Essential Information for Children with Special Health Needs project calls for Monday, December 1 and Monday, December 15 will focus on discussion of development of use case storyboards for the project. Laura Heermann Langford, Director of Nursing Informatics at Intermountain Healthcare with a clinical background in emergency care will join to help facilitate the discussions. Laura is an HL7 Patient Care co-chair and one of the leads in the development of the Care Plan Domain Model, including the storyboards for that project.

Storyboards are an important element of development of standards for domain specific implementation guides, such as the Essential Information for Children with Special Health Needs project. Storyboards are created to be an example of a clinical scenario for an individual in a population that may have unique data/information needs and workflows and with actors in the storyboard representing the care team and caregivers in the scenario. The storyboard serves as a tool for defining standards and workflow requirements and to identify gaps in standards that need to be addressed in development.

Participation of clinical domain experts is critical to this phase of development work and this message is in part a call for participation of those experts. It is likely that a few separate storyboards will be necessary to cover scenarios that include health issues that have particular importance in care transitions or urgent/emergent care episodes—special nutritional needs, equipment needs, unique medication regimens in acute episodes, communications issues, etc. There is also the likelihood that some of the storyboard development will be off-line with respect to calls and those who are not able to participate regularly in calls can contribute expertise asynchronously.

The calls fall at 3pm ET on Monday Dec 1 and Dec 15. Reminders with webex and phone information will follow.