
New Standards underway...

Welcome to our newsletter in which we provide snapshots of current initiatives. If you would:

- like more details on any of our projects;
- wish to participate in any of them; or
- are interesting in engaging HISO for any projects you are contemplating -

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HL7 Messaging Standard

At its meeting in November HISO will consider input from the sector regarding the recent proposal to use HL7 as the messaging Standard for national health information: "*Endorse Health Level Seven (HL7) Standards for Health Information Communication as National Standards for New Zealand.*"

HL7 is already used extensively in NZ and this standard will confirm the position of HL7.

Referrals and Discharges

As the result of an overwhelming response to HISO's request for interest from the sector HISO is holding a summit in Wellington at the Westpac Trust Stadium on the 7th of December from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm.

The summit will bring together interested members of the sector to discuss the next steps for Referrals and Discharges Standards development.

If you wish to attend please contact vyvien_starbuck@nzhis.govt.nz

LOINC Phase Two (Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes) Laboratory Codes

HISO is working with the Health IT Cluster looking at the next phase of development on the LOINC Code Sets and Messaging standard and other aspects of e-lab development.

More news will be available shortly.

e-Pharmacy

NZHUG (the New Zealand HL7 Users Group) has established a working party of interested people from the sector who are focusing on Medicine Terminology. The work, being led by Stephen Chu, has strong links to the Australian development in this area, and has HISO support.

Clinical Performance Indicators (CPIs) and Referred Services Management (RSM)

HISO has identified the planned rollout of Clinical Performance Indicators and Referred Services Management for Primary Health Organisations in 2005 as a national information initiative that will be more effective if it is based on well developed and implemented standards.

CPIs and RSM are on HISO's Priority List for the next year.

Expert Committee Updates

Health Practitioner Index (HPI)

The HPI Committee, which has been working on the code set and data set for the index, has recently completed its work on those documents. The documents now go to HISO for approval.

If you require further information please contact vyvien_starbuck@nzhis.govt.nz

LOINC (Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes) Laboratory Codes

The LOINC Committee, which first met in April, have developed the New Zealand Observation Code Sets (Orders and Results) Business Process and Code Sets. A National workshop attended by 30 participants was held in June in Auckland.

Public comment for this document closes on 22 November. If you would like to receive a copy of these documents please email vyvien_starbuck@nzhis.govt.nz

Specifications for Primary Practice Management Systems

Standards New Zealand (SNZ) has commenced a project to develop a set of voluntary specifications for Primary Health Care Practice Management Systems.

HISO is working with Standards NZ on this project and a HISO Oversight Committee is engaged in the process.

If you wish to receive more information on any of the of these Standards projects or wish to submit a proposal to HISO please contact Vyvien Starbuck at vyvien_starbuck@nzhis.govt.nz

HISO Staff

This newsletter we take the opportunity to welcome:

Vyvien Starbuck. Vyvien is our new HISO Project Support Officer and will be providing support to HISO's Expert Committees, as well as secretariat support to HISO.

Kari Lloyd has also commenced in the permanent role of HISO Programme Manager and will be continuing her work with the Expert Committees.

HISO Committee Members

Each newsletter we take the opportunity to feature two of our Committee members or staff – this month we introduce David Rankin and Murray Burns.

David Rankin

David is the General Manager – ACC Healthwise, with the Accident Compensation Corporation, where he has worked since January 1998. With a health services purchasing budget of \$925 million, Healthwise administers contracts for some 62 different types of health service.

David was CEO of Auckland Adventist Hospital from 1992 to 1997. Previous to that he was Director of Medical Services for Warburton Health Care Centre and Hospital in Victoria, Australia where he practised as a rural GP from 1985 - 1989.

He holds a Masters in Health Administration and a Masters in Public Health, and gained his medical degree from the University of Otago in 1982.

Murray Burns

Murray Burns is currently Chief Executive, Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand (Inc). He has 30 years experience in public sector roles including Chief Executive Officer - Central Regional Health Authority, General Manager - Works and Development Services Corporation (NZ) Ltd., General Manager Corporate Services and Company Secretary, Works and Development Services Corporation (NZ) Ltd., and is a former chair of the former Health Benefits Ltd and a past Director of Pharmac.

He has held a number of directorships for both state and private companies. Murray holds a New Zealand Society of Accountants Accounting Professional Qualification and a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration, First Class Honours in Accountancy from Victoria University.

Comment from the Chair

This first full year of HISO has seen a number of Standard processes commenced and others planned.

This has only been possible through the commitment of the HISO Committee members and HISO staff. I thank them for their support.

HISO has also commenced addressing some of the other priorities in its Terms of Reference, which include Prioritisation, Endorsement, Advocacy, and Monitoring of the development and implementation of Health Information Standards.

Business processes, such as e-Lab and e-Pharmacy, are also being considered.

All at HISO have been impressed with the level of support we have received from the sector and we look forward to even greater engagement next year as we address standards that will make the delivery of health care more effective and efficient.

Paul Cressey