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re: Joint Initiative Council Patient Summary Standards Set (PSSS)

Dear members,

It gives me great pleasure to provide you with the first release of the Patient Summary Standards Set (PSSS), recently published by the [Joint Initiative Council](#) (JIC), a collaborative of 8 international digital health standards development organisations, including CEN/TC 251 Health Informatics.

The PSSS provides an overview of standards, standards artefacts and profiles that meet agreed criteria and applicable for a specific Use Case. It does not recommend a single or specific implementation for a particular topic. Rather, it provides sufficient detail to enable different stakeholders to choose the standards, standards artefacts and profiles most suited to satisfying their requirements/Use Case.

Truly a joint initiative spearheaded by participating JIC members, this effort has successfully yielded a product that aims to be of direct benefit to a multitude of audiences including vendors, healthcare organisations and governments/policy makers who are exploring ways of developing and implementing Patient Summaries.

The work on the JIC PSSS has been carried out alongside and with support from the CEN International Patient Summary (IPS) project, which will produce an EN and TS for Europe in line with the global IPS specifications. Please look forward to the Enquiry ballot on the EN in the upcoming weeks!

The Standards Set document, provided free of charge, has been created with the intention of it continuously evolving. With this aim, the JIC has committed to making regular updates based on received feedback and suggestions. The ongoing CEN IPS work will, of course, be taken into account in these updates.

We strongly encourage you to use the PSSS, and engage with us to communicate the extent of its usefulness to you and your organisation. This valuable feedback will allow us to constantly refine and optimize the document, and inform us when creating new Standards Sets.

On behalf of the JIC, and all participating SDO members, thank you for your interest, and your potential use of the PSSS. Please visit the [JIC website](#) to access the Standards Set and its accompanying documents.

Sincerely,

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