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Clinical Decision Support – Content Development

- Is there a need to automate the CDS for emerging public health threats?
 - » EHR implementation cycles measure in months and years, not days and weeks
 - » Implementation costs for CDS in each system are significant
- Development challenges include
 - » Development of effective content
 - » Change management
 - » Content delivery

Clinical Decision Support – Content Sharing

- Content format
 - » Although a common format exists, most content is still in proprietary formats and/or services
- Terminology
 - » Terminologies vary by site
 - » Gaps encountered with development of new content
- Data Capture
 - » Required information is often not available in a structured way
 - » Requires the use of questionnaires or modification to user-interface to capture new information

Clinical Decision Support – Available Standards

- Content standards
 - » Health eDecisions – Current HL7® V3 Standard
 - Seeing applications in CDS content as well as public health reporting, but not broadly implemented
 - Uses HL7® Virtual Medical Record (vMR) for patient information
 - » HL7® FHIR® Clinical Reasoning – Emerging Standard (STU3)
 - Uses HL7® FHIR® for patient information
- Service Standards
 - » HL7® Decision Support Service (DSS)
 - Service-oriented specification
 - Can use vMR for patient information
 - » CDS Hooks – Emerging standard
 - Seeing support among EHR vendors
 - On the roadmap for FHIR® STU4