Location 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
Resource covers contact details and position information for a physical place that may be visited and where healthcare resources and participants may be found or contained, accommodated, or stored. A Location includes both incidental locations (a place at which is used without prior designation or authorization) and dedicated, formally appointed locations.

The Location resource is *not* used to indicate the location of something on or in a person - for example the location of a lesion. This is the responsibility of that resource or the terminology used.

RIM scope
Place

Resource appropriateness
Almost all organizations of any size need to keep track of the locations used for healthcare, to keep track of where patients, devices and materials are located. This information goes beyond a simple name, to include contact details and spatial containment.

Expected implementations
Present in CCDA. Likely to be used in Encounter summaries Needed for Hospital and other in-patient EMR systems (and some ambulatory care EMR's as well)

Content sources
None beyond the standard list

Example Scenarios
Examples of use for Location are:

- A hospital building, clinic or GP's office, a home
- A ward, corridor, bedroom, emergency room or operation room
- A freezer or cabinet
- An ambulance, personal car or roadside location

Resource Relationships
Resources references Organization. Encounter will reference Location as will any resource that needs to indicate where an event or action took place.
Timelines

Expected to be ready for the sept 2013 DSTU ballot

gForge Users

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