Practitioner Fhir Resource Proposal
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Owning committee name

Patient_Administration

Contributing or Reviewing Work Groups

None

FHIR Resource Development Project Insight ID

925

Scope of coverage

Resources covers the demographics and qualification information for an individual who is directly or indirectly involved in the provisioning of healthcare. It covers all individuals who are professionally engaged in the healthcare process, commonly (but not necessarily) on behalf of an organization. Their activity represents formal responsibility for a healthcare process, or parts thereof. This Resource is used for attribution of activities and responsibilities to these individuals. Practitioner include:

- physicians, dentists, pharmacists
- physician assistants, nurses, scribes
- midwives, dietitians, therapists, optometrists, paramedics
- medical technicians, laboratory scientists, prosthetic technicians, radiographers
- social workers, professional home carers, official volunteers
- receptionists handling patient registration

The Resources must not be used for persons involved for non-professional reasons like individuals taking care for friends, relatives or neighbors.

Although a Practitioner Resource represents individuals, they may practice their profession on behalf on an organization. Commonly, a Practitioner performs different roles within the same or even different organizations. Depending on jurisdiction and custom, it may be necessary to maintain a specific Practitioner Resource for each such role, possibly with different relevant qualifications. The role is also often limited to a specific period, after which authorization for this role ends. Note that the represented organization need not necessarily be the (direct) employer of a Practitioner.

RIM scope

Person, Role

Resource appropriateness

Systems must track which persons are involved in giving care. In addition to normal information about the person involved, this also includes information about the person's role as a professional care giver, like qualifications. This resource is often identified using HR-identifiers, logins or nation-wide registration numbers.

Expected implementations

This resources is expected to be implemented in most, if not all, hospital information systems.

Content sources

None beyond the standard list.

Example Scenarios

- A surgeon
- A nurse
- A pharmacist
- A physiotherapist
- An MRI operator

Resource Relationships

The resource refers to the Picture and Organization resource. It will be used by any Resource wanting to track who was (professionally) involved in delivering care.

Timelines

Expected to be ready for the september 2013 DSTU ballot.

gForge Users

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