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1 Purpose

The purpose of this release note is to provide a brief description of the Document Header Data Specification v2.0. This release note details the location of the specification, highlights resolved and outstanding issues, and also provides links to supporting documentation.

2 Introduction

As part of the work the National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA) is undertaking, clinical documents will be exchanged between systems in a national e-health infrastructure. Structurally, these clinical documents comprise two major groups of data: the 'header' and the 'detail'. This Header Data Specification document is a standard applicable to all clinical documents that will be exchanged between health information systems in the emerging e-health solutions.

Specification of the data structure, data elements and definitions that comprise a clinical document (e.g. a Discharge Summary) follows a format referred to as a 'Structured Document Template' (SDT) specification. A constrained version of this standard header specification is included in a clinical document's SDT Specification, the constraints being applicable to the context and scope of use of the clinical document.

3 Release Log

This (version 2.0) of the Header Data Specification is an enhancement that addresses the following:

- Alignment with the parallel revisions made to the Participation v2.0 and Participation Specialisation v1.0 Data specifications (See next section for references to these related documents).
- Accompanying refinements to definitions of the data groups and data elements.

This specification is released with known issues that will be resolved in the next published version. Areas requiring resolution are recorded in the APPENDIX A: KNOWN ISSUES section of the specification.

4 Release Documentation

The following supporting documentation is available for download from the [NEHTA website](#).

[Data Specifications – Guide for Use v1.0](#)

[Participation Data Specification v2.0](#)

[Participation Specialisations Data Specification v1.0](#)

4.1 Document Header Data Specification v2.0

This document forms part of a suite of data specifications for clinical and administrative concepts (represented as 'data groups'). These concepts are generally agreed to be worthy of standardisation in order to achieve the benefits brought about by Level 4 (semantic) interoperability in the Australian healthcare setting. (For information on the subject of semantic interoperability refer to Appendix B in the *Interoperability Maturity Mode*) on the [NEHTA website](#).

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