., use cases, potential change requests to the specifications, etc.)
 - If topics arise that cross initiatives (e.g., architectural decisions), the chair will triage item(s) to the supporting SMEs/working group(s)
- Participate in balloting cycle (this includes reviewing the feedback and voting on the decisions)
- Be a champion within your organization to encourage participation in providing feedback into the public review cycles

eReferral / eConsult High-Level Proposed Timeline

Business Definition
HIT Standards
Technical



Specification Review Process Changes

To date, the Interoperability Specifications team has used an internally defined, albeit common process, to conduct the open-review period and collection of feedback from the community, used to inform the direction of the specifications.

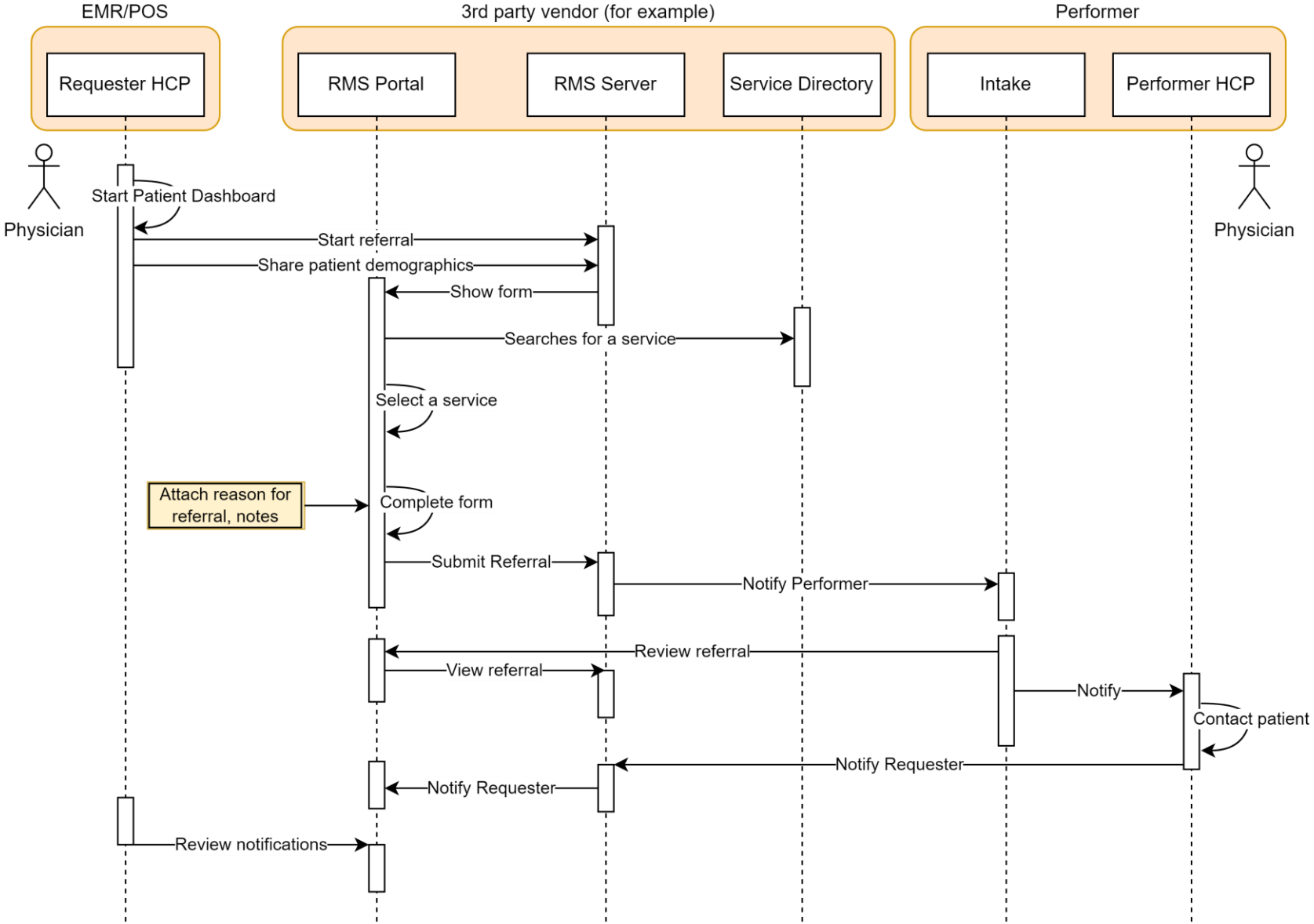
Going forward, the specification review process will follow pan-Canadian balloting rules for balloting Draft for Comments and Trial Implementation material.

Balloting will align with international standards and emerging best practices for standards community practices.

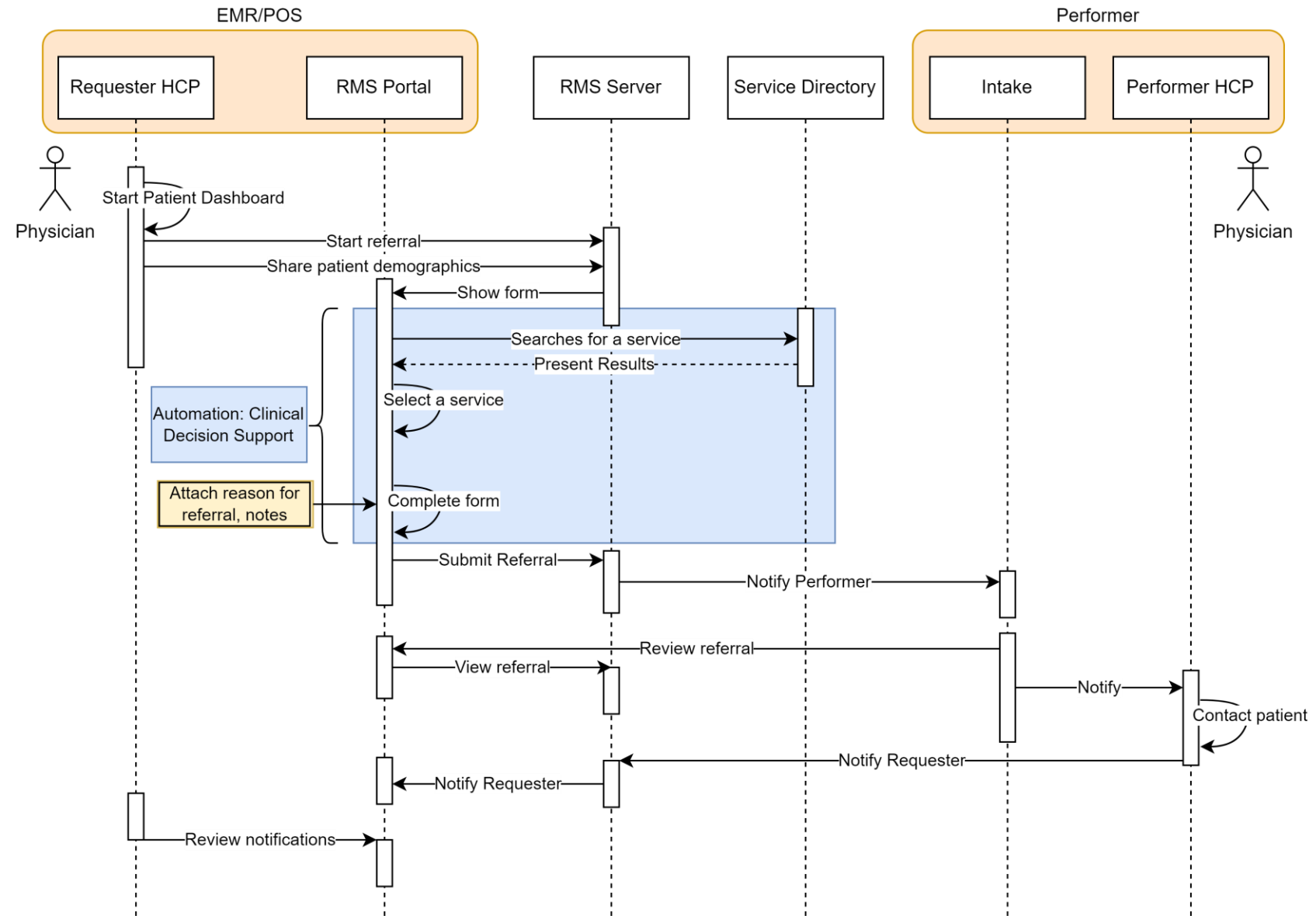
- Infoway will host an educational webinar to provide details about the balloting process.

Analysis

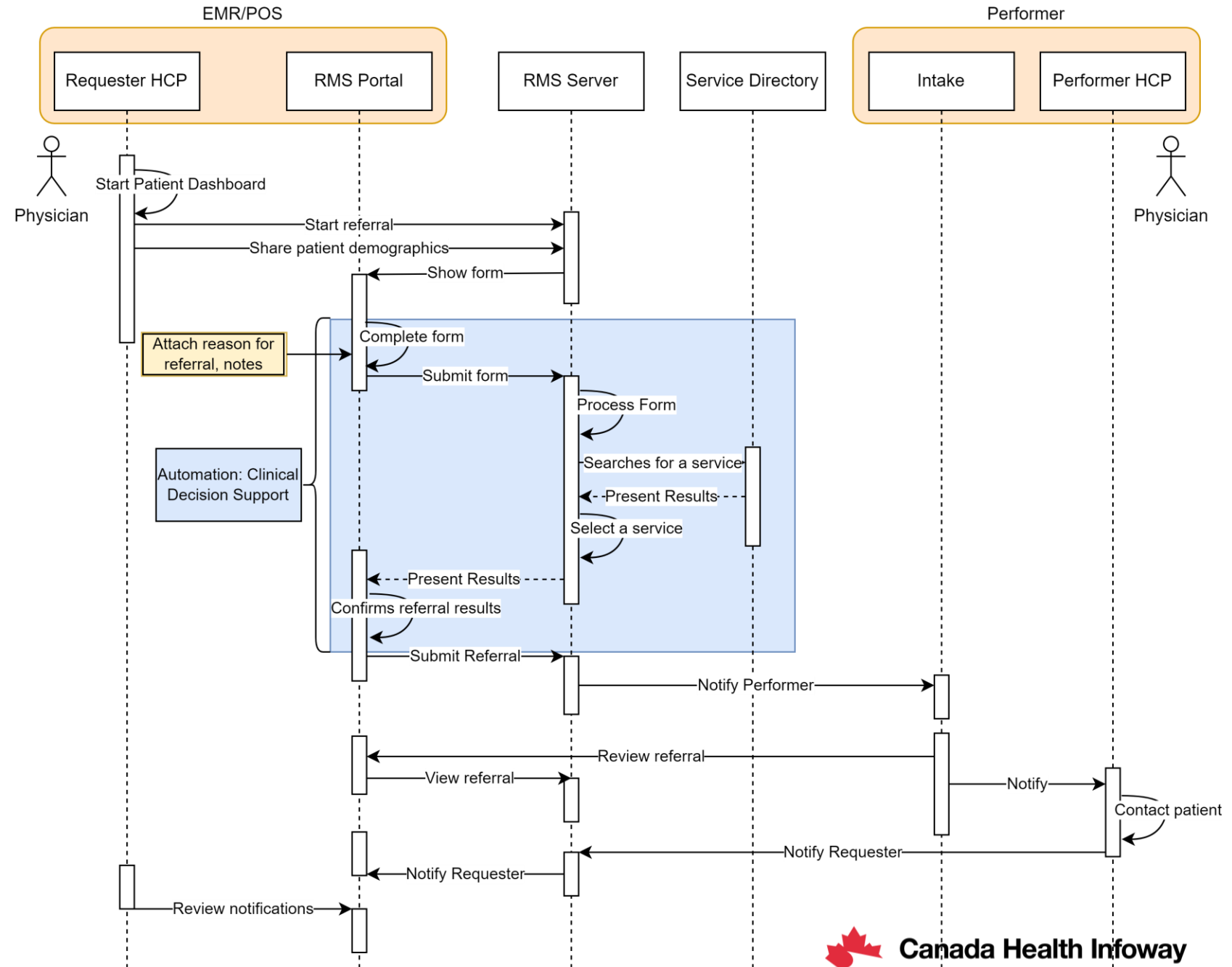
Loose Integration



Tight Integration



Tight Integration (Art of the Possible)



eRWG Next Steps

- Decide on meeting cadence
- Decide on a co-chair
- eRWG chair will schedule the next working group meeting with the goal of confirming the scope for next release.
- eRWG members to review existing [Ontario Implementation Guide](#) prior to our next working group meeting
- Post this presentation, and meeting minutes to [InfoCentral](#)
- Please use InfoCentral forums for collaboration and communication

ON iGuide: <https://simplifier.net/guide/ca-on-ereferral-r4-iguide/Index/Home/Introduction?version=0.11.1>

InfoCentral eReferral space: <https://infocentral.infoway-inforoute.ca/en/collaboration/wg/ereferral>

In summary

- **What** this working group is about
 - Collaboration on the review and development of the eReferral / eConsult specs
- **How** we are going to work
 - Through recurring meetings, offline and ad-hoc meetings when needed
- **Why** it is a priority
 - It is in the Shared Pan-Canadian Interoperability Portfolio, has been an important topic discussed by many jurisdictions and by the vendor community
- **Where** we want to get with the working group
 - An initial draft release by December for balloting and a version 1.0.0 release by mid 2024.
- **What** is my role?
 - Participate, share your knowledge, be our champion

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