### 4.2.4 Header Rendering

Metadata carried in the header may already be available for rendering from electronic medical records (EMRs) or other sources external to the document; therefore, there is no strict requirement to render the header directly from the document. An example of this would be a doctor using an EMR that already contains the patient‘s name, date of birth, current address, and phone number. When a CDA document is rendered within that EMR, those pieces of information may not need to be displayed since they are already known and displayed within the EMR‘s user interface.

Good practice would recommend that the following be present whenever the document is viewed:

* Document title and document dates
* Patient name, identifier, date of birth and gender
* Service and encounter types, and date ranges as appropriate
* Names of other persons along with their roles, participations, participation date ranges, identifiers, address, and telecommunications information
* Names of selected organizations along with their roles, participations, participation date ranges, identifiers, address, and telecommunications information