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HIT Interoperability Measurement Model for 2017

A new interoperability benchmark and measurement model for assessment of performance and progress is set to launch at the start of 2017.

The model was established at last month's KLAS Cornerstone Summit in Utah and is a collaborative initiative devised by industry representatives based on the 2016 Interoperability KLAS study design.

The study focuses on the experience of clinical end users in the following areas:

- availability of information;
- convenience of locating records;
- ability to view outside records within the clinical workflow;
- impact on patient care.

The five-level reporting structure will facilitate communication to the industry on up-to-date news in interoperability.

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Summit participants also suggested the implementation of an interoperability measurement road map that would include information sharing from and between post–acute care facilities, collection of clinician feedback about interoperable information utility and the integration and effective use of medical devices integration.

The KLAS Interoperability report is scheduled for publication by the end of September. The report puts interoperability immaturities in the spotlight along with preliminary findings. The material is intend to start a discussion among providers, vendors, leaders at the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) leadership and other HIT organisations.

"We are extremely pleased with the engagement and feedback from healthcare industry leaders, including our federal partners, further advancing our joint efforts to measure interoperability," said Tim Zoph, Independent Chair of the KLAS Interoperability Measurement Advisory Team (IMAT). "As a result of our conference work sessions and consensus building, we affirmed our current interoperability survey approach with agreed-upon modification, advanced a new performance scorecard to measure vendor and collective performance and crafted an initial long-term measurement framework that will expand the measurement dimensions to encompass the breadth of interoperability for our industry."

Zoph added that the ultimate aim was to measure and improve HIT interoperability for better patient care.

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