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 **HL7 FHIR**

**Sparked Webinar**

**August 2024**



# Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we all gather today.

We pay our respect to elders past, present, and emerging and extend our respect to all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people, acknowledging the First Peoples as the first scientists, educators and healers.



# Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenter/Facilitator
12.00 – 12.05pm	Welcome & introduction	Michael Hosking
12.05 – 12.15pm	Context of Accelerator vs. FHIR applications	Michael Hosking/Michael Wilson
12.15 – 12.25pm	Maintaining FHIR IGs across implementations & architecture considerations/options	Andy Bond (Magentus)
12.25 – 12.35pm	FHIR server deployments integration vs. application servers terminology infrastructure	Marvin Malcolm (Telstra Health)
12.35 – 12.45pm	FHIR in legacy environments, mapping, terminology	Keith Kranz (SA Pathology)
12.45 – 12.55pm	FHIR façade vs. servers FHIR messaging	Sam Blight (Alcidion)
12.55 – 1.00pm	Q&A and Close	Michael Hosking

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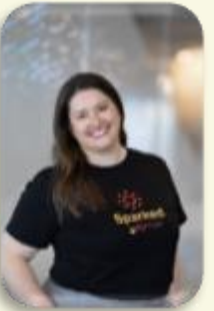
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## COMMUNITY

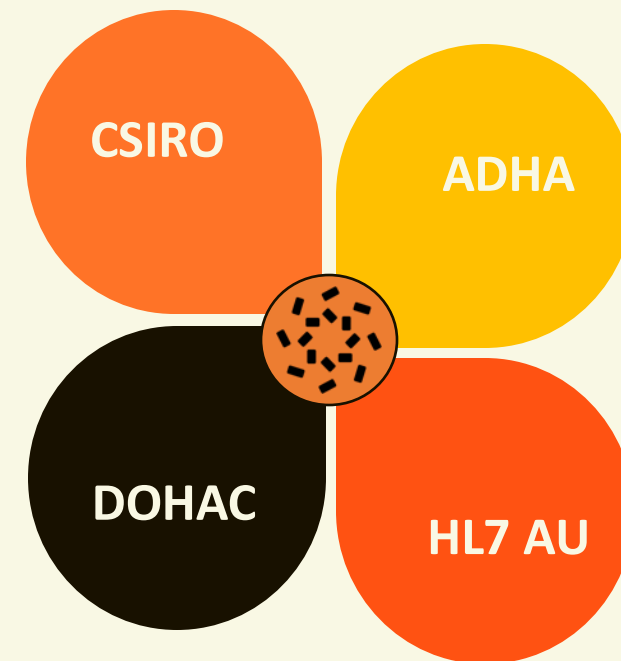
comprising **government, technology partners, provider organisations, peak bodies, practitioners, and domain experts**



## ACCELERATING

**the creation and use of national FHIR standards in health care information exchange**

Sparked is supported through a partnership





# Standards are only as strong as its community

Over 70 Founding Members and growing

Peak Bodies and Colleges



These organisations **support** the objectives of Sparked and have committed to active participation in the design groups and HL7 AU Connectathons.

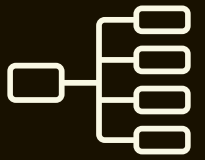
We welcome others to register as founding members by 30 August  
Contact [fhir@csiro.au](mailto:fhir@csiro.au)

Since our inception, the Sparked community has grown to over **800**


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# Sparked Accelerator Scope




Meaning & Context




Language & Terms



Sharing & Exchange



Testing

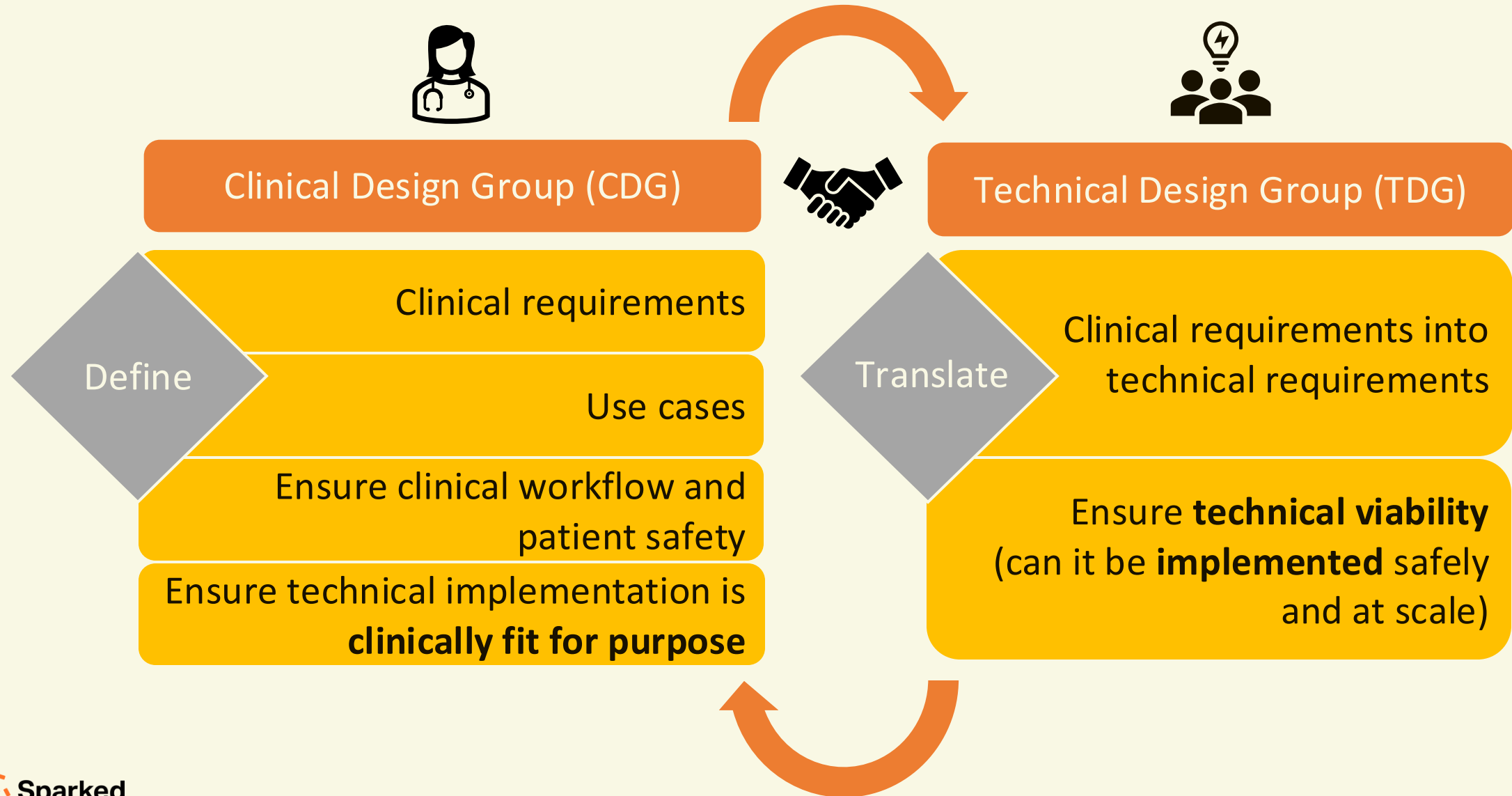


Implement

Data for Interoperability (e.g. AU CDI)	Clinical Terminology Value Sets	FHIR Implementation Guides	Testing & Piloting of FHIR Standards	Reference Implementations & Testing Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AU CDI - R1 <b>Published</b></li> <li>AU eReqDI <b>Comment review</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SNOMED CT and LOINC Value sets <b>In development</b></li> <li>RANZCR</li> <li>RCPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AU Core <b>Ballot for working standard</b></li> <li>AU eRequesting <b>Ballot for comment</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Testing of FHIR Standards, supported by infrastructure &amp; tooling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Services that support implementation and testing of FHIR based applications</li> </ul>



# High-level process and feedback loop



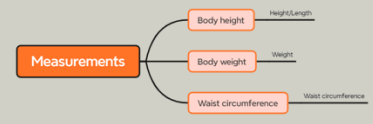




# What is AU Core and Australian Core Data set for Interoperability (AUCDI)?

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AU  
CDI



Specifies “*WHAT*” clinical information (and corresponding data elements and terms) should be included for data entry, data use and sharing information supporting patient care

AU  
Core

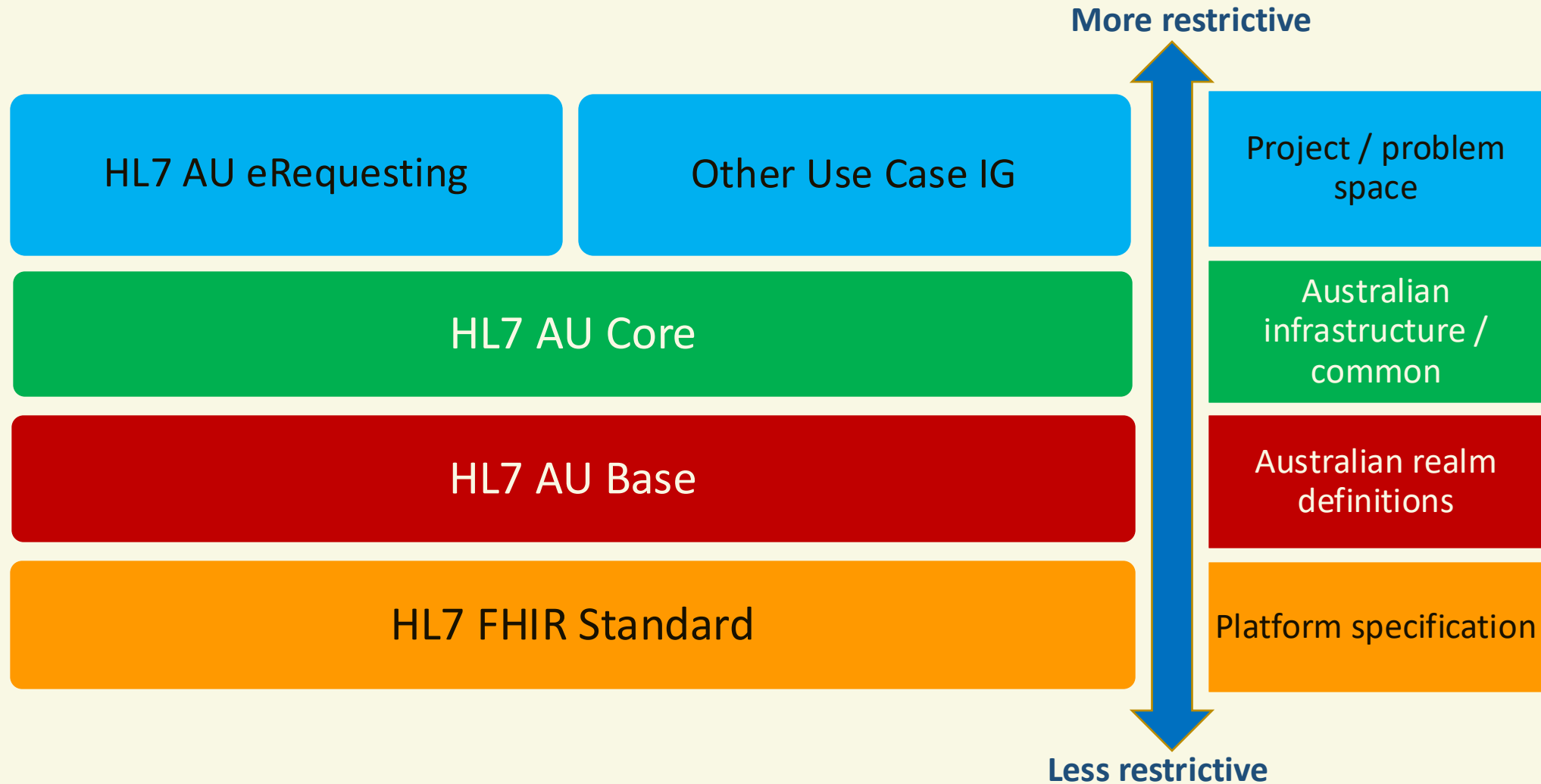


Specifies “*HOW*” the core set of data (above) and information should be structured, accessed and shared between systems

TDG is here



# Relationships between FHIR IGs





# Accelerator Vs Implementation



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An **app** or **system**



A community, iteratively building the data and interoperability specifications for the Australian digital health ecosystem





# Standards Development (Accelerator)

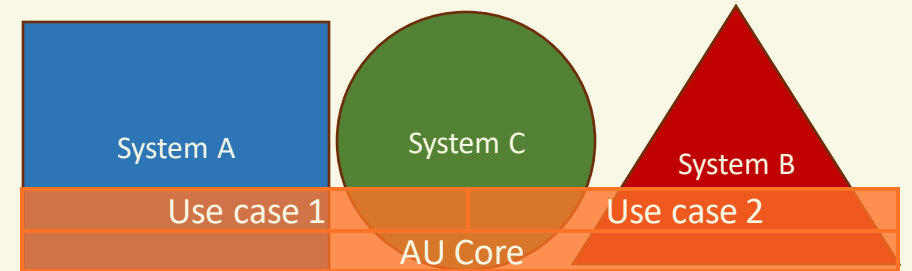
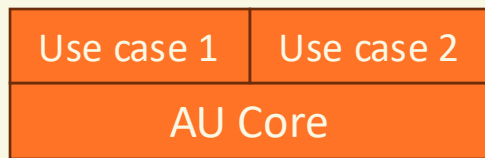
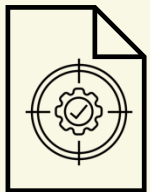
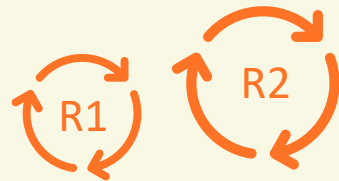
What are we doing?  
Defining data sharing specifications



# System Implementation

How are they used?  
Apply rules in context

**Suite of standards**  
Clinical data standards  
FHIR Implementation guides



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Maintaining FHIR IGs  
across implementations  
& architecture  
considerations/options  
Andy Bond (Magentus)



# Why an Implementation Guide?

- IGs define the data and workflow contract between partners
- Must work across multiple partners to make collaborative care sustainable
- Support at least the common agreement
  
- Road to mediocrity or enabling innovation?



Magentus Practice Management FHIR Implementation Guide - Local Development build (v1.2.16) built by the FHIR (HL7® FHIR® Standard) Build Tools. See the [Directory of published versions](#)

# 1 Home

Official URL: <a href="http://fhir.geniesolutions.io/ImplementationGuide/magentus.fhir">http://fhir.geniesolutions.io/ImplementationGuide/magentus.fhir</a>	Version: 1.2.16
Draft as of 2024-08-25	Computable Name: MagentusPracticeManagement

This FHIR Implementation Guide provides FHIR profiles for the Magentus FHIR Interoperability Platform.

The Implementation Guide includes the following profile domains:

- [Core - Magentus Core Profiles](#)
- [Admin - Financial and Administrative Profiles](#)
- [Bookings - Electronic Theatre Bookings Profiles](#)
- [Requesting - Electronic Diagnostic Request Profiles](#)
- [Reports - Diagnostic Report Profiles](#)











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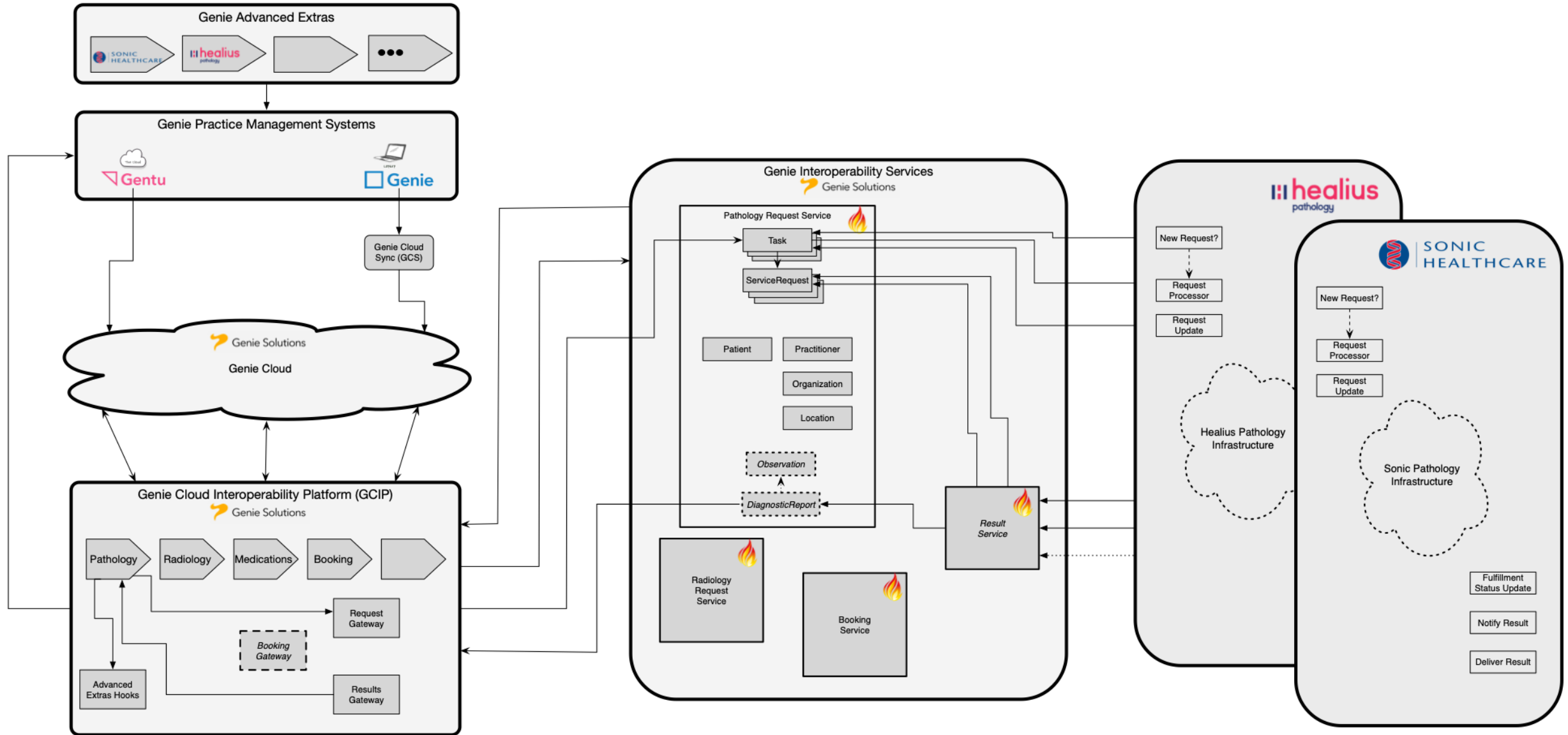
## 1.1 Cross Version Analysis

This is an R4 IG. None of the features it uses are changed in R4B, so it can be used as is with R4B systems. Packages for both [R4 \(magentus.fhir.r4\)](#) and [R4B \(magentus.fhir.r4b\)](#) are available.

## 1.2 IG Dependencies

This IG Contains the following dependencies on other IGs.

IG	Package	FHIR	Comment
 Magentus Practice Management FHIR Implementation Guide	<a href="#">magentus.fhir#1.2.16</a>	R4	
 HL7 Terminology (THO)	<a href="#">hl7.terminology.r4#6.0.2</a>	R4	Automatically added as a dependency - all IGs depend on HL7 Terminology
 FHIR Extensions Pack	<a href="#">hl7.fhir.uv.extensions.r4#5.1.0</a>	R4	Automatically added as a dependency - all IGs depend on the HL7 Extension Pack
 AU Base Implementation Guide	<a href="#">hl7.fhir.au.base#4.1.2-preview</a>	R4	
 HL7 Terminology (THO)	<a href="#">hl7.terminology.r4#5.3.0</a>	R4	
 FHIR Extensions Pack	<a href="#">hl7.fhir.uv.extensions.r4#1.0.0</a>	R4	
 AU Core Implementation Guide	<a href="#">hl7.fhir.au.core#0.2.2-preview</a>	R4	
 International Patient Summary Implementation Guide	<a href="#">hl7.fhir.uv.ips#1.1.0</a>	R4	
 HL7 Terminology (THO)	<a href="#">hl7.terminology.r4#5.0.0</a>	R4	
	<a href="#">fhir.dicom#2022.4.20221006</a>	R4	



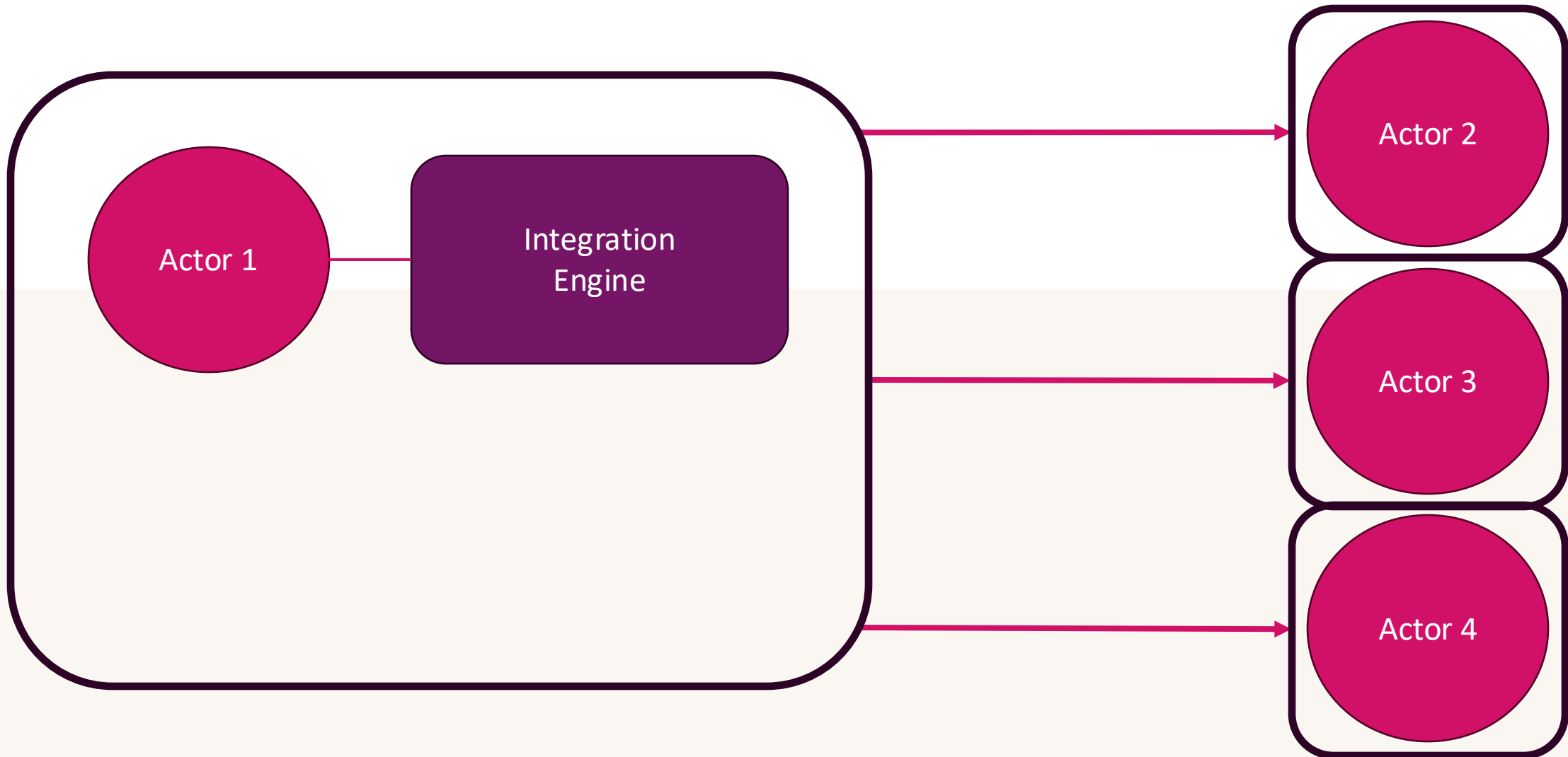




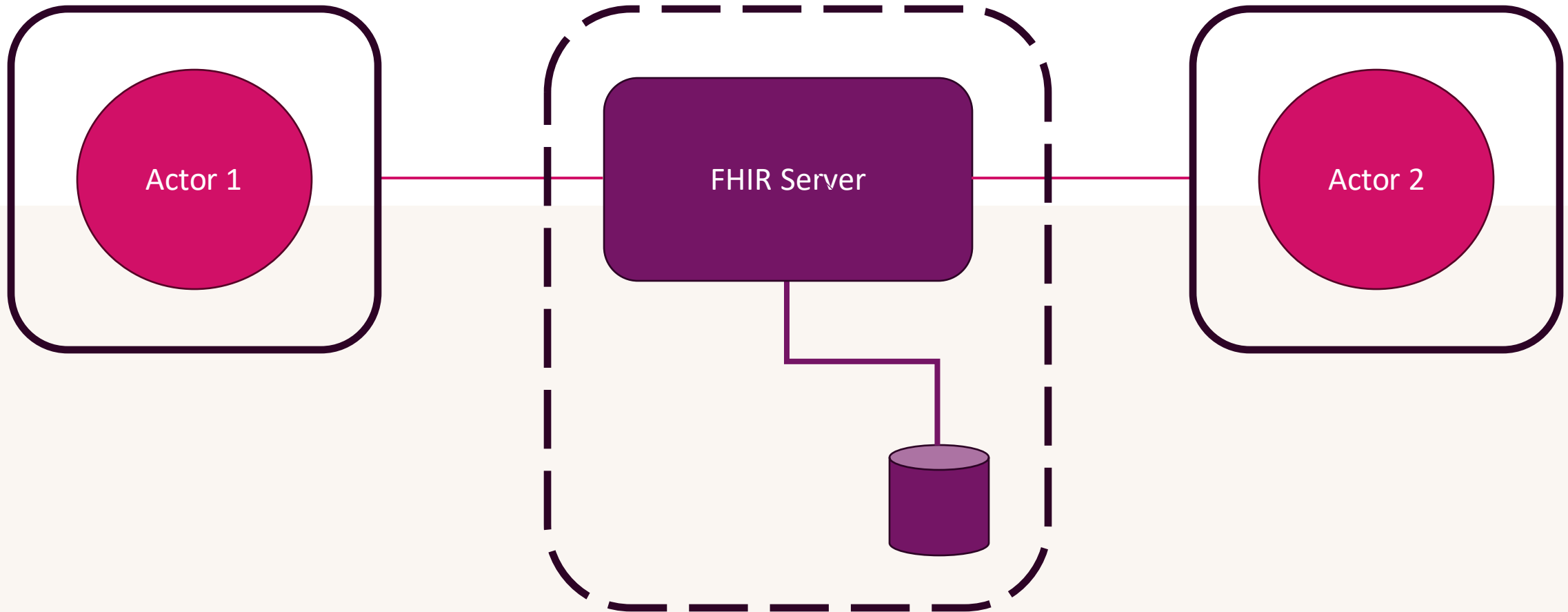
# Maintaining Implementation Guides

- Be as constraining as required but no more
  - Opportunity for independent partner feature adoption/sophistication
- Put in place foundations for possible future features
- Be thoughtful on Profile, ValueSet foundations including namespaces
- Contained vs independent resources
  - Allowing for multiple options makes for more complicated implementations
- Make the right architecture choice ...

# Architecture Options - Traditional

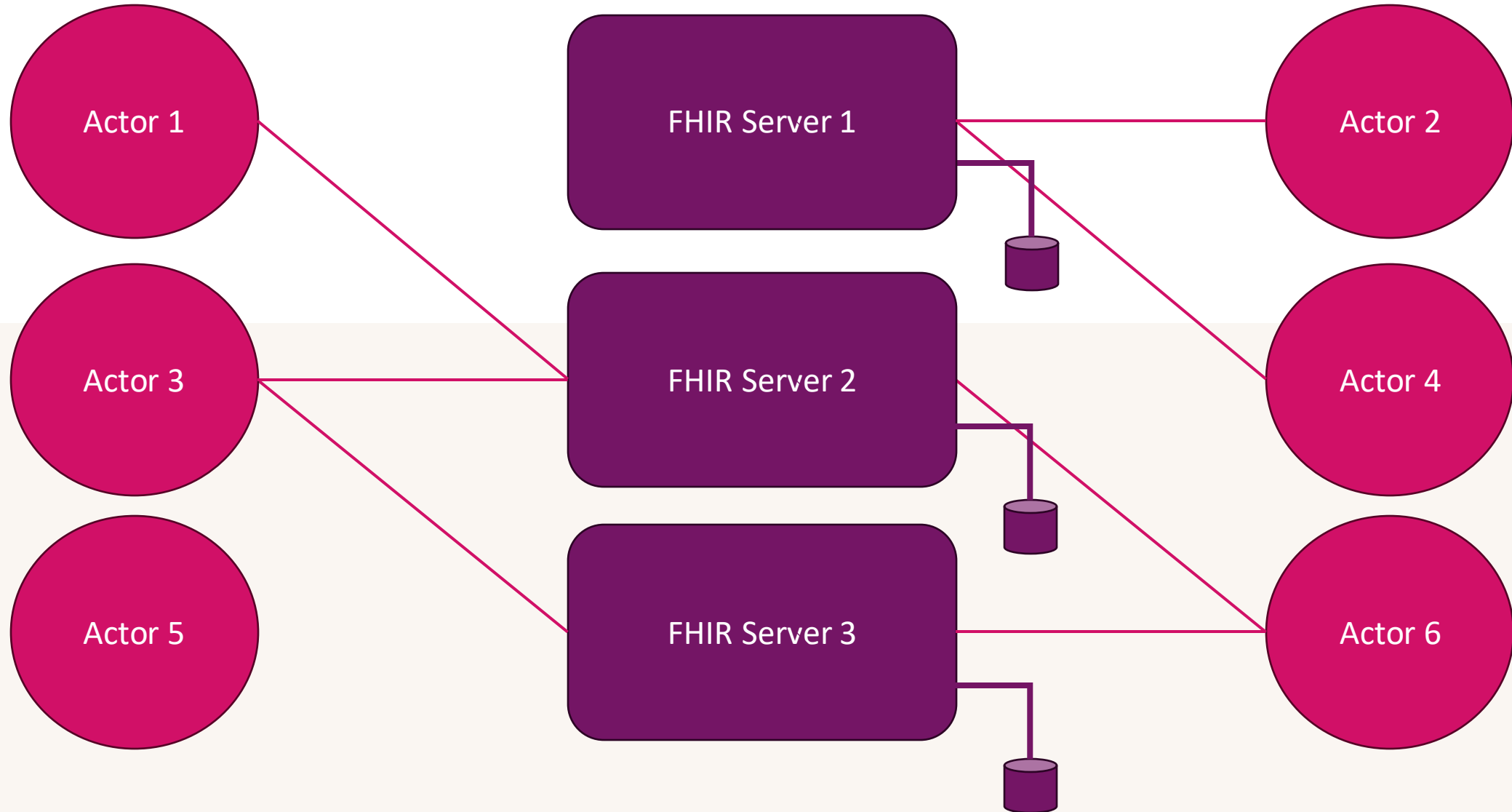


# Architecture Options – an Open API



# Architecture Options

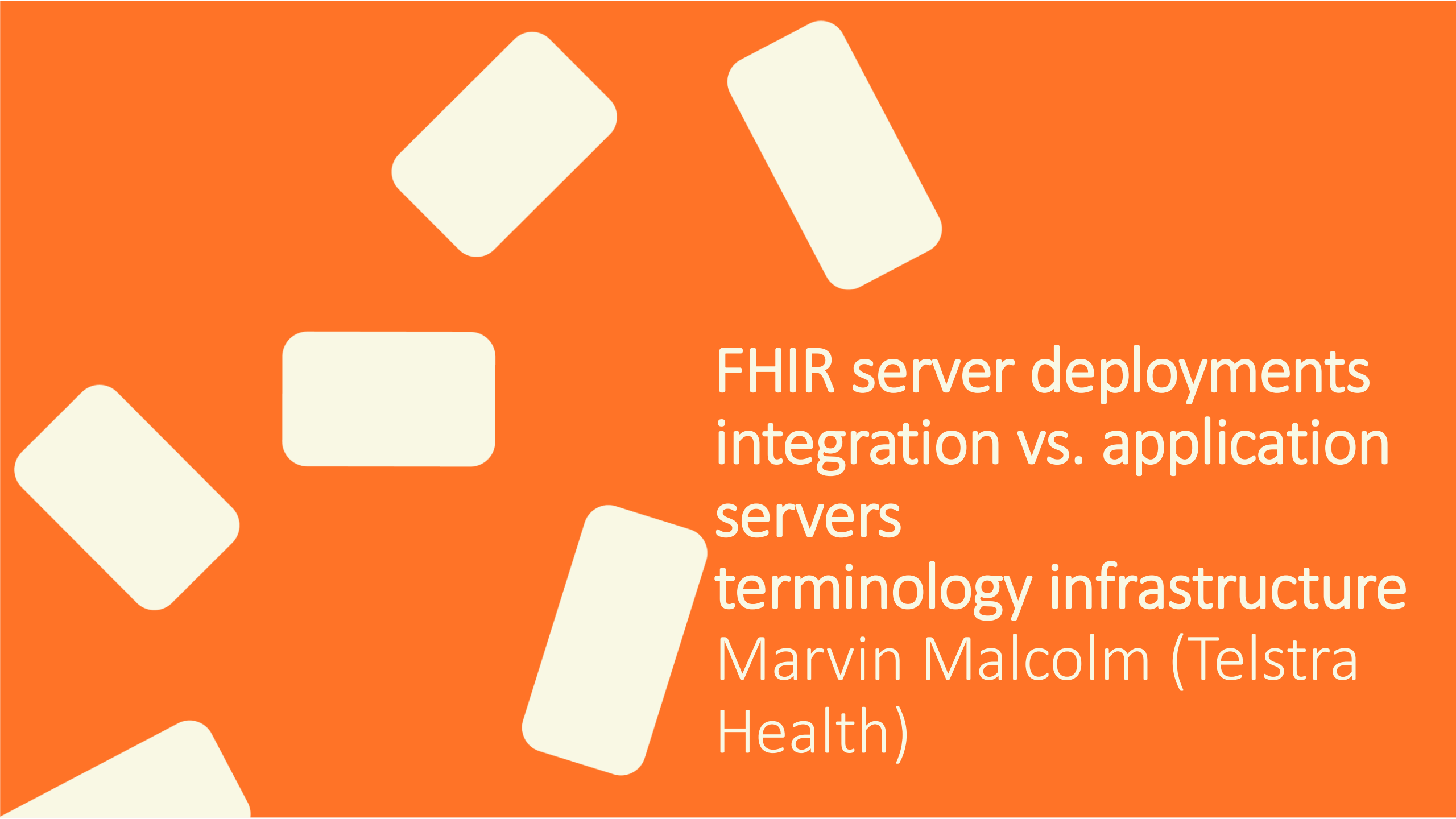
Open APIs in a competitive marketplace 





# Lessons Learned

- FHIR is an interoperability contract to support collaborative care, optimised for organisation-to-organisation interworking
- Avoid bespoke partner customisations
- Treat a FHIR API service as a smart data and workflow intermediary
  - A move from directed, point-to-point integrations to discoverable, API-based architectures
  - Network effect of a common API
- Resource versioning is not all it is cracked up to be
- Search sophistication is amazing but re-indexing can be painful



FHIR server deployments  
integration vs. application  
servers  
terminology infrastructure  
Marvin Malcolm (Telstra  
Health)

# FHIR Deployments

A Telstra Health Perspective

# Observations over the years





Mixed support in the early days



Few champions and lots of followers



Technical debt was inevitable



FHIR is a fast-moving technology; hard to keep up and have a day job

# Automated deployments



Taken the time to automate deployments and upgrades



Focused on Cloud Native solutions



Automate the configuration

# It's not your regular SQL application



FHIR search can get complex



If FHIR native, how do you handle the use cases FHIR finds hard?



If FHIR façade, how do you map complex search params to SQL or NoSQL



Approaches to performance

# Data segregation



Adopting common data architecture techniques to the problem



Data aggregation in HIE use cases is always interesting

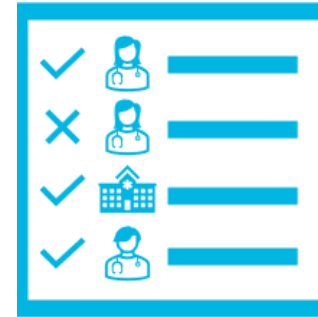


Use of FHIR Gateways



## Foundational Capabilities

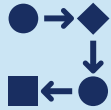
Infrastructure and operations  
Contemporary security standards  
Securing data



## FHIR Consent

Policy creation UX  
Policy enforcement performance  
List of multi-disciplinary care team members  
to correctly apply consent policies

# Application design



FHIR is more than just resources



Improving patient care



Supporting legal and regulatory requirements





FHIR in legacy  
environments, mapping,  
terminology  
Keith Kranz (SA  
Pathology)



# SA Pathology Digital Transformation



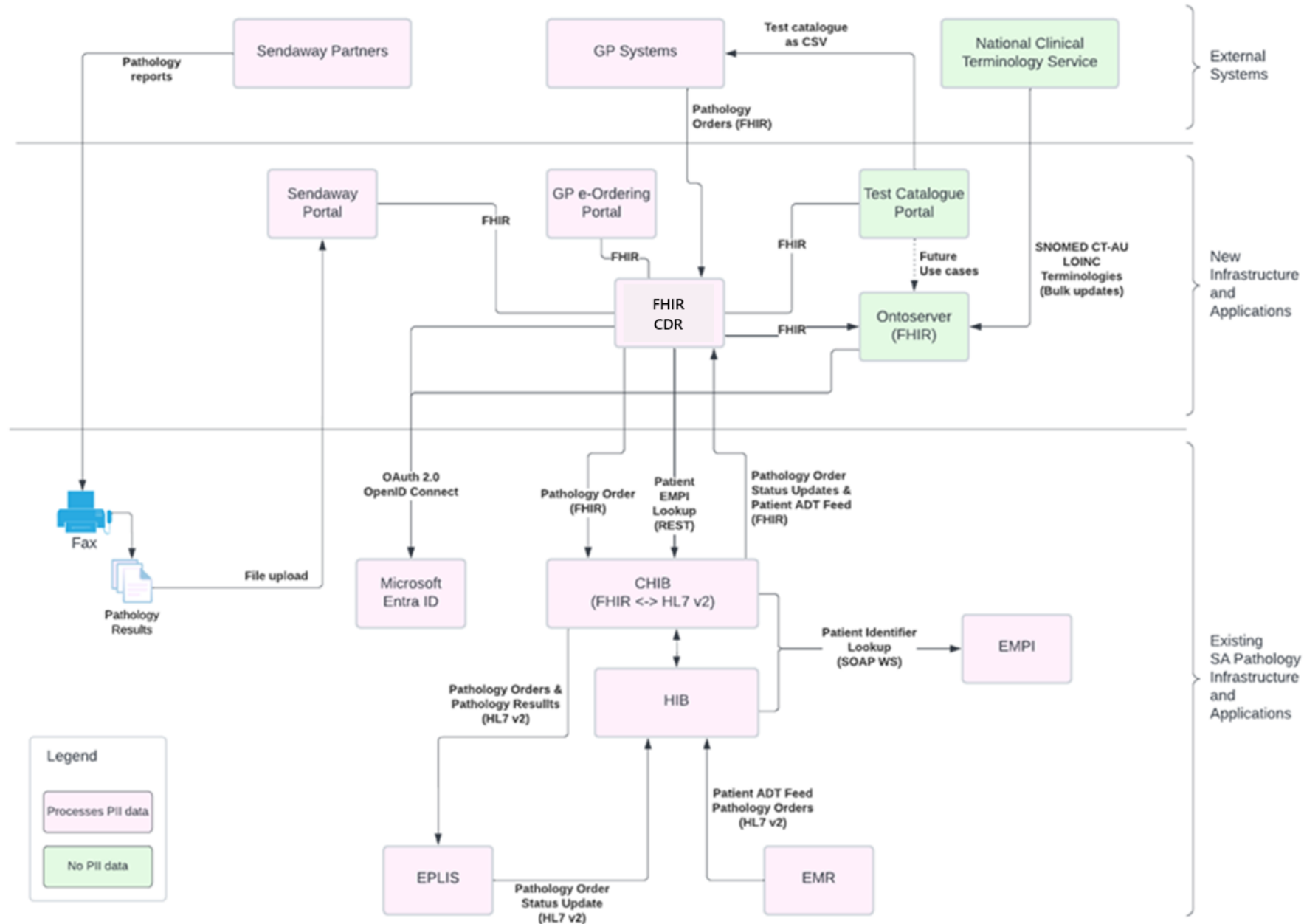
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# Committed to FHIR

- Accessibility, Security, Interoperability, Scalability
- Organised data - FHIR resources
- HL7 limited capability – “not self-describing, no tools”
- More agile service channels built on API's
- Faster build time
- Data Driven rather than Application - Marketplace
- Address gaps in legacy application functionality
- Improved referrer and patient experience
- Improved operational efficiency

# Our approach



# Terminology

- Standardisation, Universal Language
- Diagnostic Order/Result comparison
- Standardised Pathology Informatics in Australia (SPIA)
- Snomed CT, LOINC, HPO (HUGO)
- A step towards CDS - future trends, automate complex tasks
- Research - create/identify related content
- Minimise complexity
- Significant organisational task, shared learning/knowledge
- NCTS - synchronisation – stage and commit

# Integrator – challenges

- “LOT to learn”
- “Converting HL7v2.x.x to FHIR”
- “Not having enough time to dive into the documentation”
- “Ensuring I am using the right IG for object and identifier profiles”
- “the sheer volume of FHIR information available”
- “Access to a nice modelling tool - [clinfhir.com](http://clinfhir.com)”


# Integrator - likes

- “gets easier as you use ”
- “living standard, using, improves FHIR itself ”
- “Dynamic searching ”
- “The REST interface”
- “elegance of bundles and how used ”

*“If your intro to FHIR is converting HL7v2.x.x to FHIR, learn FHIR then convert”*

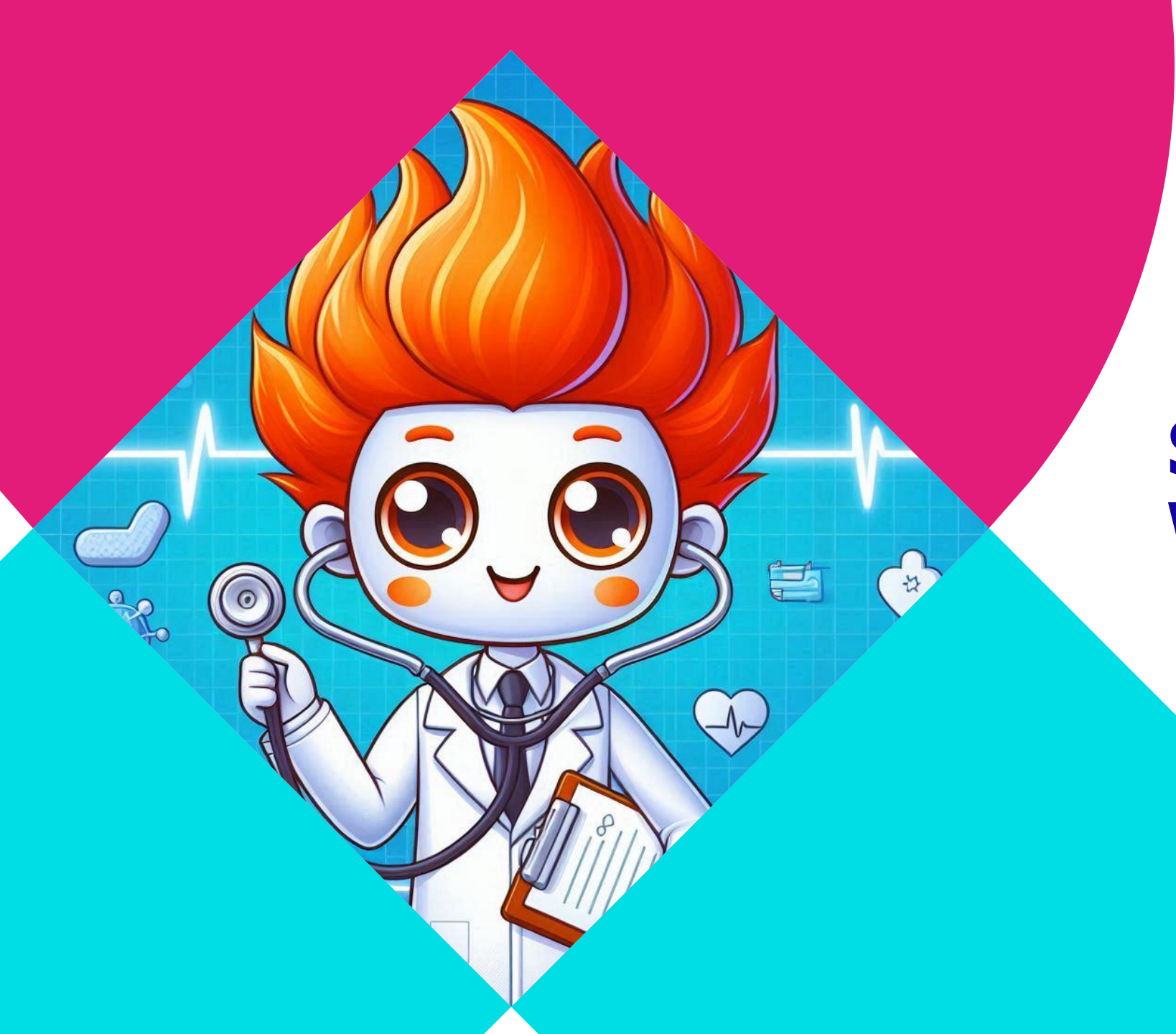
# Sources of help

- “HL7.org and HL7.org.au”
- “Interface Engine documentation”
- “Project participants”
- “Youtube resources and dedicated websites”
- Sparked program - <https://sparked.csiro.au/index.php/sparked-products-resources/auereqdi/>
- Ontoserver - <https://ontoserver.csiro.au/site/our-solutions/shrimp/>
- Snomed - <http://snomed.org/s2sug>
  - <https://snap.snomedtools.org>
- ADHA
  - [education@hl7.com.au](mailto:education@hl7.com.au) (email interest)
  - <https://hl7.com.au/training/> (reference website)



FHIR façade vs. servers  
FHIR messaging  
Sam Blight (Alcidion)





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Sam Blight

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# Alcidion and FHIR



- Miya Precision – our FHIR events based platform
  - First production implementation in 2018
  - Our platform stores data natively in FHIR
  - Active FHIR events bus vs passive FHIR server repository
- Providing the Longitudinal Health Record for the Australian Defence Force JP2060 Health Knowledge Management System
- Through this project extended the platform to include:
  - FHIR Messaging – similar to HL7 messaging with FHIR payloads
  - FHIR Façade – enabling read-only access to the Longitudinal Health Record data



**MIYA PRECISION**  
BY ALCIDION



# FHIR core of Miya Precision



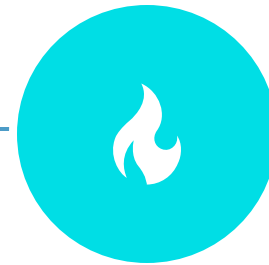
## FHIR MESSAGING

Implements a comprehensive integration capability framework to support asynchronous messaging both inbound and outbound from platform



## FHIR EVENTS

Platform streams events in FHIR to drive healthcare workflows, clinical decision support and event notifications



## FHIR SERVER

Includes a FHIR repository for data persistence, data validation and lifecycle management

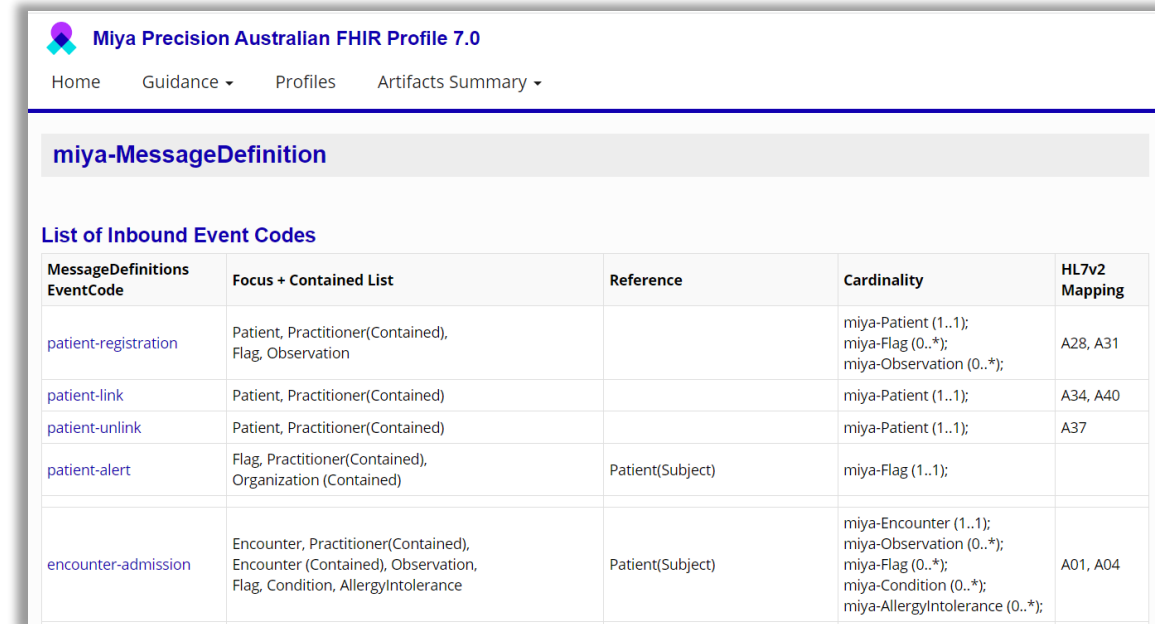


## FHIR FACADE

Delivers a FHIR API implementation supporting secure interactions with the platform in an abstracted manner to support version compatibility and access control

# FHIR Messaging

- Inbound & outbound FHIR Messaging
  - e.g. encounter-admission is analogous to HL7 A01
- FHIR Message bundle includes
  - MessageDefinition resource defines event code – **encounter-admission**
  - Focus resource(s) – **Encounter 1..1**
  - Supporting resource(s) – **Flag 0..\***, **Condition 0..\***, etc
- IG details the FHIR Messaging event codes supported



**Miya Precision Australian FHIR Profile 7.0**

Home Guidance Profiles Artifacts Summary

### miya-MessageDefinition

#### List of Inbound Event Codes

MessageDefinitions EventCode	Focus + Contained List	Reference	Cardinality	HL7v2 Mapping
patient-registration	Patient, Practitioner(Contained), Flag, Observation		miya-Patient (1..1); miya-Flag (0..*); miya-Observation (0..*);	A28, A31
patient-link	Patient, Practitioner(Contained)		miya-Patient (1..1);	A34, A40
patient-unlink	Patient, Practitioner(Contained)		miya-Patient (1..1);	A37
patient-alert	Flag, Practitioner(Contained), Organization (Contained)	Patient(Subject)	miya-Flag (1..1);	
encounter-admission	Encounter, Practitioner(Contained), Encounter (Contained), Observation, Flag, Condition, AllergyIntolerance	Patient(Subject)	miya-Encounter (1..1); miya-Observation (0..*); miya-Flag (0..*); miya-Condition (0..*); miya-AllergyIntolerance (0..*);	A01, A04

<https://www.hl7.org/fhir/messaging.html>

# Active vs Passive FHIR Servers



- Passive
  - Focus on storage of data in a repository
  - Query server for access to data
- Active
  - Focus on using data to drive clinical and non clinical health care applications
  - Events bus pushes relevant data to subscribers
- Active approach requires
  - Validation of input
  - Automatic completion of tasks, referrals etc upon discharge
  - Generation of derived resources e.g. carry forward observations from previously completed documents and populate clinical record i.e. charts
  - Value sets and terminology translation e.g. emergency activity reporting

# FHIR Server Implementation – Our Approach

- Window into our healthcare informatics platform
- FHIR Server vs FHIR Facade
- Uses Fire.ly façade architecture
  - Light weight
  - Avoids need for duplication of data
  - Leverages Miya Precision native FHIR backend and data storage
  - Version and extension agnostic storage
  - Provides a way to manage access, validation and conformance to various versions and national implementations

## FHIR Facade



<https://fire.ly/blog/integrating-fhir-with-your-data-architecture-an-overview/>

- Read only FHIR API enables open standards access to raw FHIR resources stored in Miya Precision
- Miya Precision FHIR Implementation Guide details FHIR profiles supported

Miya Precision FHIR API - Release Version 7.0.0

## 2.2.2 Encounter

Search Parameter	Example
identifier	<code>https://{environment}/fhir/Encounter?identifier=3f26ff35-f403-5431-8033-c72ae6bdd1ff</code>
status	<code>https://{environment}/fhir/Encounter?status=in-progress</code>
class	<code>https://{environment}/fhir/Encounter?class=theatre</code>
subject	<code>https://{environment}/fhir/Encounter?subject:Patient.identifier=03c80021-789e-5a44-984d-2dc4ea3e8767</code>
periodStart	<code>http://{environment}/fhir/Encounter?date=gt2022-09-01</code>

Table 2-2 Encounter

# Miya Precision FHIR Implementation Guide



- Derived from R4 / AU Base 2/4

Miya Precision Australian FHIR Profile 7.0

Home Guidance ▾ Profiles Artifacts Summary ▾

## miya-AllergyIntolerance

Profile	Description	Status	URL
miya-AllergyIntolerance	An AU Base derived profile that defines an AllergyIntolerance structure supported by the Miya platform.	draft	<a href="http://alcidion.com/miya/StructureDefinition/miya-AllergyIntolerance">http://alcidion.com/miya/StructureDefinition/miya-AllergyIntolerance</a>

**NOTE**

- "encounter" is not supported currently.
- "asserter" - To be supplied as 'display' type reference.

Snapshot view Hybrid view Diff view Examples

- AllergyIntolerance I AllergyIntolerance
- extension I 0..\* Extension
- identifier Σ 1..\* Identifier
- clinicalStatus Σ ?! I 0..1 CodeableConcept Binding
- verificationStatus Σ ?! I 0..1 CodeableConcept Binding
- type Σ 0..1 code Binding
- category Σ 0..\* code Binding
- criticality Σ 0..1 code Binding
- code Σ 1..1 CodeableConcept Binding
- patient Σ I 1..1 Reference(Miya Patient)
- encounter I 0..1 Reference(Miya Encounter)
- onset[x] 0..1
- recordedDate 1..1 dateTime
- recorder I 0..1 Reference(Miya Practitioner | Miya Practitioner...)
- asserter Σ I 0..1 Reference(Miya Patient | Miya RelatedPerson | ...)
- lastOccurrence 0..1 dateTime
- note 0..\* Miya Annotation
- reaction 0..\* BackboneElement



# FHIR Server Extensibility



- International Patient Summary request plug-in
  - Add /Patient/{{patientID}}/\$summary generator
  - Orchestrator over the existing FHIR API
- UK Professional Records Standards Body (PRSB) standard
  - Export discharge summary in FHIR format

### International Patient Summary

**PTE John Peter EVANS**  
NHI: 7770001  
Date of Birth: 01-Feb-1992  
Gender: Male



#### Allergies and Intolerances

Details	Reaction	Severity	Onset Date	Last occurrence
Shellfish (substance)	-	high	07-Jan-2023 13:44	-
Allergy to penicillin (finding)	-	high	07-Jan-2000 15:44	-
Penicillin (substance)	-	high	17-Jan-1999 13:44	-
Allergy to egg protein	-	high	07-Nov-1995 13:44	-
Allergy to cows milk protein	-	low	17-Aug-1994 12:44	-

#### Problem List

Details	Clinical Status	Verification Status	Severity	Onset Date	Category
Rheumatoid Arthritis	Active	Unknown	High	13-Oct-2022 10:30	problem-list-item
Hypercholesterolemia	Active	Unknown	High	13-Oct-2022 10:30	problem-list-item
Pulmonary Embolism	Active	Unknown	High	13-Oct-2022 10:30	problem-list-item
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	Active	Unknown	High	13-Oct-2022 10:30	problem-list-item
Injury of lower leg	Active	Confirmed	-	-	problem-list-item

#### Relevant diagnostic tests/laboratory data

Report Title	Order By	Date Time	Lab Number	Status
Electrolytes	EMER EMER	22-Aug-2024 17:25	HD7770001	final

Assay	Value	Units	Ref Range
Creatinine	39	umol/L	45-90
Sodium	143	mmol/L	135-145
Sodium	143	mmol/L	135-145

Conclusion Dopamine and nalogues may negatively interfere with the enzymatic creatinine assay,when the sample is collected from an indwelling catheter. If the creatinine result does not match clinically,please repeat with a peripheral collection.

# Challenges and Lessons Learned



- Extension management and avoiding Z segment overload!
  - AU Base 2/4
  - NHS extensions
  - Vendor specific extensions
- Controlling which extension set(s) are included for a specific customer deployment e.g.
  - Customer extensions
  - Regional extensions e.g. AU, UK etc
  - Alcidion extensions
- De-confliction/reconciliation of 'similar' extensions from different sets

# Challenges and Lessons Learned



- Lifecycle management
  - Active FHIR servers rely on the state of one or more resources
  - Quality of the sources of information feeding your server
- Validation
  - Essential to ensure lifecycles are managed
- Access control
  - Limiting who can access what resource(s)
  - Complexity depends on the use case(s) of your solution
- Managing updates to resources from multiple sources
  - Use profiles to control partial updates



**THANK YOU**



Q & A



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