



Innovation in Modernizing IIS HL7 Data and Knowledge

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AGENDA

- Why Build an AI Chatbot?
- How Did We Build the HelperBot?
- How is the HelperBot Currently Being Used?
- What's Next?

Why Build an AI Chatbot?



What was the Problem?

- **Requirements to update the HL7 v2.5.1 Implementation Guide for Immunization Messaging**
 - Difficult to search
 - Documents are long and complex
- **HL7 team requires fast information retrieval**
- **Document updating is a slow process**
 - Requires knowledge of all versions of documents
 - Needs to be consistent with historical documents

Why an AI Chatbot?

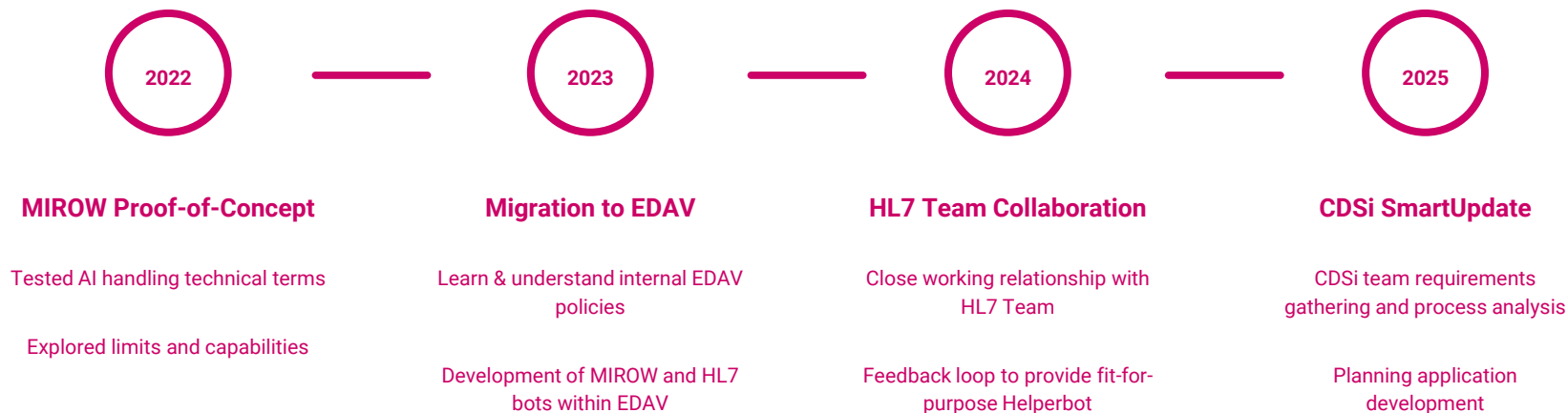
- **Capable of both Conceptual Search and Keyword Search**
 - No longer require specific keywords to return correct results
 - Can use Keyword Search for highly technical requests
- **Fast retrieval over many documents**
- **Provides page- and paragraph-specific references**
 - Easy to reference original text
- **Ability to summarize and deep-dive**

Using revolutionary technology to help us interact with knowledge seamlessly

How Did We Build the AI Chatbot?



History of HelperBot, Our AI Chatbot



Lessons Learned

- **HL7 technical language required special handling**
- **User education and user-centric design are necessary**
 - “Human in the loop” is important
 - Working with HL7 team for requirements and iteration
- **Constant changes in AI require flexible infrastructure**
- **Accuracy is essential; mitigate hallucinations**
 - Reduce “temperature” to enhance precision and determinism
 - Using only trusted HL7 documents
- **Document security**
 - Only using external documents
 - Importing into EDAV, the trusted system for CDC
 - Abiding by governance policies within CDC

How is HelperBot Currently Being Used?

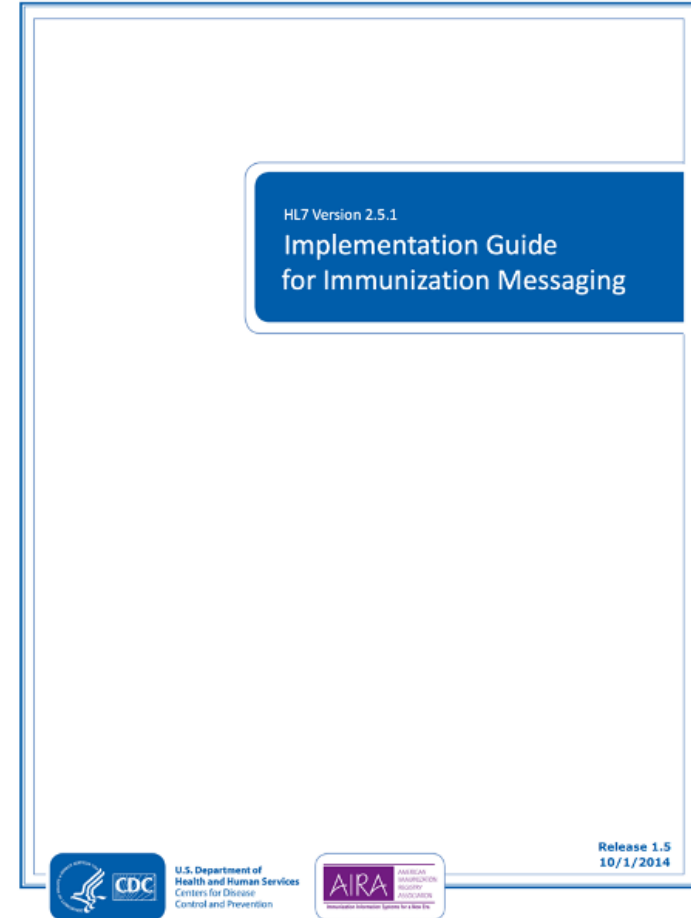


HL7 Document Updating

Updating the HL7 v2.5.1 Implementation Guide for Immunization Messaging

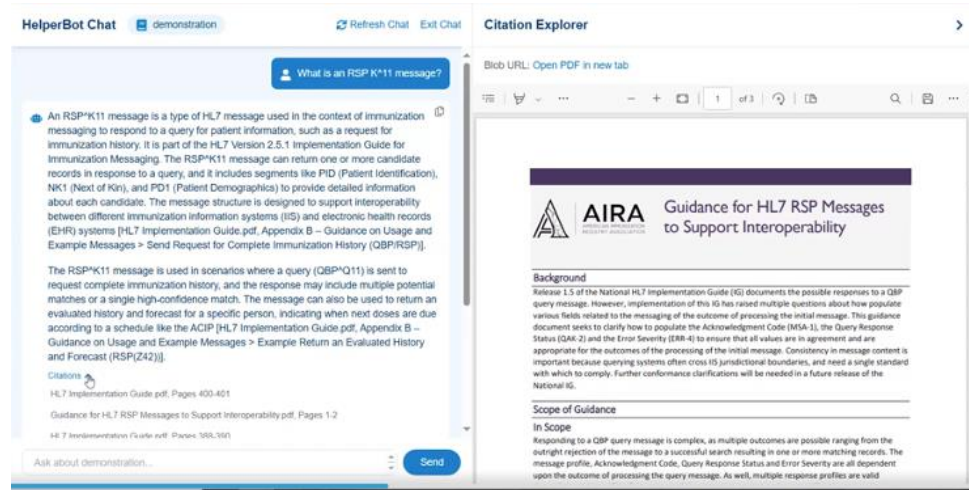
Use Cases:

- Looking up information from historical documents
- Quickly finding and referencing source material from previous documents
- Ensuring consistency between documents



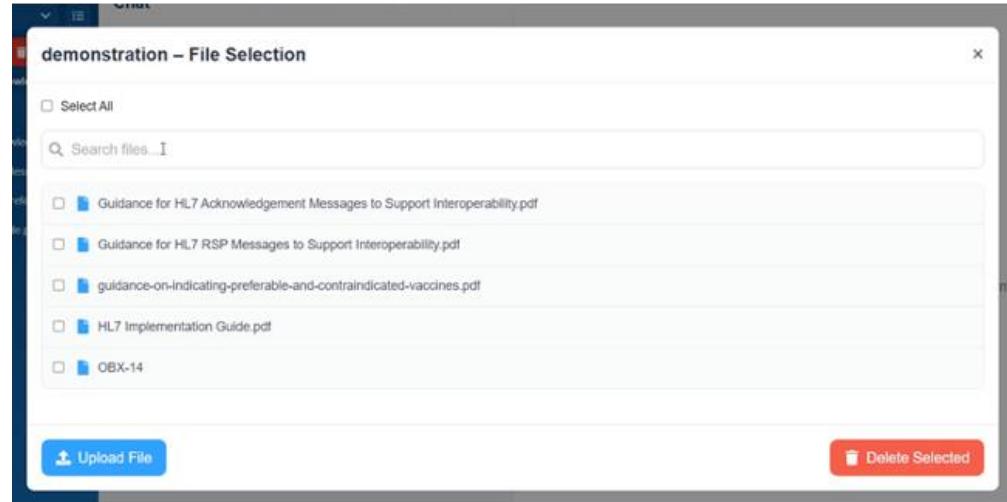
What are the HelperBot's Features?

- **AI chat with Hybrid Search**
 - Conceptual Search
 - Key Word Search
- **PDF Viewer**
 - View full PDF Documents
- **Specific Citations**
 - Document, page, and paragraph
 - Open Citations in PDF Viewer to see original text



What are the HelperBot's Features?

- **Differentiated Knowledge Bases**
 - Separate different knowledge bases
 - Easily build a new knowledge base
 - Easily upload new documents
- **Document-Specific Search**
 - Select specific subset of knowledge base for search parameters



Why are these Features Helpful?

Feature	HL7 Requirement
Hybrid Search	HL7 terms can be very specific (e.g. Z32) – can be hard for traditional AI. Keyword search solves this issue
PDF Viewer + Citations	HL7 needs to see original text to compare to updates
Differentiated Knowledge Bases	HL7 is updating their documents – they only want to see a specific set of historical documents. It is important to only reference a small number of documents
Document-Specific Search	Even within that small set of documents, sometimes HL7 wants to reference a smaller subset. This feature can be used instead of creating a new Knowledge Base

Did We Succeed?

Metrics for Success	Outcome	Measurements
Accuracy of Answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Reduced hallucinations through strict parameters•Improved coverage through hybrid search	Precision: 98% Coverage: 82% Declines to answer if uncertain
Speed of Answer Return	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Much faster than manual search	10 sec – 5 mins answer return
Ability to Improve Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Efficiently search through documents•Improved process of document updating•Features are easy to use and helpful	~45 mins of work done in ~10 mins 50% fewer clarifications



What's Next?



CDSi Chatbot

Use cases:

- **Updates from new ACIP recommendations**
 - Identify places in the CDSi Logic Specification that require updates
 - Provide recommendations for updates
- **Test case generation**
 - Provide test case options for more comprehensive or edge-case scenarios
 - Provide test case updates based on ACIP recommendations
- **Answering questions from CDSi Logic Specification**
 - Efficient lookup and contextual search

Proposed CDSi Chatbot Process

Identify Recommendations

Input:

- ACIP Meeting Materials

Output:

- Changes recommended during ACIP Meeting

Identify Change Target Areas

Input:

- Changes recommended during ACIP Meeting
- Supporting Data Documents
- Test Case Documents

Output:

- Pairs of ACIP recs and document excerpts that require updating

Generate Draft Changes

Input:

- Matched pairs of ACIP Recommendations and supporting data excerpts that require updating

Output:

- Recommended new language for supporting data

Generate and Update Test Cases

Input:

- Matched pairs of ACIP Recommendations and test cases that require updating

Output:

- Recommended new test cases
- Recommended updates to test cases

HelperBot Demo



IIS HelperBot

Explore effortlessly.
Cite confidently.

 **Start Chatting**

 **User Guide**



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Conclusion



Take-Aways

- **AI is a great tool to improve processes and information discoverability**
 - HL7 team has been using the Helperbot to increase efficiency when updating guidance documentation
 - The Helperbot can easily accept new documents for easy knowledge base management
 - Citations and PDF viewer help users easily find source information
- **Partnering with users when developing AI solutions is essential**
 - The HL7 Helperbot is fit-for-purpose and has features customized to their needs
- **The HelperBot can be used for other knowledge bases, potentially including Knowledge Management for local programs in the future**



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