



Dear Colleague

You may be aware that the next round of IHTSDO Committee elections will take place in October 2009. 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 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 Australian clinical informaticians to be nominated as independent experts on 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 matrix 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 two international meetings a year. Please note that at the time of calling for nominations NEHTA cannot guarantee funding to attend international meetings. If this changes, successful Committee Members will be advised. Interested parties should also realize that nomination by NEHTA does not ensure committee membership as 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 return your completed nomination to Michelle Laing at [michelle.laing@nehta.gov.au](mailto:michelle.laing@nehta.gov.au) for consideration and review by 25 August 2009.

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

Yours sincerely

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