

# **ITAC Health - Interoperability and Standards Committee (ISC) - Interoperability Standards Recommendations Task Force**

## ***Terms of Reference***

### **Mandate:**

To create ITAC policy recommendations that will help shape the direction of Canadian healthcare systems interoperability standards, and to socialize those recommendations with government agencies and ministries to influence their procurement processes.

### **Objectives:**

The task force shall facilitate the achievement of the following objectives:

- Identify challenges, issues and opportunities for improvement in the current state of health care systems interoperability standards in Canada.
- Inform and educate ITAC Health members on such matters.
- Representing its members, establish, through a collaborative and harmonization process, industry positions on such matters.
- Present the positions to the ITAC board for review.
- Socialize the industry positions with health care sector government ministries, agencies, and stakeholders.

### **Operating Model:**

The task force shall coordinate activities to achieve its objectives. It will do so through one or more of the following means:

- Polling members for input on interoperability issues that require attention.
- Aggregating the results of polls to identify topics of interest.
- In consultation with the ISC chairs, select topics to be pursued by the task force and assign a project lead for each selected topic (a “project topic”). The project lead can come from the task force or the ITAC membership at large.
- The project lead shall:
  - Manage the process of collecting input from the stakeholders associated with the project's topic.
  - Work with the stakeholders to create a position or resolution for the project's topic.
  - Document for ITAC members and other stakeholders as ITAC deems appropriate the background on the project's topic and the proposed resolution initiatives.
  - Organize as required education and communication sessions on the project's topic and the resolution.
  - Work with the ISC chairs to communicate the activities underway to address the project topic, the status of the activities, and the results of the task force's efforts.