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Charles Parisot is with the Information Technologies business of GE Healthcare. He is in charge of standardization and IT architecture in the Enterprise Systems group where he coordinates overall GE Healthcare products implementation of health information exchange standards. He represents GE Healthcare in the EHR Vendor Association (EHRVA) where he has been chairing the Interoperability and Standards Working Group for the past three years.

Charles was elected in September 2005 to represent the vendor community on the ANSI Health Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP) Board.

Charles has extensive experience in standards development and their successful implementation since 1976, beginning with IT networking with the Open Systems Interconnection and TCP/IP standards initiative, as the corporate networking strategies leader at the Boeing Company (Seattle, WA). He has 17 years of experience in healthcare, and is recognized as one of the primary contributors to the definition of DICOM in the early 1990's. Charles is also actively engaged in HL7, especially with the EHR Technical Committee.

Charles has applied his extensive experience at ensuring successful standards implementation in large and complex multi-stakeholder industries through the launching of the Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) initiative in the USA and later in Europe in 1997. IHE has overcome the barriers to effective implementation and use of interoperability standards in a number of healthcare domains, a result of his tireless contributions. Charles has been co-chair of the IHE IT Infrastructure Technical Committee for three years, where his major focus has been the development of cross-enterprise interoperability for EHRs in regional and national health information networks. He is presently co-chair of the IHE IT Infrastructure Planning Committee. He is also an active member of the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase Planning Committee and has been active in the national healthcare field for the past 17 years, gaining respect from several physician societies, industry associations and leading government health officials around the world.

The EHR Vendor Association, with its current membership of 43 EHR vendors active in the US market selected Charles to be its representative on the Healthcare IT Standards Panel (HITSP) in 2005. Through his many years of experience in contributing to a user driven harmonization and implementation of standards, Charles has earned the trust of many healthcare user communities in the USA and abroad to effectively achieve the rapid adoption of interoperability standards using a collaborative approach.

As a HITSP Board member since the end of 2005, he has contributed in stressing the role of the vendor community in supporting HITSP success, the need for engaging all stakeholders, the imperative for HITSP review processes to offer reasonable public

comment periods, as well as valuing the contributions of the volunteer subject matter experts. As Consumer Empowerment Technical Committee co-chair, Charles has demonstrated a commitment to the challenges of interoperability in a practical manner.

If chosen to continue to serve on the HITSP Board, Charles is committed to serve in a respectful manner and use his global interoperability knowledge, collaboration and consensus building skills to advance the standards development and practical implementation of standards that are delivering better care today.