# Exchange Standards: Document exchange

HL7v3-Clinical Document Architecture (CDA)



## **HL7: Exchange Standards**

#### **HL7 Versions**

- HL7 Version 2.x messaging
- HL7 Version 3 messaging
- HL7 Clinical Document Architecture (CDA)
- HL7 Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR)



### Exchange is a Need in Healthcare



Vast amounts of patient data collected through direct clinical interactions

Medical information such as vitals, orders, prescriptions, discharge summaries, etc. dictated or recorded by hand









All of this clinical data was stored as paper records (documents) at each point of care

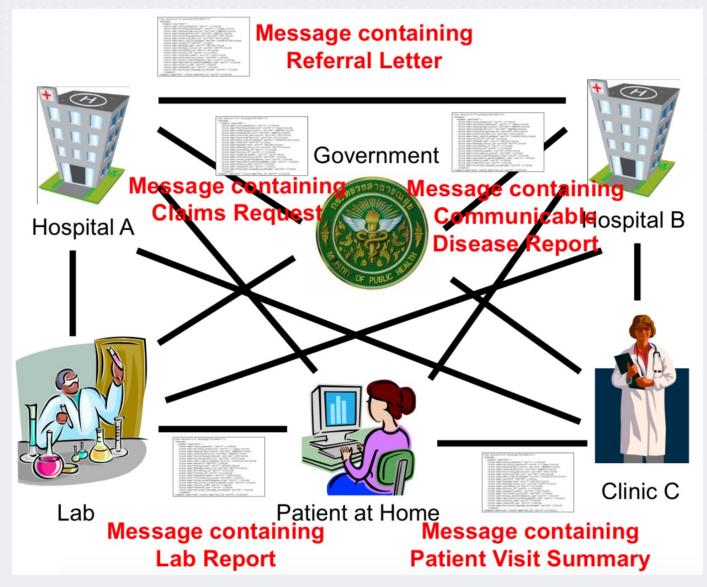
If patient health records needed to be shared between providers, they usually required manual exchange (e.g. fax, "snail mail")



- Coordination of care between providers slow, costly; patient outcomes inconsistent
- Duplicative healthcare services (e.g. labs imaging) frequent



## Clinical Document Exchange





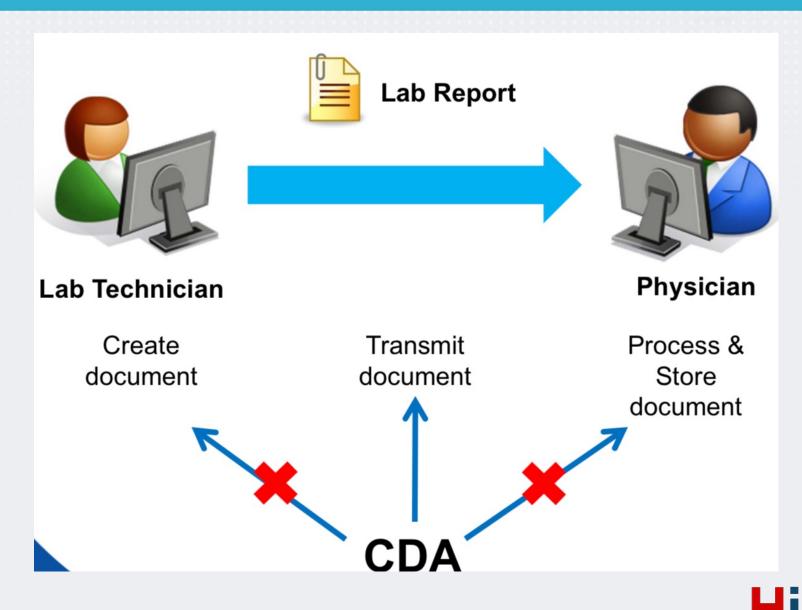
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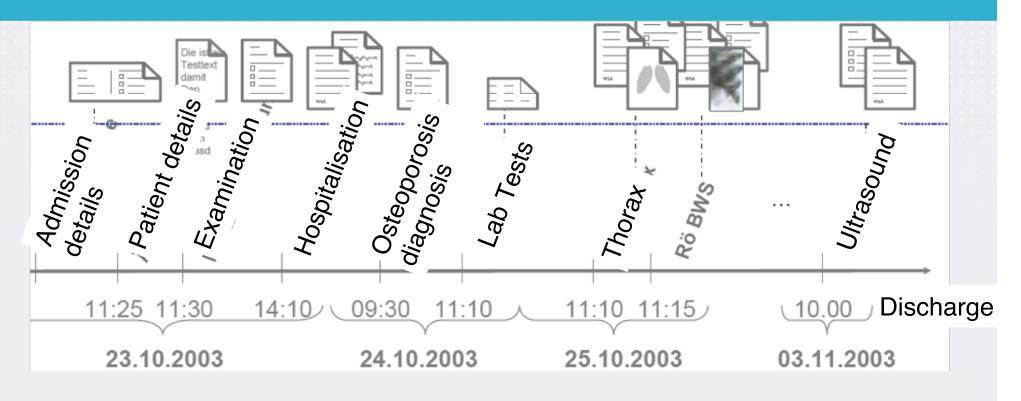
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## **Clinical Documents**



#### Clinical Process vs Clinical Documents



Documents in the clinical process from admission to discharge



#### **Clinical Process**



## **HL7: Document Exchange Standards**

- HL7 CDA (Clinical Document Architecture)
  - CDA has Release 1 and 2.
  - Provides an exchange model for clinical documents e.g. discharge summaries and progress clinical notes
  - Aims at bringing a real-world view to patient medical records in which:
    - Healthcare providers can understand
    - Healthcare applications can atomically process
  - HL7 CDA is a subset of HL7 v2.x or HL7 v3 message



#### Clinical Documents: Different formats

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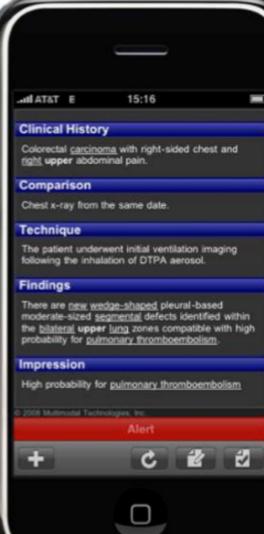
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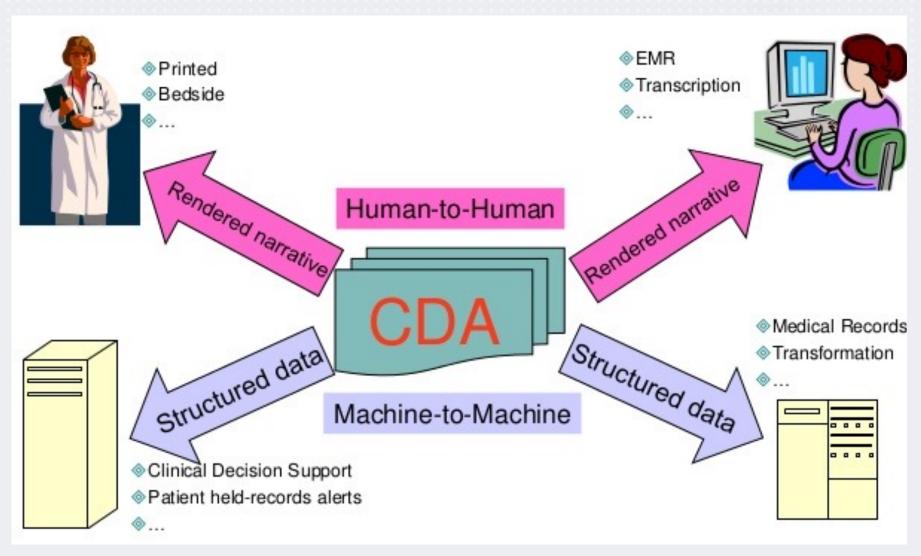


## HL7: Document Exchange Standards

- HL7 CDA (Clinical Document Architecture)
  - "A document markup standard that specifies structure & semantics of clinical documents for the purpose of exchange"
  - Focuses on document exchange,
  - A document is packaged in a message during exchange
  - A patient medical record as an XML-based documents

=> CDA is not designed for document storage, just exchange?!

## **HL7: Document Exchange Standards**





#### A Clinical Document

- A CDA document is a complete information record that can include:
  - Text
  - Images
  - Sounds
  - Other information or media
- Clinical content of the document is defined by the HL7 V3 RIM – CDA only standardizes/defines the structure required to exchange documents.



#### **CDA**

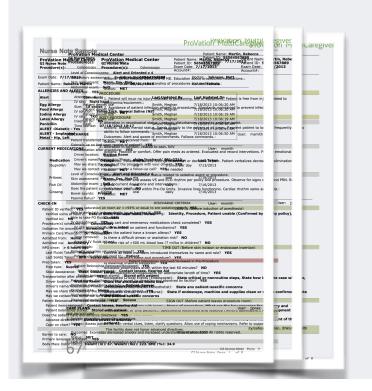
- CDA = Clinical Document Architecture
- CDA is a HL7-standard
- XML-standard to exchange structured documents

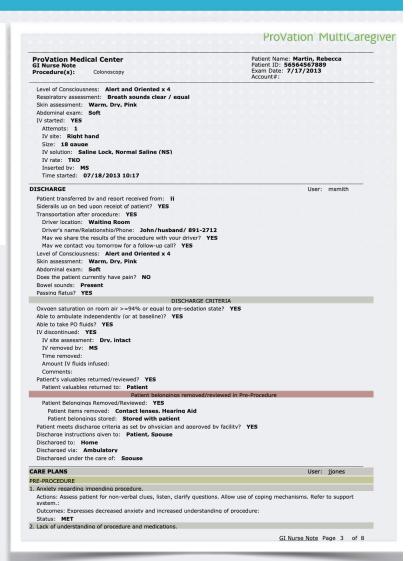
- A key distinction between HL7 messages and HL7 CDA documents
  - messages are packets of data sent from one system to another, get incorporated into the receiving system.
  - documents are basically electronic versions of physical clinical documents



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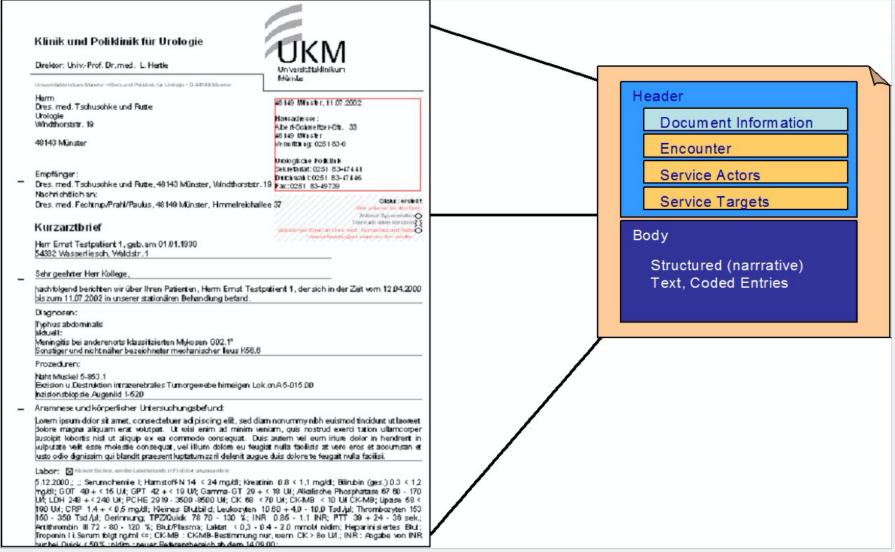
- An electronic equivalent of a paper document
- Has an author/attester
- Represents a point in time view of data
- Persists as an artifact over time
- Supports simple to very complex document types





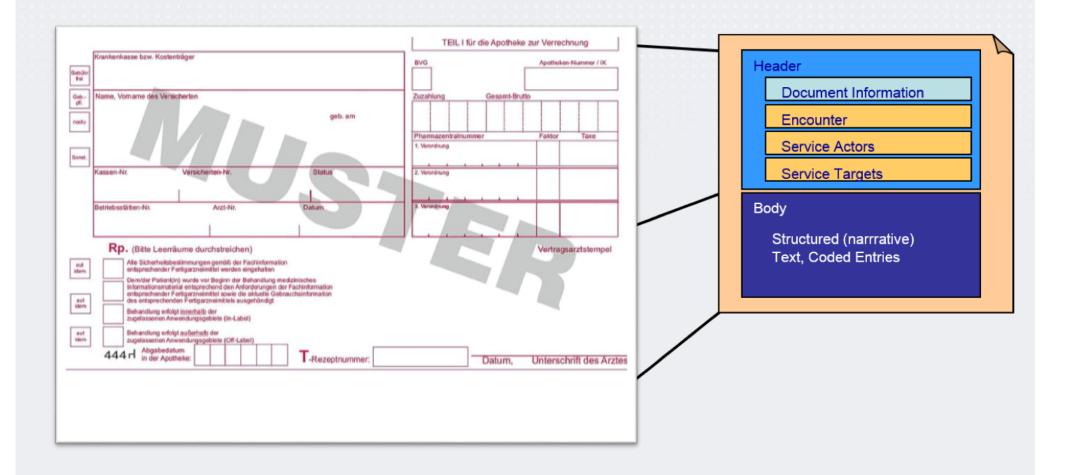


## Example-Physician Letter as a CDA



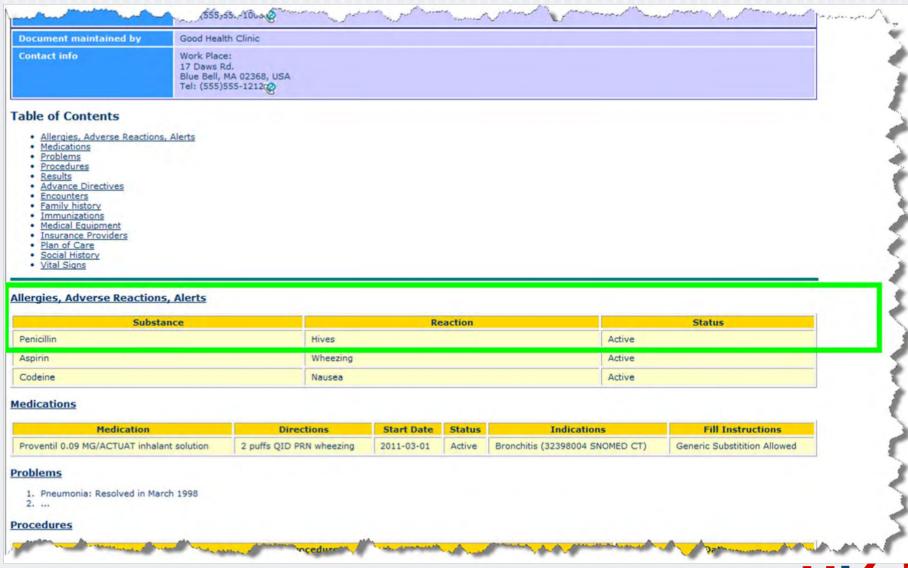


## Example- medical order as a CDA





#### Example: CCD (Continuity of Care Document)





## Example: CCD -underlying XML

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