Process Update
Report to the Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel - Board of Directors

Arlington, VA
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The HITSP process results in creation of an Interoperability Specification used to promote nationwide interoperable health information exchange.

Harmonization Process Steps

I Harmonization Request
II Requirements Analysis
III Identification of Candidate Standards
IV Gaps, Duplications and Overlaps Resolution
V Standards Selection
VI Construction of Interoperability Specification
VII Inspection Test
VIII Interoperability Specification Release and Dissemination
IX Program Management

Begin Support

Evaluation of Standards Harmonization Process for HIT
Tiered Appropriateness Criteria

Suitable for purpose

Organization and process

Costs

Life cycle maturity
Evaluation of Standards Harmonization Process for HIT
# Testing and evaluation schedule

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Key Deliverable: ▲
Key Meeting: ★
A Starter List of Lessons

- Some things could be better...
  - Clearly articulate the rules of the game often
    - ANSI rules and how they apply
    - HITSP rules around meetings, minutes, voting, etc.
  - Articulate more stringent rules to normalize committee activity
  - Work more closely with SDOs earlier in the process
  - Be very clear about future agendas and where deferred issues will be handled
  - Allow more time to be thorough
A Starter List of Lessons (cont’d.)

- Some things worked out well…
  - Maintain close working relationship between committee leadership and project team
  - Value the process above the outcome
  - Leverage the energy and interest of federal stakeholders
  - Give thanks every day for the commitment of the volunteers
Our Appeal to You

Please take the time to give your observations on how things can be improved and what things should be preserved
Thank you for your time and attention!

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