

HIMSS10 Organizational Level Benefits, Deliverables & Deadlines- *Virtual Connectathon Testing (VCT) - Testing Prior to the IHE N.A. Connectathon*

NOTE: The information regarding Virtual Connectathon and Virtual Showcase testing is primarily directed to Leadership and Implementer; the majority of Organizational participants are not involved with the Connected Demonstrations, however, a few Organizations are involved. For questions, please contact Showcase staff at www.interoperabilityshowcase.org or call +1-312-915-9276

IHE 2010 North American (N.A.) Connectathon: Participants demonstrating in the HIMSS10 Showcase that support IHE profiles and HITSP constructs (which are grounded in IHE profiles) are expected to successfully test these profiles at the IHE N.A. Connectathon in Chicago, IL January 11-15, 2010. Exact details and availability of testing tools for the HITSP constructs is currently under development, so please watch for updates regarding this along with technical guidance for IHE testing at: http://www.ihe.net/north_america/connectathon2010.cfm.

- **Dates:** January 11-15, 2010
- **Registration Link:** <http://ihe-kudu.wustl.edu/na2010/>

Testing HITSP, Non-IHE Based Transactions: Participants supporting showcase scenario steps that are based on HITSP constructs that are not based on IHE profiles are also required to conduct testing of these transactions prior to the Showcase event. The leveraging of the IHE Connectathon event as a venue to minimally provide a face-to-face testing opportunity for these scenarios (similar to what was offered in 2009) is currently being evaluated. Guidance in this regard and further details pertaining to opportunities for testing HITSP, non-IHE based transactions are currently being explored and will be communicated in the future to the HIMSS10 Technical Contacts Google Group List serve.

New Directions: The diversity of the Showcase continues to expand and each year in the New Directions area of the Showcase we highlight a small number of promising future initiatives that are standards-based, but may not necessarily be IHE or HITSP-based. These are typically U.S. federal or agency-based initiatives that meet specific criteria and are standards-based reflecting the nature of our expanding complex healthcare environment. Participation in the Showcase New Direction area is by invitation only.

Virtual Connectathon Testing (VCT): Participants in the IHE 2010 N.A. Connectathon and Showcase that will be testing the IHE Profiles PIX-PDQ and / or XDS-B are required to conduct virtual tests **prior to the Connectathon**. Pre-Connectathon testing will allow for better connectivity and set-up on-site at the Connectathon. Please prepare your technical staff to attend eight (8) hours of mandatory virtual testing between December 1-18, 2009.

- **IHE Profiles:** PIX-PDQ and / or XDS-B
- **Dates:** December 1-18, 2009.
- **Duration:** Eight hours of tests over a two week period of time. Exact dates/times have not been announced but will be between December 1-18, 2009.
- **Purpose:** Testing prior to actual Connectathon event on January 11-15, 2010.
- **Questions?** The Showcase Technical Lead from your company should already be involved and aware of this activity. If not, contact Connectathon Technical Project Manager, Steve Moore at moores@mir.wustl.edu.
- Further testing materials and dates regarding VCT will be distributed on the IHE 2010 N.A. Connectathon Google Group List serve (<http://groups.google.com/group/ihe-north-america-connectathon-2010>) in the future and will be posted at: http://ihewiki.wustl.edu/wiki/index.php/Main_Page.