



WA Verify+
International Patient Summary

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What is the IPS?

- A standardized set of basic clinical data, which includes most important health and care related facts
- A summarized version of a patient's clinical data provides health professionals the essential information needed for care during a care transition



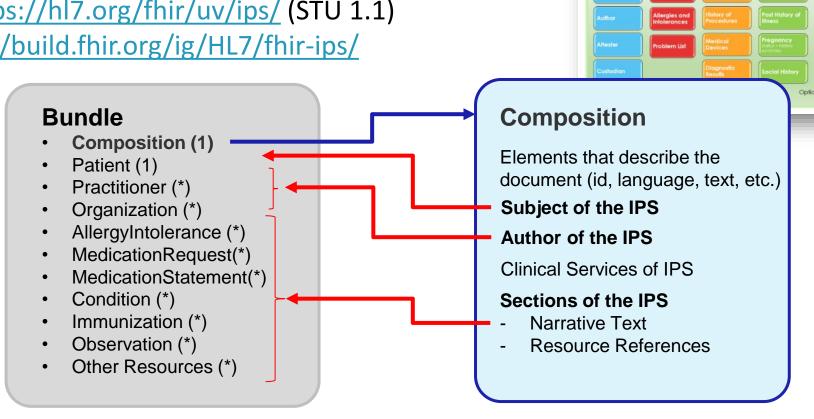
The International Patient Summary is a minimal and non-exhaustive set of basic clinical data of a patient, specialty-agnostic, condition-independent, but readily usable by all clinicians for the unscheduled (cross-border) patient care.



A care summary using the Composition Resource

Published: https://hl7.org/fhir/uv/ips/ (STU 1.1)

Current: http://build.fhir.org/ig/HL7/fhir-ips/



HL7

6.1 The International Patient Summary Structure

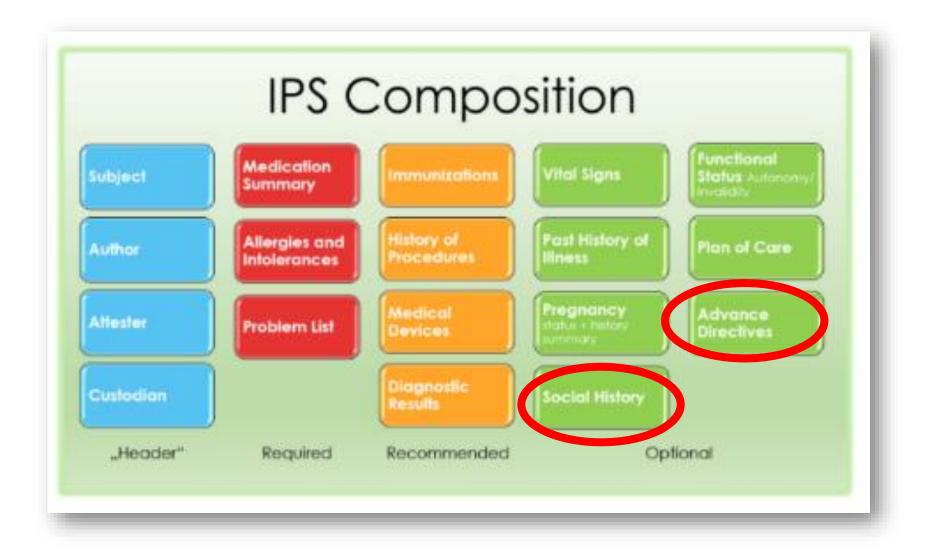
International Patient Summary Implementation Guide

IPS Composition

A ML7 FHIR

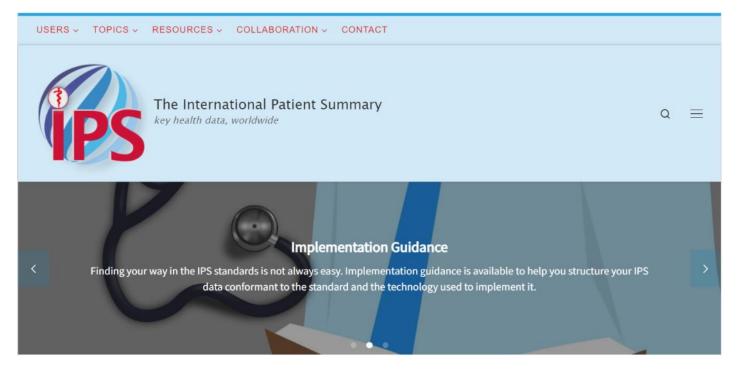
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Beyond Vaccines:



How to Learn More

https://international-patient-summary.net/



https://hl7.org/fhir/uv/ips/



Introduction to SMART Health Links



SMART Health Cards (Static)

Verified versions of your clinical information, e.g., vaccination history or test results, which contain a secure QR code and may be saved digitally or printed.

Used by

- 20+ US states
- Canada
- Japan
- Sydney, Australia
- 5+ other non-GDHP nations not listed

Uses numeric encoding encoded as Compact Serialization JSON Web Signatures (JWS)

SMART Health Links (Dynamic)

An embedded URL in a QR code that links to data and/or FHIR endpoints. Generally, they would be used when the information is too big, changes regularly and/or has a need for additional security.

Prototyped in 2022



Uses alphanumeric encoding - logo can be used due to error correction

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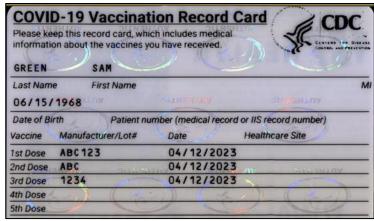
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- Digital vaccine verification in Washington State
 - SMART Health Cards (QR Codes)
- Rapid development, deployment, and testing
- Successful Public-Private-Academic partnership
- Currently available in 52 languages
- Nearly 2 million verifications since launch
- Now adding more: WAverify+

SMART Health Card QR Code and Printed Card







Users can save their QR codes to Health or Wallet app, or as a PDF to file



Multi-Language Accessibility

Language is selected or auto-translates to the language pre-selected within system or browser settings.

WA Verify's 52 supported languages represents the most of any Verifiable Clinical Information (VCI) issuer.



Multi-State and Cross-Sector Collaboration

- Multi-state collaboration with California, Oregon, and Washington
 - Leveraged the sharable components and reusable code with github repository
 - Shared configurations, lessons learned, enhancements, and approaches
 - Model for future projects
- Public-Private-Academic Partnerships



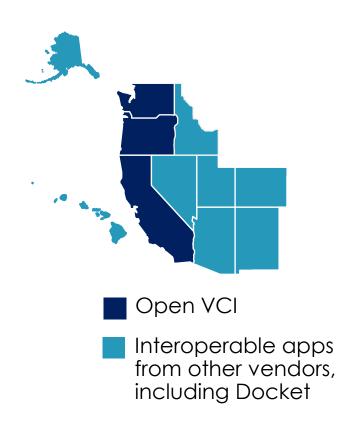












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▼WAverify⁺ Expansion with SMART Health Links

- International Patient Summary (IPS)
- Patient directed key verifiable clinical data for travel
- Embedded URL in a QR code that links to data and/or FHIR endpoints





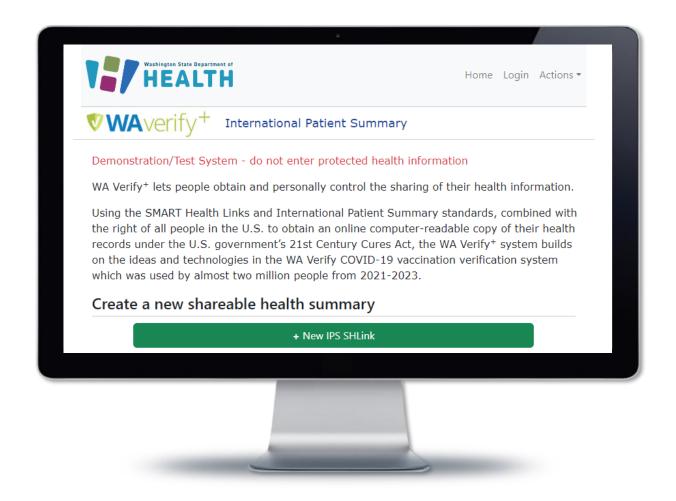






https://smart-health-linksips.cirg.washington.edu/

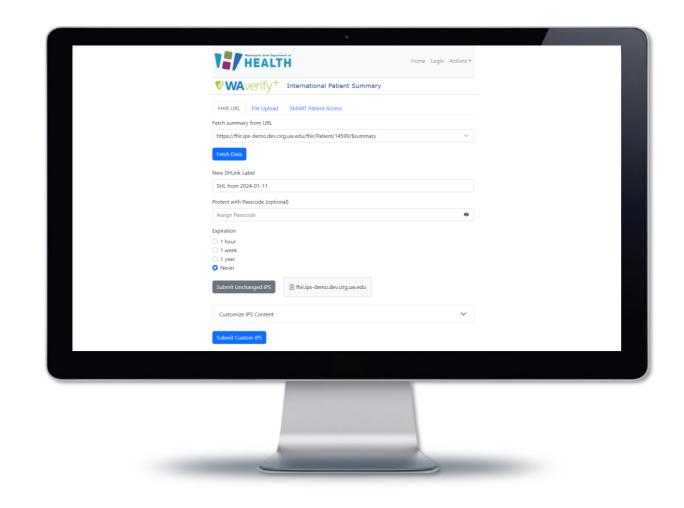
Populated using fictional HL7 patient information, https://ips.health



Multiple Methods for Access and Storing

- FHIR URL
- FHIR bundle
- **SMART** authorization

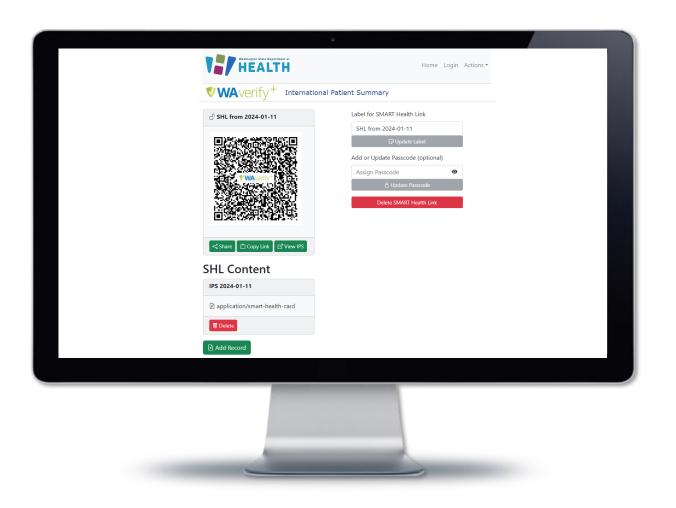
Each with selection for expiration duration – an hour, week, etc.



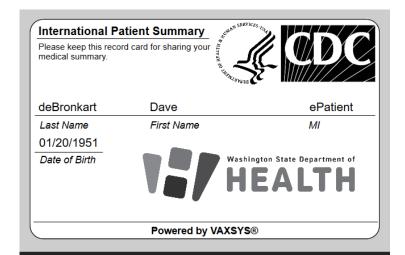
Password Protection

WAverify+ SHLink can be passcode protected for additional security.

The link itself is protected with encryption, minimizing risk of guessing or locating the link.



Empowering Patients with their Data







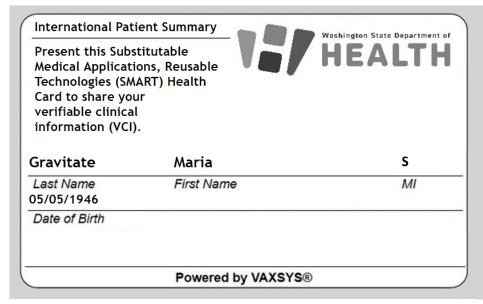






WAverify+ Viewer

Demo Link





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Public-Private-Academic coalitions have a unique power to do what a single entity cannot by itself. This superpower is invaluable when interoperability is needed and the common good is at stake.

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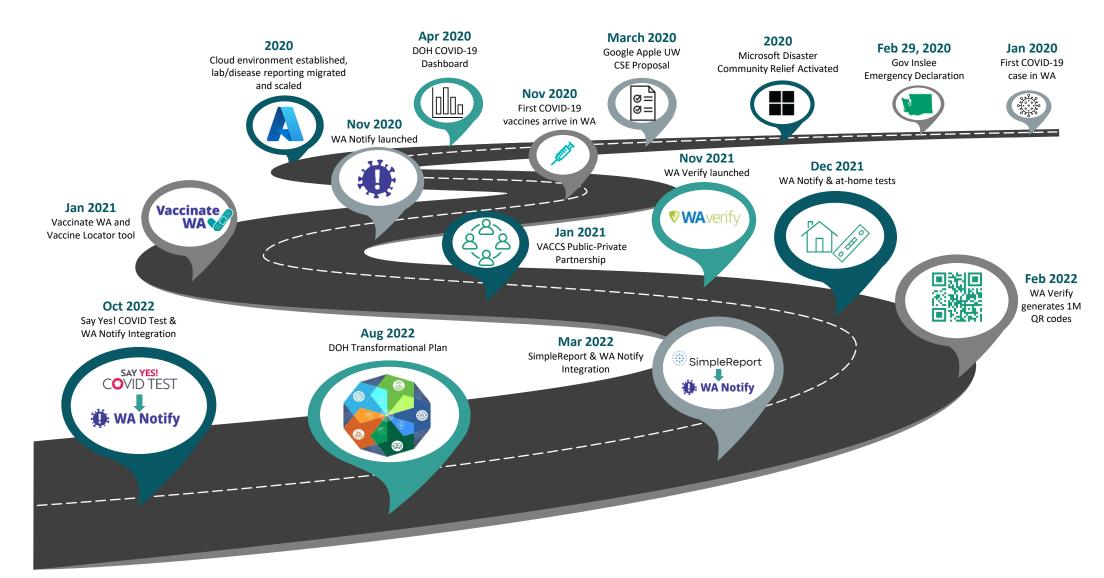
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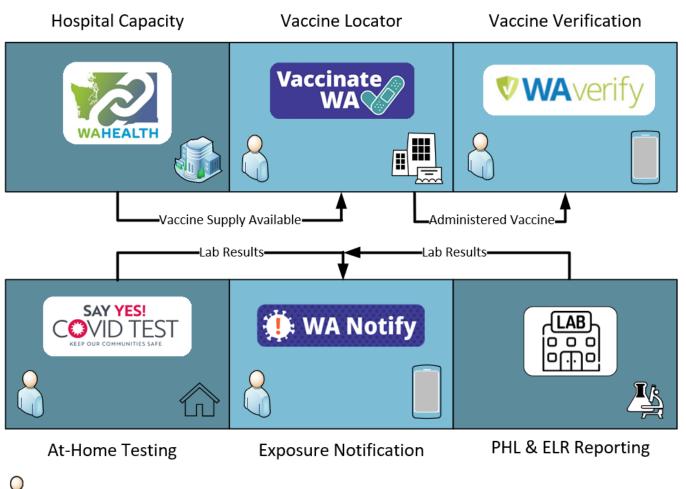


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COVID-19 Milestones



WA DOH COVID-19 Digital Ecosystem





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