



## AIRA MONTHLY UPDATE

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### WANTED: IIS SUCCESS/ ANECDOTES FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF SNAPSHOTS

Share your successes, anecdotes, or challenges with the IIS community. We want to hear your stories! Please contact SnapShots editor Katie Reed at [catherine.reed@hp.com](mailto:catherine.reed@hp.com) to submit a story for the next issue of SnapShots.

### AIRA'S NEXT EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR **MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>**: HL7 PART 2, IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE UPDATE REVIEW & ASK THE EXPERT SESSION, SESSION I

AIRA's next Education Steering Committee webinars will be offered on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 4pm ET and April 14 at 3pm ET, in conjunction with the next update of the HL7 Implementation Guide for Immunization Messaging (IG) which is expected to be released in March 2014. Rob Savage will present a two-part review of the IG update and will focus on changes that will be found in release 1.5. There is a high level of technical material in the presentation so we recommend that individuals with a strong technical background participate. Participants will also have an opportunity to "ask the expert" questions about the IG update. For more information visit the AIRA website at <http://www.immregistries.org/events/2014/03/25/aira-education-webinar-hl7-part-2-implementation-guide-update-review-ask-the-expert-session>

### HIMSS14 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

AIRA Board President Frank Caniglia and AIRA Program Manager Alison Chi represented AIRA at the HIMSS14 Annual Conference in Orlando Florida last week. It is worth sharing that Dr. DeSalvo, newly appointed National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, gave a keynote address during which she commented that Public Health is not ready to receive data. AIRA leadership has taken note and will work with public health partners to help inform Dr. DeSalvo about the accomplishments and readiness of Public Health on this topic.

#### MARCH AT AIRA

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET:  
**AIRA Executive Committee Meeting**
- March 4<sup>th</sup> 2:30 -3:30 p.m. ET: **Assessment Steering Committee Meeting**
- March 12<sup>th</sup> 1 – 2 p.m. ET: **AIRA Standards & Interoperability Steering Committee**
- March 19<sup>th</sup> 2 -3 p.m. ET: **Education Steering Committee Meeting**
- March 17<sup>th</sup> 2 – 3:30 p.m. ET: **AIRA Board Meeting**
- March 20<sup>th</sup> 4 - 5 p.m. ET: **MIROW Steering Committee Monthly Meeting**
- March 24<sup>th</sup> 4 – 5 p.m. ET: **AIRA Discovery Session: Program Integration**
- March 25<sup>th</sup> 4 – 5 p.m. ET: **AIRA Education Webinar: HL7 Part 2, Implementation Guide Update Review & Ask the Expert Session, Session 1**
- March 26<sup>th</sup> 2 - 3 p.m. ET: **AIRA Provider Training Workgroup Meeting**

AIRA was pleased to be invited to present at the HL7 International Booth in the HIMSS14 Exhibit Hall. Slides from the presentation, titled "In Support of Standardization: Immunization Information Systems (IIS), The IIS HL7 Implementation Guide and Meaningful Use – AIRA Perspective," can be found in the Resources/Interoperability section of the AIRA website at <http://www.immregistries.org/resources/interoperability>

## NIST TOOLING AND TEST PROCEDURES IN SUPPORT OF MEANINGFUL USE

Slides from this presentation, given by Robert Snelick and John J. Garguilo at the HIMSS14 Annual Conference in Orlando last week, have been posted to the AIRA website. This presentation is a great primer on National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) software tooling used in Meaningful Use testing. You can find the slides in the Resources/Interoperability/Meaningful Use section of the AIRA website: <http://www.immregistries.org/resources/interoperability/meaningful-use>

## ACIP UPDATE

As many of you are aware the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) establishes the guidelines that are used to develop the IIS clinical decision support algorithms. Below is an update from the last ACIP meeting held February 26-27, 2014.

**PCV:** There is currently ongoing discussion about the future schedule for pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13) and consideration is being given to shift from a four dose schedule to a three dose schedule. The ACIP members are reviewing literature, studies, and other information related to this topic now and will vote on this topic during a future ACIP meeting. There are still policy considerations that must be accounted for including the groups that would be excluded from a potential policy change and the rationale for exclusion. There are five possible scenarios under consideration these scenarios were presented to ACIP last week:

Option 1: 2+1 for routine use, 3+1 for high-risk groups (to be defined)

Option 2: 3+0 for routine use, 3+1 for high-risk groups (to be defined)

Option 3: 3-dose schedules (2+1 or 3+0) for routine use, 3+1 recommended at provider discretion for healthy infants, 3+1 for high-risk groups (to be defined)

Option 4: 3+1 for routine use, 3-dose schedules (2+1 or 3+0) optional for healthy infants, 3+1 for high risk groups

Option 5: Status quo

Because the high-risk groups are being considered have the potential to be a larger portion of the US population than other high-risk groups we will be paying particular attention to this topic.

**INFLUENZA:** A vote was held during the February meeting for the upcoming influenza season, there is no change in the recommendations from the current 2013-2014 season recommendations; however, this may change during the June meeting as the AAP will be meeting to consider their recommendations for the upcoming season. It is the desire to have a harmonized ACIP and AAP recommendation for the upcoming season.

**HPV:** A 9-valent HPV vaccine is currently being reviewed by the FDA. Approval of this vaccine is anticipated in 2015. There was also discussion about a reduced dose schedule for HPV vaccine. There was no change to the base recommendations, but there was one addition to the special considerations which include a history of sexual abuse or assault.

Presentations given during the ACIP meeting will be available on the CDC website in the near future.

## NEW WHITE PAPER ON IIS AND HIE: WEB SERVICES STRATEGIES

AIRA member HLN Consulting, LLC, has produced another new white paper which may be of interest to the AIRA membership. The white paper describes the options that are available to immunization information system (IIS) projects in collaborating with health information exchanges (HIE) or other service providers to facilitate the exchange of immunization information between electronic health record systems and IIS. In many jurisdictions HIEs can play an active role in providing part of the technical infrastructure to make EHR-IIS interoperability work, especially through the use of SOAP-based web services, the current interoperability transport standard for these transactions. Various options are available for deployment of these web services with differing operational and security implications for both the HIE and IIS projects. You can find the white paper in the Resources/Interoperability/Health Information Exchange section of the AIRA website:

<http://www.immregistries.org/resources/interoperability/health-information-exchange>

## PATIENT MATCHING FINDINGS RELEASED

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) has released a report on patient identification and matching, although unfortunately no public health organizations were interviewed during this process. A link to the final report can be found in the Resources/Data Quality/Related Links column on the AIRA website here:

<http://www.immregistries.org/resources/data/data-quality>.

## MARCH DISCOVERY SESSION TOPIC – PROGRAM INTEGRATION

In 2014 AIRA is offering a new set of technical assistance opportunities to the IIS community. These opportunities include monthly ‘discovery sessions’ which will review topic areas relevant for all IIS Managers but will specifically target new(er) IIS Managers, staff, and those new to the IIS community. **Discovery Sessions will be held on the fourth Monday of the month from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET.** Each session will also be recorded and posted on our website for future viewing. See the AIRA website for call information: <http://www.immregistries.org/events/webinars>

March 24th Topic: **Program Integration** This session will focus on the various ways an IIS are used to support immunization programs and public health.

We strongly encourage you to attend these sessions and/or have the appropriate staff attend.

## AIRA MEMBERSHIP

The AIRA membership year runs from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. Thanks to those of you who have renewed! If you haven’t renewed your membership yet, it’s still not too late! Renew your membership (or join for the first time!) by visiting the membership renewal page on the AIRA website: <http://www.immregistries.org/membership/renewing-membership>. Just login, click on Renew Membership, and then you will be able to renew your membership or join AIRA for the first time.

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## FEBRUARY RECAP

Assessment Steering Committee

- The ASC met on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The committee discussed aspects of the data quality assessment tool under development, focusing on sample size, age range, transport, storage and audit requirements, and anticipated frequency of data submissions. Committee members also reviewed a draft data sharing agreement.

### **Standards and Interoperability Steering Committee**

- The SISC met on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The SISC discussed reporting of evidence of immunity and how responsible provider organizations/roles are identified in an HL7 message. The SISC will continue discussions of both topics during the March 12<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting.

### **Education Steering Committee**

- The ESC met on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Committee members discussed the next issue of SnapShots, which is planned for an April release. If you have an IIS success story that you would like to share with SnapShots readers, please contact SnapShots editor Katie Reed at [Catherine.Reed@HP.com](mailto:Catherine.Reed@HP.com)
- The ESC planned for the AIRA educational webinar scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014: HL7 Part 2 (see above for more information) and discussed future webinar topics.
- The ESC continued discussion of the education survey that will be conducted in 2014 to assess the education needs of AIRA members.

### **MIROW Steering Committee**

- The MIROW Steering Committee met on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The Committee completed the scope for the upcoming MOGE topic.