



Release Notification

Discharge Summary Release 1.0

Introduction

NEHTA is pleased to announce the release of the Discharge Summary Release 1.0, incorporating three key documents: a Business Requirements Specification, a Solution Design, and a Core Information Components document.

NEHTA's e-Discharge Summaries program has been tasked to develop key specifications required for software vendors, GPs and hospitals to establish a national environment for standardised discharge summary exchange, one where summaries can be sent securely and reliably to identified recipients, viewed by health care providers, and integrated into recipient clinical information systems.

Over time, e-Discharge Summaries will iteratively release a comprehensive series of specifications to support national interoperability. The Discharge Summary Release 1.0 core defines the minimum set of data groups and elements that are recommended for implementation in any system that creates and/or transfers discharge summary information within Australia.

Future releases will deliver speciality-specific extensions to this core release.

The specifications developed will support future implementation activity and alignment to a nationally-standardised interoperable framework.

Role

The Discharge Summary Release 1.0 sets a foundation for all future e-Discharge Summaries program releases, and defines 'today, tomorrow and future' solution states supported by the Business Requirements Specification. Consequently, the role of this release is to:

- Define the national business solution for discharge summary exchange, comprising a number of specifications and guidelines to support the transition of existing discharge summary systems to align with NEHTA specifications
- Define the minimum set of data groups and elements that are recommended for implementation in any system that creates and transfers discharge summary information in Australia.

Aspects

The Discharge Summary Release 1.0 has three aspects:

1. Package Documents (i.e. documents included in this release)
 - Executive Summary v0.45
 - Release Notification v0.05
 - Business Requirements Specification v0.14
 - Solution Design v0.18
 - Core Information Components v0.34

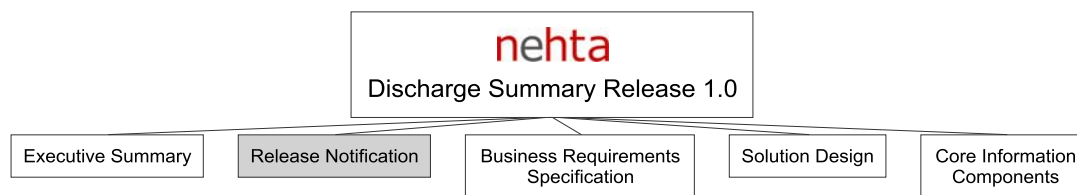


Figure 1 Discharge Summary Package Document Map

2. References (i.e. NEHTA and third-party documents referenced by package documents) including:
 - Discharge Summary - Core, Structured Document Template v2.0
 - Concepts and Patterns for Implementing Services v2.0.
 - Terminology Release - March 2009:
 - Discharge Summary Terminology Cover Note
 - Discharge Summary Terminology Release Note
 - SCT-AU Reference Sets Library for Discharge Summary SDT v0.7
 - SCT-AU Reference Set Implementation Guide
 - SCT-AU Distribution Files – Discharge Summary
 - SCT-AU Terminology Viewer – Discharge Summary (Win/Mac)
 - AMT Reference Set Analysis – Discharge Summary
3. Related Reading (i.e. providing further information about issues discussed in the Solution Design document)
 - Interoperability Framework v2.0
 - Web Services Profile v3.0.

The above documentation is available directly from the NEHTA website at <http://www.nehta.gov.au/> as listed in the 'References' section of the Solution Design document.

Clinical terminology-related content (e.g. Terminology Release - March 2009) is available from NEHTA's secure site at <https://nehta.org.au/aht/> following free registration for a SNOMED CT licence via the same website.

Additionally, it is recommended that the SNOMED CT Australian extension (SCT-AU) Reference Sets, Implementation Guide and the SNOMED CT Technical Reference Guide are read in conjunction with these documents to assist with comprehension of the terminology structure (also available via the secure site).

Feedback

Feedback on this release is requested before September 30th 2009 and can be emailed to dischargesummary@nehta.gov.au as can any questions relating to this package. Priority areas for feedback include errors of omission or commission, inconsistent descriptions and editorial rule concerns.