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1 Introduction

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1.1 Status

Approved: This document was approved by the Experts' Committee. It has normative power for the defined field of application in the determined scope of application.

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1.2 Scope of application

This implementation guide is provided to support the use of FHIR in Switzerland vaccination and immunization information.

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1.3 Relationship between CH VACD and the Swiss EPR

The Annexes to the Swiss [Electronic Patient Record](#) (EPR) law specify the technical and semantic requirements for interoperability. Annex 4 defines the exchange format for the Swiss EPR. CH VACD is included in [Annex 4](#) in the current version.

1.4 Status

HL7 Switzerland has followed an STU ballot process among its members for the STU3 Version of CH VACD:

06.07.2022: Publication of CH VACD STU3 2.1.0;

08.08.2022: Start of voting procedure.

29.09.2022: End of voting procedure.

30.09.2022: Publication of interim result

02.12.2022: Start of objection period

16.12.2022: End of objection period

22.12.2022: Publication.

Ballot results: For – 18; Against – 1; Abstentions – 0.

20 comments were resolved during the ballot period. There were no further comments in the objection period.

Since the vote to adopt STU3 Version of CH VACD was more than 80%, it was accepted and published on 22.12.2022 according to the [ballot rules](#).

Proposal: The document was submitted to the Experts' Committee for approval on **01.01.2023**, however, it is normatively not valid yet.

Approved: This document was approved by the Experts' Committee. It has normative power for the defined field of application in the determined scope of application.

Replaced: The document has been replaced by a new current version. It may still be used, although the new version is recommended.

Cancelled: The document was cancelled by eCH. It may no longer be used.

2 Scope

The CH-VACD implementation guide describes the FHIR representation of the **documents for the exchange of vaccination and immunization information** in the context of the EPR (electronic patient record) in Switzerland.

2.1 Home of the implementation guide

The URL for the HL7 CH VACD (R4) for Switzerland is: <http://fhir.ch/ig/ch-vacd/index.html>

2.2 Profiles

- [Profiles](#): constraints of essential FHIR resources and data types for Swiss use. The URL for the Profiles section is: <http://fhir.ch/ig/ch-vacd/profiles.html>

2.3 Extension

- [Extensions](#): FHIR extensions that are added for local use, covering necessary Swiss concepts. The URL of the Extensions section is: <http://fhir.ch/ig/ch-vacd/extensions.html>

2.4 Terminologies

- [Terminologies](#): defined or referenced code systems and value sets for Switzerland. The URL of the Terminologies section is: <http://fhir.ch/ig/ch-vacd/terminology.html>

3 Safety considerations

This implementation guide defines data elements, resources, formats, and methods for exchanging healthcare data between different participants in the healthcare process. As such, clinical safety is a key concern. Additional guidance regarding safety for the specification's many and various implementations is available at:
<https://www.hl7.org/FHIR/safety.html>.

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Annex A: References and bibliography

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EPDG	<p>SR 816.11 Bundesgesetz über das elektronische Patientendossier https://www.bag.admin.ch/dam/bag/de/dokumente/nat-gesundheitsstrategien/strategie-ehealth/gesetzgebung-elektronisches-patientendossier/SR%20816.11.pdf.download.pdf/SR%20816.11_DE.pdf</p>
EPDV	<p>SR 816.111 Verordnung über das elektronische Patientendossier https://www.bag.admin.ch/dam/bag/de/dokumente/nat-gesundheitsstrategien/strategie-ehealth/gesetzgebung-elektronisches-patientendossier/gesetze/SR%20816.111.pdf.download.pdf/SR%20816.111.pdf</p>
EPDV-EDI	<p>SR 816.111.1 Verordnung des EDI über das elektronische Patientendossier https://www.bag.admin.ch/dam/bag/de/dokumente/nat-gesundheitsstrategien/strategie-ehealth/gesetzgebung-elektronisches-patientendossier/gesetze/SR%20816.111.1.pdf.download.pdf/SR%20816.111.1_DE.pdf</p>
[DSG]	<p>Bundesgesetz vom 19. Juni 1992 über den Datenschutz (DSG) http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/sr/2/235.1.de.pdf</p>
[Strategie Gesundheit 2030]	<p>Gesundheitspolitische Strategie des Bundesrats 2020–2030, 6. 12. 2019 https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/de/home/strategie-und-politik/gesundheits-2030/gesundheitspolitische-strategie-2030.html</p>
[Strategie eHealth Schweiz 2.0]	<p>Strategie „eHealth Schweiz 2.0“ 14. 12. 2018 https://www.bag.admin.ch/dam/bag/de/dokumente/nat-gesundheitspolitik/ehealth-ch/181214_Strategie-eHealth-Suisse-2.0_d.pdf.download.pdf/181214_Strategie-eHealth-Suisse-2.0_d.pdf</p>
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Annex C: Abbreviations and glossary

BFS	Bundesamt für Statistik (Federal Statistics Office)
eCH	Association for the Promotion of eGovernment in Switzerland
EPR	Electronic Patient Record
FHIR	Fast Healthcare Implementation Resource
HL7	Health Level 7
STU	Standard for Trial Use

Annex D: Changes to previous versions

All changes are documented under

<https://fhir.ch/ig/ch-vacd/changelog.html>