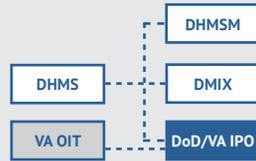


Department of Defense / Department of Veterans Affairs Interagency Program Office



The mission of the DoD/VA Interagency Program Office (DoD/VA IPO) is to lead and coordinate the two Departments' adoption of and contribution to national health data standards to ensure seamless integration of health data between DoD, VA and private health care providers.

INTEROPERABILITY

Is the ability of two or more systems or components to exchange information and to use the information that has been exchanged.

QUICK FACTS

28

Data Domains identified by DoD and VA

82%

Data Domains with national standards

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RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed initial analysis of 22 data domains to assist the two Departments in implementing and mapping their data to national interoperability standards
- Identified the national interoperability standards agreed to by DoD and the VA. This information is being used to help guide the Departments' modernization of their respective EHRs
- Increased engagement with ONC to help drive the discussion on national interoperability standards

PROGRAM STRATEGY

The DoD/VA IPO is providing guidance on interoperability standards to enable the Departments to successfully execute health information exchanges that will support the flow of actionable data between the two Departments.

Standardizing Health Data

The Departments' vision is for data to follow patients as they interact with DoD, VA, and private sector providers and to be viewable to end-users in an integrated, computable form to enable expedient, efficient, and effective healthcare delivery. The interoperability standards coordinated by the DoD/VA IPO will facilitate consistency in data terminology, content structure, and exchange methods across the systems to improve the access, safety, and quality of care for Service Members, Veterans, and beneficiaries.

Standards Strategy

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) serves as a resource for the entire health system to support the adoption of health IT and the promotion of nationwide health information exchanges. For instance, ONC's support has been critical to the development of nationally-accepted standards for data by Standards Developing Organizations and Standards Related Organizations. The DoD/VA IPO and Departments will adopt and approve standards per the following prioritization: (1) ONC-endorsed National Standard, (2) Near National Standard, (3) Existing enterprise-based Department-wide Standard, and (4) Newly defined Interdepartmental Standard.

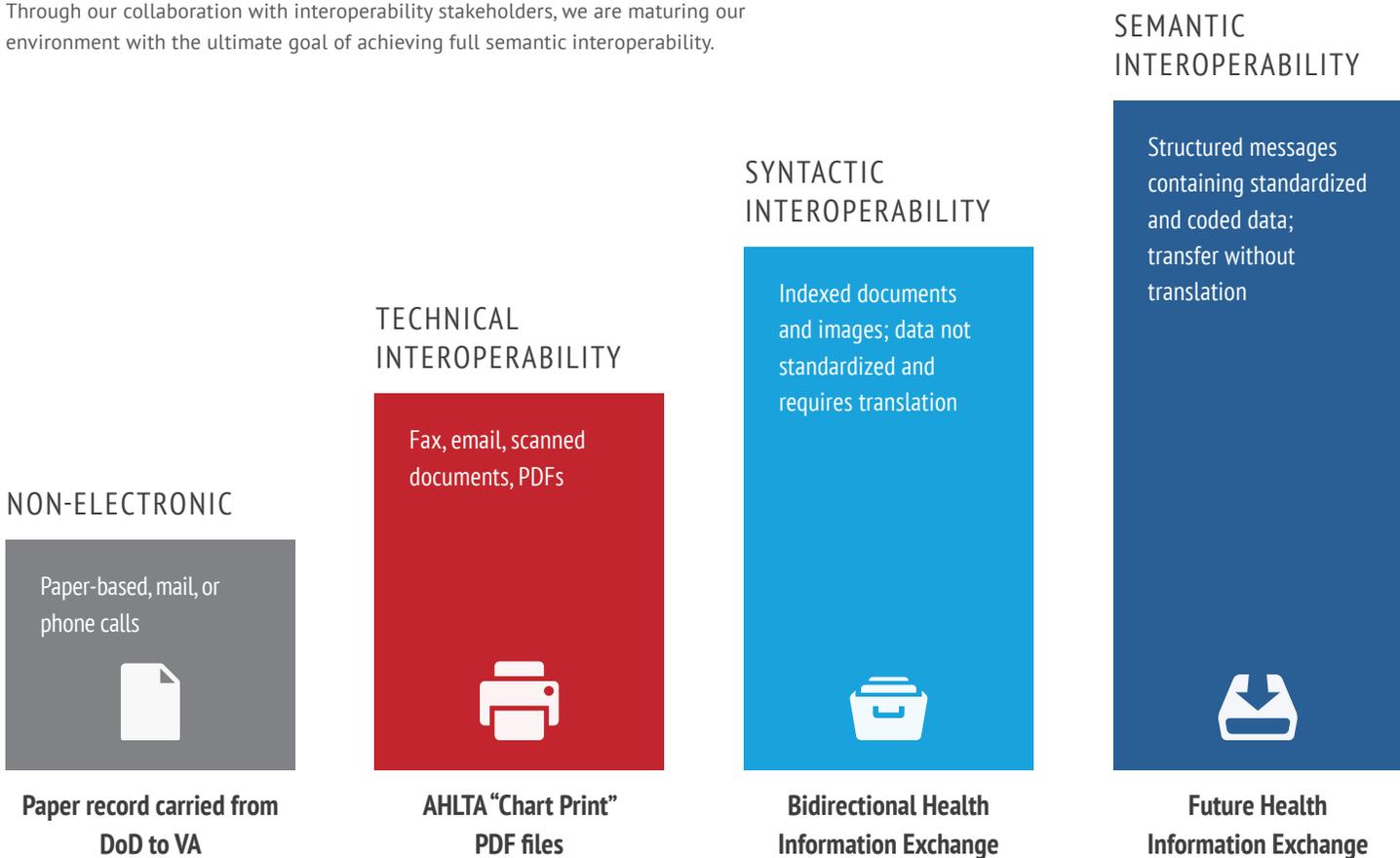
Technical Strategy

The DoD/VA IPO technical strategy will ensure that all data shared between DoD, VA, and our private sector partners is visible, available, and usable. The data must be ready whenever and wherever needed by our users to accelerate decision making.



INTEROPERABILITY EVOLUTION

Through our collaboration with interoperability stakeholders, we are maturing our environment with the ultimate goal of achieving full semantic interoperability.



INTEROPERABILITY COLLABORATION

Over 23 organizations work together to develop national and international interoperability standards. A few examples include:

