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To: cochairs@lists.hl7.org
Subject: [cochairs] A friendly reminder that FHIR deadlines are coming sooner than you wish they were...

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From the [FHIR ballot timelines](#), timelines for the May cycle are:

- 2018-02-21 - Deadline for connectathon proposals to FMG; Deadline for resource and IG proposals that are candidates for STU in R4
- 2018-02-14 - Last date to inform FMG of intention to ballot IGs as part of May ballot.
- **2018-03-04 - FHIR Core substantive change freeze. IGs can still make changes. Work groups must inform product director what resources are to be treated as "draft" for this ballot (and for R4).**
- 2018-03-11 - FHIR Core content total freeze. Normative candidates SHALL have QA spreadsheet filled in and pass all QA. Normative content should have tracker items cleared and no outstanding deferred QA tracker items. QA period opens for core and IG processes
 - Note: After this date, substantive changes can only be made to artifacts and pages marked "Normative" if they are in response to a ballot comment or the artifact has been dropped from its normative package back to STU status
- 2018-03-25 - QA changes may be applied
- 2018-04-01 - Final content freeze - no changes except with permission of product director
- 2018-04-06 - Ballot opens
- 2018-05-07 - Ballot closes
- 2018-05-12 - 2018-05-18: May WGM (Cologne)

I bolded the March 4th date. It means that work groups will have 30 days from the final Friday of the New Orleans WGM to substantive freeze on resources. (And 37 days until everything freezes entirely.)

I felt slightly terrified by this realization and felt I shouldn't suffer in fear alone :)

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