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# 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  - Needs to be consistent with historical documents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



## MIROW Proof-of-Concept

Tested AI handling technical terms

Explored limits and capabilities

## Migration to EDAV

Learn & understand internal EDAV policies

Development of MIROW and HL7 bots within EDAV

## HL7 Team Collaboration

Close working relationship with HL7 Team

Feedback loop to provide fit-for-purpose Helperbot

## CDSi SmartUpdate

CDSi team requirements gathering and process analysis

Planning application development

# 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?

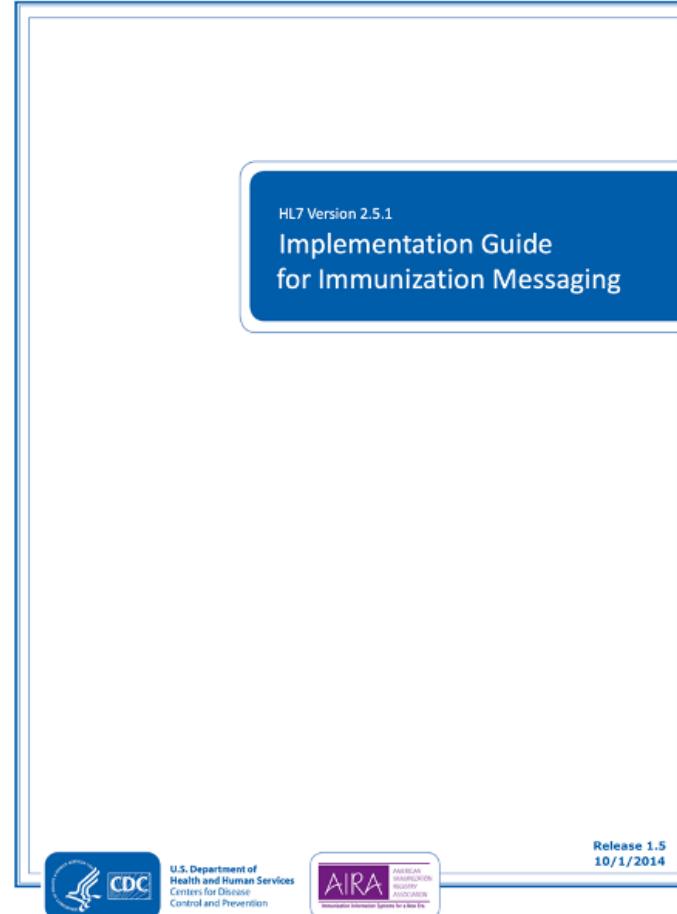


# HL7 Document Updating

## Updating the HL7 v2.5.1 Implementation Guide for Immunization Messaging

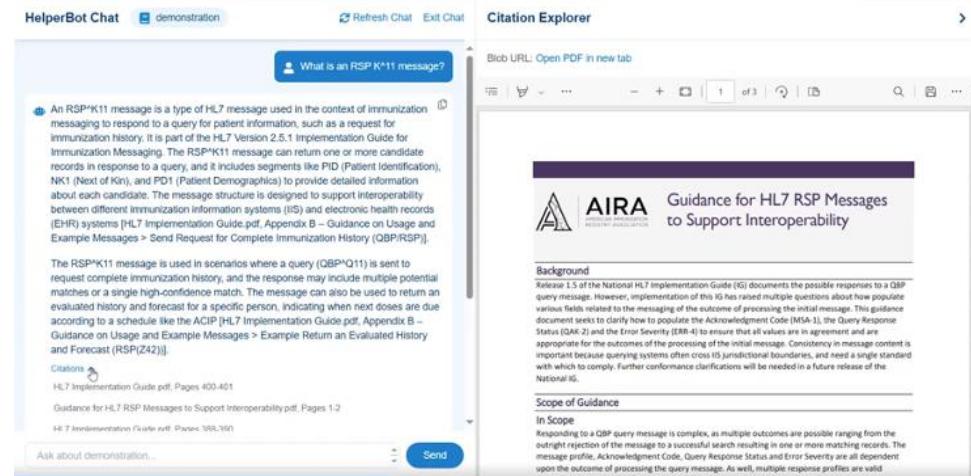
### Use Cases:

- 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?

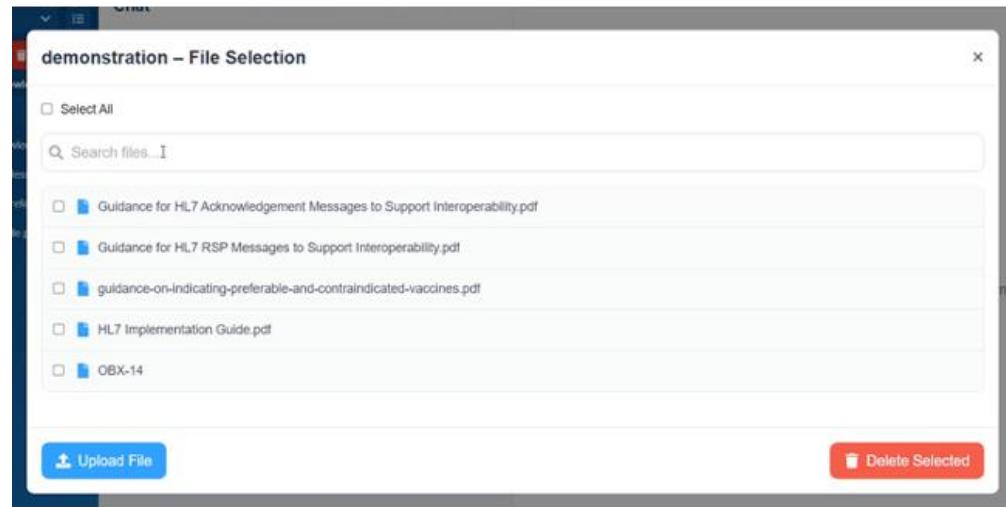
- **AI chat with Hybrid Search**
  - Conceptual Search
  - Key Word Search
- **PDF Viewer**
  - View full PDF Documents
- **Specific Citations**
  - Document, page, and paragraph
  - Open Citations in PDF Viewer to see original text



The screenshot shows the HelperBot Chat interface. A user has asked, "What is an RSP K11 message?". The bot has responded with a detailed explanation of the RSP K11 message, mentioning its use in immunization history and its structure. Below this, a citation is provided from the AIRA Guidance for HL7 RSP Messages to Support Interoperability. The citation discusses the RSP K11 message and its use in scenarios where a query (OBP-Q11) is sent to request complete immunization history. It also mentions the HL7 Implementation Guide (IG) and the Guidance for HL7 RSP Messages to Support Interoperability.

# 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"><li>Reduced hallucinations through strict parameters</li><li>Improved coverage through hybrid search</li></ul>	Precision: 98% Coverage: 82% Declines to answer if uncertain
Speed of Answer Return	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Much faster than manual search</li></ul>	10 sec – 5 mins answer return
Ability to Improve Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Efficiently search through documents</li><li>Improved process of document updating</li><li>Features are easy to use and helpful</li></ul>	~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:**

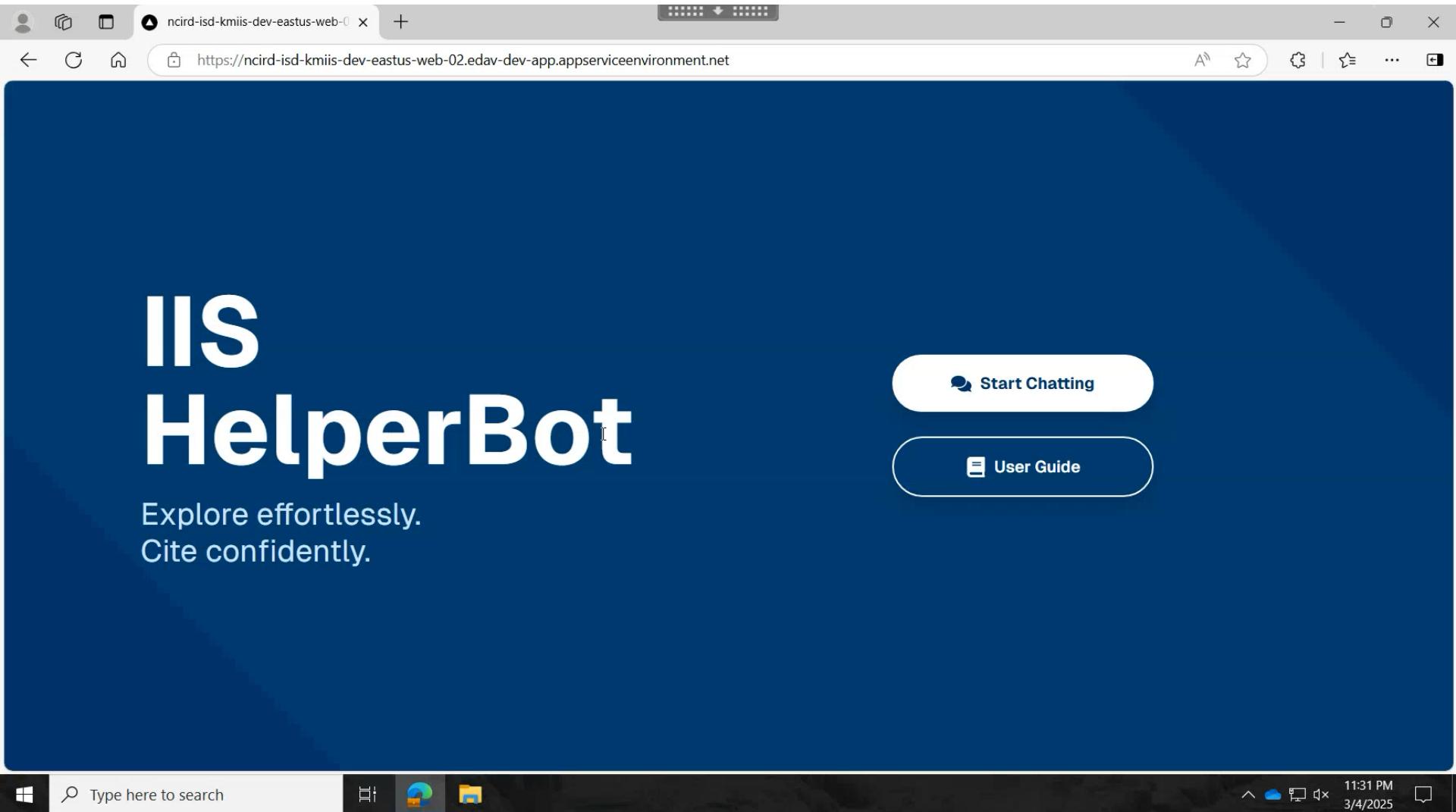
- Matched pairs of ACIP Recommendations and test cases that require updating

**Output:**

- Recommended new test cases
- Recommended updates to test cases

# HelperBot Demo





# IIS HelperBot

Explore effortlessly.  
Cite confidently.

 Start Chatting

 User Guide



Type here to search



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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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