AHIMA, IHE White Paper
Patient Registration Demographics for Data Capture and Exchange
Aligning Health Information Management (HIM) Practices Standards with Health IT Standards

CHICAGO – October 05, 2017 – The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) published a White Paper entitled "Patient Registration Demographics Data Capture and Exchange" (URL: http://ihe.net/uploadedFiles/Documents/PCC/IHE_PCC_WP_PtDemographic-PR_Rev2.1_2017-09-27.pdf). The white paper specifies patient demographic data elements that should be collected and exchanged for patient registration during an emergency visit at a healthcare organization, and provides the detailed requirements and constraints on the relevant Health Level Seven (HL7) v2.5.1 segments from the IHE Information Technology Infrastructure, Patient Administration Management (IHE ITI PAM) Profile for the patient demographic data.

This is the 2nd white paper that was developed by AHIMA and IHE as part of AHIMA's globally focused information governance (IG) initiative. The 1st white paper entitled "HIT Standards for HIM Practices" was published in 2015 (URL: http://qrs.ly/lb4vec0). At IHE, HIM and HIT professionals have been working together to ensure that interoperability will be addressed from HIM perspectives -- promoting the use of standards to achieve semantic interoperability ("shared content"), technical interoperability ("shared IT infrastructure") and functional interoperability ("shared rules of the road") for trusted information sharing.

The White Paper was created by the IHE Patient Care Coordination (PCC) Committee with the participation of the AHIMA Standards Task Force, a collaborative of AHIMA volunteers (subject matter experts) who develop AHIMA HIM practice standards. The workflow and requirements for the patient demographic data elements were specified in the AHIMA Patient Registration Use Case. The Use Case describes 17 scenarios of patient registration processes in the emergency departments, inpatient and outpatient settings as well as patient, provider and encounter demographics, insurance and payment data that are captured and exchanged during patient registration in these scenarios.

Built upon the success of AHIMA-IHE collaboration, the AHIMA Standards Task Force proposes to use the white paper as a foundation for the US National Extension to the IHE ITI PAM Profile to include detailed requirements and constraints on all patient registration data elements. The ITI PAM US National Extension will ensure standardization in data capture across HIT products thus providing a solution to trust for the information exchanged between systems.

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The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) represents more than 103,000 health information professionals in the United States and around the world. AHIMA is committed to promoting and advocating for best practices and effective standards in health information and to actively contributing to the development and advancement of health information professionals worldwide. AHIMA is advancing informatics, data analytics, and information governance to achieve the goal of providing expertise to ensure trusted information for healthcare. **www.ahima.org**

About IHE
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