



Hospital Commitment in the Laboratory Interoperability Cooperative

WHAT RESOURCES WILL I NEED TO PLAN FOR?

Hospital laboratories interested in participating in a program that will enable reportable laboratory results to be transmitted electronically with their related public health agencies will be expected to have the required staff, budget, and projected resources available. Expert assistance through the Laboratory Interoperability Cooperative (LIC) — a grant-funded initiative made up of the American Hospital Association (AHA), the College of American Pathologists (CAP), and Surescripts Network for Clinical Interoperability — will be available as they move through the process.

Throughout the project, participating hospital will be required to:

- Assign a business champion to drive project adoption and utilization within the hospital
- Dedicate resources to provide transactional support
- Train resources to provide education and training to clinical workflow staff on the project functionality and service

Other hospital commitments are as follows:

- Develop the HL7 transaction format
- Assign a project manager to oversee the technical implementation of the project
- Establish a quality resource team to ensure transactions meet the requirements
- Staff network and security resources to connect the network and ensure appropriate security measures are in place

The LIC understands that staff may be limited at smaller hospitals and in some instances one person might be performing all of these roles. This will not preclude participation. In addition, all of these resources will be mirrored within the LIC and hospital staff will have counterparts throughout the cooperative who are dedicated to assisting project leaders with these various commitments.

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