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Dear Colleague

You may be aware that the next round of IHTSDO Committee elections will take place in October 2010. At this time the IHTSDO's highest authority, the General Assembly (GA) will elect and/or re-elect members to its Standing Committees (<http://www.ihtsdo.org/about-ihtsdo/governance-and-advisory/standing-committees>) for positions where the incumbents have come to the end of their term and where there are vacancies. The four Standing Committees advise the Management Board on the development and maintenance of SNOMED CT and are:

- The Content Committee
- The Implementation and Innovation Committee
- The Quality Assurance Committee; and
- The Technical Committee

As the official Australian member of the IHTSDO, NEHTA is inviting expressions of interest from a fourth Australian clinical informatician to be nominated as an independent expert on one of the IHTSDO Standing Committees. In order to ensure that there is a broad and complementary mix of skills and experience from Australia put forward for consideration by the General Assembly we are distributing a skills survey and ask that interested individuals complete this in order to be considered as a nominee.

In addition to having the required skills, Committee Members will be required to attend monthly international teleconferences, participate in electronic collaborative debate through the IHTSDO collaborative portal and be willing to attend up to two international meetings a year. Within the Australian environment the Committee Members must also be willing to jointly lead the Australian Clinical Terminology User Group and provide updates on IHTSDO activities to its membership group.

NEHTA will contribute to reimbursement of up to \$5,000 in a calendar year towards the travel and subsistence costs of attendance at the international meetings for four external Committee members. Any telephone costs involved in attending Committee conference calls will also be reimbursed. No other expenses can be supported.

Interested parties should realize that nomination by NEHTA does not ensure committee membership nor does it ensure which of the two term durations any successful nominee will be assigned to: The final decision on committee representation is by vote at the General Assembly.

If you would like to nominate and have the skills required for membership of these committees please submit your nomination for consideration using the following link: <https://www.surveymk.com/s/CM5WKSC>. Applications will close 20 August 2010.

We appreciate your commitment and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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