## Towards a communal patient medication record

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### Introduction

- Former Clydebank GP
- Health Informatician since 2000
  - freshEHR Clinical Informatics
  - Director openEHR Foundation
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  - Commercial software developer
    - 'GP Accounts'



# stakeholders

- GPs
- Nursing
- Mental health teams,
- Pharmacy
- Secondary care inpatients
- Secondary care outpatients
- Nursing homes
- Unscheduled care
- Patients

- GP prescriptions
- anticipatory care supply
- repeat dispensing
- transitions of care
- own supply
- patient access
- patient-led reconciliation

### Current position

- No clear visibility of other prescribers actions
- Patient often only the knows the whole picture
- No clear governance
- Non-standardised representation of medication between systems

## What's the problem?

- Significant patient safety issue
- confusion and inefficiency
  - transitions of care
  - unscheduled care
  - day to day care



Accurate medication list is maintained in the electronic Primary care medical record and communicated appropriately to patients and care providers.

### What's the solution?

- 'Closing the Loop' commission
- 'patient medication record'
  - 'community' record



 Inpatient prescribing excluded other than at transitions of care

## **Supported Meds Reconciliation**

### eMedicines Reconciliation Form - Version 1.0

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# database



### From e-Prescription to SharedMedicationRecord



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### The technical challenges

Where does the medication information live?

- Single central database
- Health Board database
- GP system

Performance vs. politics?

## The people challenges

How does governance work?

What is the role of the GP?



- How are clinical conflicts resolved?
- What is the role of the patient / carer?

"Washing our dirty laundry?"

## The interoperability challenges

- How do we resolve the 'wicked' interoperability issues?
- Standardised, computable 'medication models'
- Product vs. dose based prescriptions
- Computable dose timings
  - 'Medication event' vs. 'Medication statement'

## Playing all the right notes?

NHS Scotland GP messaging

- Emergency Care Summary / Key Information Summary
- SCI Referral (Gateway)
- ePharmacy
- NHS Data Services API (portals)
- GP2GP (2015)
- Each developed by a different teams
- non-interoperable representations of medication
- replicated \*4 around the UK



### Medication models

- Based on GP2GP medication models
- merge in requirements for
  - ECS / KIS / ePharmacy / SCI-GW
  - Other UK models : SCR, IHR, EPS2
- Aligned with PRSB / RCP Headings
- Can we persuade systems suppliers to adopt?

## Modelling approach

- Based on openEHR but technology neutral
- models of 'clinical content'
- Exchange -> messages / APIs
  - SCI-XML, GP2GP, HL7 FHIR inte
- can be used natively inside openEHR-based systems
- Aligned with dm+d CUI

# 'Archetypes

- linically-led + collaboratively authored
- open-source 'crowd-sourcing' methodology
- Shared open repository 'CC-BY-SA' licence



- gility in response to continually changing clinical emand
- Clear ownership, change request mechanism
- Tight version control





May be generic name or brand name (as a
Eg capsule, drops, tablet, lotion etc.
Medication administration description (or may include method of administration, (ep via nebuliser, via NG tube) and/or site of u
wound', 'to left eye', etc).
This is a record of the total amount of the ingredient(s) to be given at each administration of the include, eg, units of measurement tablets, volume/concentration of liquid, n drops, etc.
Frequency of taking or administration of t agent or medication.
Allows for: * requirements for adherence support, eg aids, prompts and packaging requirement. * additional information about specific me where specific brand required * patient requirements, eg, unable to swa
To be used on a case-by-case basis if it is v
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# prescribing



paracetamol500 mg tablets- oral - DOSE take 2 - four times a dayVMP from Drug DictionaryDose Syntax compliant coded data

... can be determined by a computer as equivalent to:



 paracetamol
 – oral – tablets – DOSE 1000 mg – four times a day

 VTM from Drug Dictionary
 Dose Syntax compliant coded data

Unavoidable

 due to difference in the process of inpatient vs. outpatient prescribing

### Dose syntax??

- How can we capture a prescription like ...
- "Co-codamol 8mg/500mg/5ml oral suspension 5-10mls 4-6hourly for 7 days for pain, maximum 40mls daily"
- that makes the drug name, dose amount, timing and maximum dosage computable

### Dose syntax - aims

GP, outpatient, community prescriptions

- support automated medicines reconciliation at transitions of care
- calculate Total Daily Dose for quality assessment purposes
- explore usage as data entry method
- Out of scope
- inpatient prescriptions
- complex GP prescriptions

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### Dose syntax - sources

- Blue Wave / English NHS /CfH Dose syntax work
- Comprehensive, complex
- Low uptake
- Uni. Dundee 'EBNF' Dose syntax
- Successful use as research tool
- Confined to GP prescriptions

# - Dose syntax

Proposed solution is a mix of archetype' structural model + parsable syntax which carries dose amount + timing

"10mg td"

"3 n"



### Examples I

Atenolol 40mg tablets one tablet in the morning

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"Medication Name" : "Atenolol 40mg tabs"
      "Parsable dose direction ": "1 m"
Atenolol – oral - 40mg in the morning
      "Medication Name": "Atenolol 40mg tabs"
      "Route": "oral"
      "Parsable dose direction<u>"</u>:"40mg m"
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### Examples

Paracetamol liquid oral 125mg/5mls 5-10mls up to every 4-6 hours as required for pain or fever, maximum 40mls in 24 hrs

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{
    "Medication Name": "Paracetamol liquid 125mg/5mls"
    "Route": "oral"
    "Parsable dose direction": " 5-10ml ^4h/6h prn [40ml h24]
    "Additional instruction": "for pain or fever"
}
```

Enalapril – oral - 2.5mg once daily for 2 days, then 5mg once daily for 7 days, then 10 mg once daily indefinitely

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{
    "Medication Name": "Enalapril"
    "Route": "oral"
    "Parsable dose direction": "2.5mg od:2d;5mg od:7d;10mg od:ind"
```

### Where are we now?

- Medication models about to be published
- going through PRSB approval
- being used in some NHS England funded projects
- Dose syntax near completion
- then goes to implementers for consultation

### Leeds NHS Care Record: open Platform

#### **epenEHR** Clinical Content "Archetypes":

- Medication, allergies (GP2GP/ RCP/NHSS)
- Problems, procedures (international)
- End of Life content (ISB)
- Vital Signs, NEWS (international)

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### **NHSS Medication models in use**

### Renal PatientView

 Manage your condition and medications

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Monitor your symptoms and tests





## reconciliation





#### Patient Controlled Health Record Portal



#### Allergies

- 06-Aug-1989 Adverse reaction to Penicillins
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#### Medications

- Beconase Aqueous
   50micrograms/dose na spray (GlaxoSmithKline
   2 SPRAYS BD IN EACH
   NOSTRIL
- Amlodipine 5mg tablet ONE TAKEN DAILY
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### Dose symax in that use



Mohammed Hussain @EPSPharmacist · Oct 23 The Meds rec tool would've been right up @HospChiefPharm street!

@NHSOpenSource #innovation Like the @NHSSCR link





### Balls and windage





# development



- Clinical stakeholders engage through top-dowr governance
- Committee-based
- Late vendor engagement
- Fixed review cycles
- Unclear / unresponsive change request mechanism

## Are 'Standards' necessary?

### FAREWELL TO "RUTHLESS STANDARDISATION"

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"Ruthless Standardisation" was the failed mantra of the NHS National Programme for IT. The Programme is dead, but in some places this view still persist but it is time to consign it to history as something else that "seemed a good idea at the time" http://www.woodcote consulting.com/farwe to-ruthlessstandardisation/

#### Are standards necessary?

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A COMMON STRATEGY FOR STRUCTURING COMPLEX HUMAN SYSTEMS IS TO demand that everything be standards-based. The standards movement has taken hold in education and healthcare, and technical standards are seen as a prerequisite for information technology.

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# development



- Clinical stakeholders, vendors engage direct with clinically-led contents
   service
- Continual dialogue wit stakeholders via webcollaborative tooling
- No fixed review cycles
- On-demand change re directly to clinical cont service
- PRSB has high-level

### Web-based clinical review

Sam Patel (03-May-2013)

I speak from a secondary care

boat here, but a distinction is vital

perspective and I will probably rock the

between allergy and adverse reaction.

#### Content Review Summary: Adverse reaction

Switch to detailed view

#### Content Review Summary: Adverse reaction (Revision: 6) (?

#### Invitation

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#### Paul Miler (17-Apr-2013)

I still feel the name is fundamentally misleading to clinicians as the archetype is to be used for adverse reactions, not just immune mediated reactions.

#### Heather Lesle (30-Apr-2013)

There is debate in many circles, but it can commonly be agreed that allergies and intolerances are a subset of the broder notion of an adverse reaction. On the other hand it is not clinically understood that intolerances are a subset of allergies, which is implied by the naming. So being devils advocate here - I recognise that naming this archetype is largely for historical reasons, but given that this archetype may be in use for many years to come, is it worth considering renaming the concept for posterity?

Further, are you recording the allergy or evidence of the allergic reaction? There are many that argue that this is a really important distinction.

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The latter can fall within a side effect profile and be addressed if not severe.i.e. nausea. I understand that the latter fields may compensate for this , but unless it is clear, agents to treat life threatening conditions may be excluded because of an 'alergy' label. E.g patients with severe streptococcal infection wil do better on a penicilin, but this may be excluded because of a vomiting episode on one occasion and the label of 'alergy/adverse reaction'. If there is sufficient detail in the remainder of the archetype then fine, but I feel you can't have one without the other.

#### Colin Brown (29-Apr-2013)

prefer "Adverse Reaction" as a more inclusive term for titles etc, it includes "allergies". As implied by SCT's term I think BMJ articles supported this a few years ago - could search it out...

#### Editor Feedback

@Paul @Coln I agree that adverse reaction would be a better term. This archetype has its roots in the GP2GP 'Drug allergy' archetype where its use is guite limited to the recording of drug allergies and adverse reactions

#### @Heather

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 I agree that it is worth renaming to 'adverse reaction' in line with thinking elsewhere.

2) We are essentially recording the risk of / propensity to allergy/adverse reaction, with a single code for the reaction observed. UK GP systems all simply capture a single 'allergy' record which mixes the record of the reaction with the assertion of future risk. I know this is hotly debated around the world but at least in the GP systems community we have some real consensus in recording practice.

@Sam This is also one of the aspects that is a hot topic when the recording of alergy is discussed. Should we try to distinguish alergy from adverse reaction from intolerance etc? In practice it has been found that clinicians are pretty poor at making the distinction relably and, particularly in general practice, the nature of the underlying pathophysiology can be pretty unclear.



## 'distributed Governance'



# Endorsement



- Project editors decide on formal publication, acting "Benign Dictators"
- Professional bodies, vend and PRSB may Endorse resource as a secondary exercise
- this does not restrain the formal publication process
   "By Royal Appointmen"

PRSB hires and fires Edite

### For discussion

- Does it make sense to host a single community medication record in GP systems?
- Does it need overall governance by ?? GP?
- Are we wrong to exclude inpatient prescribing?
- Should we 'try harder' with the dose syntax?
- Does it make sense to try to 'do standards' differently