



The Office of the National Coordinator for  
Health Information Technology  
Health IT Advisory Committee

# Interoperability Standards Priorities Task Force

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Ken Kawamoto, Co-Chair  
Steven Lane, Co-Chair

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# Agenda

- Call to Order/ Roll Call
  - » Lauren Richie, Designated Federal Officer
- HITAC Debrief & Follow-up
  - » Steven Lane & Ken Kawamoto, Task Force Co-Chairs
- Overview of Standards Associated with Closed Loop Referrals & Care Coordination
  - » Brett Andriesen, ONC Staff
- Presentation on 360X Project
  - » Holly Miller & Jim Fisher, MedAllies
  - » Vassil Peytchev, Epic
- Task Force Discussion of Closed Loop Referrals & Care Coordination
  - » Steven Lane & Ken Kawamoto, Task Force Co-Chairs
- Public Comment
- Next Meeting
- Adjourn

# HITAC Debrief & Follow-up

[Link to ISPTF October 2018 HITAC Update](#)

# **Overview of Standards Associated with Closed Loop Referrals & Care Coordination**

# Relevant Links

- Direct Project Wiki - <http://wiki.directproject.org/>
- 360X - <http://bit.ly/360Xreferrals>
- Cross Enterprise Basic eReferral Workflow Definition - [https://wiki.ihe.net/index.php/Cross-enterprise Basic eReferral Workflow Definition](https://wiki.ihe.net/index.php/Cross-enterprise_Basic_eReferral_Workflow_Definition)

# ISA Links

- [ISA Section II: Admission, Discharge and Transfer](#)
- [ISA Section II: Care Plan](#)
- [ISA Section II: Images](#)
- [ISA Section II: Laboratory](#)
- [ISA Section II: Summary Care Record](#)
  
- [ISA Section V: Health Care Claims and Coordination of Benefits](#)
- [ISA Section V: Administrative Transactions to Support Clinical Care](#)

# Presentation on 360X Project



**MedAllies**

Integrated Data. Innovative Technology

# **360X for Closed Loop Referrals**

## **Interoperability Standards Priority Task Force**

**Holly Miller, MD, MBA, CMO, MedAllies**  
**Vassil Peytchev, Lead Technical Advisor, Epic**

**<http://bit.ly/360Xreferrals>**



- 360X launched 2012 under ONC
- Developed an implementation guide to work with standards and specifications commonly used within health IT systems:
  - C-CDA for clinical content
  - Direct protocols for transport
  - XDM for establishing context
  - HL7 V2 messages for referral workflow



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# Technical Approach: Layers

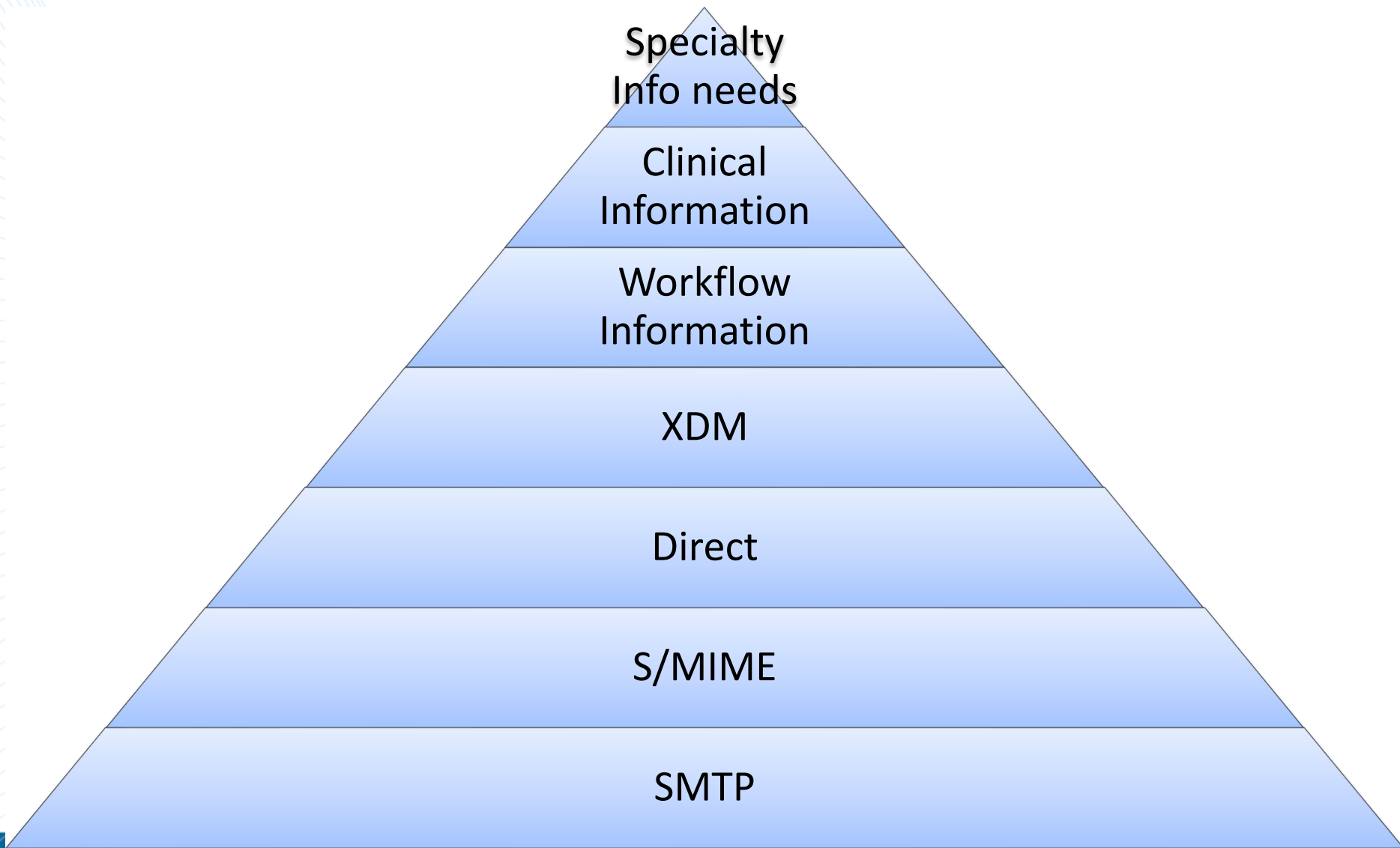
Clinical  
Information

Context and  
Workflow

Transport

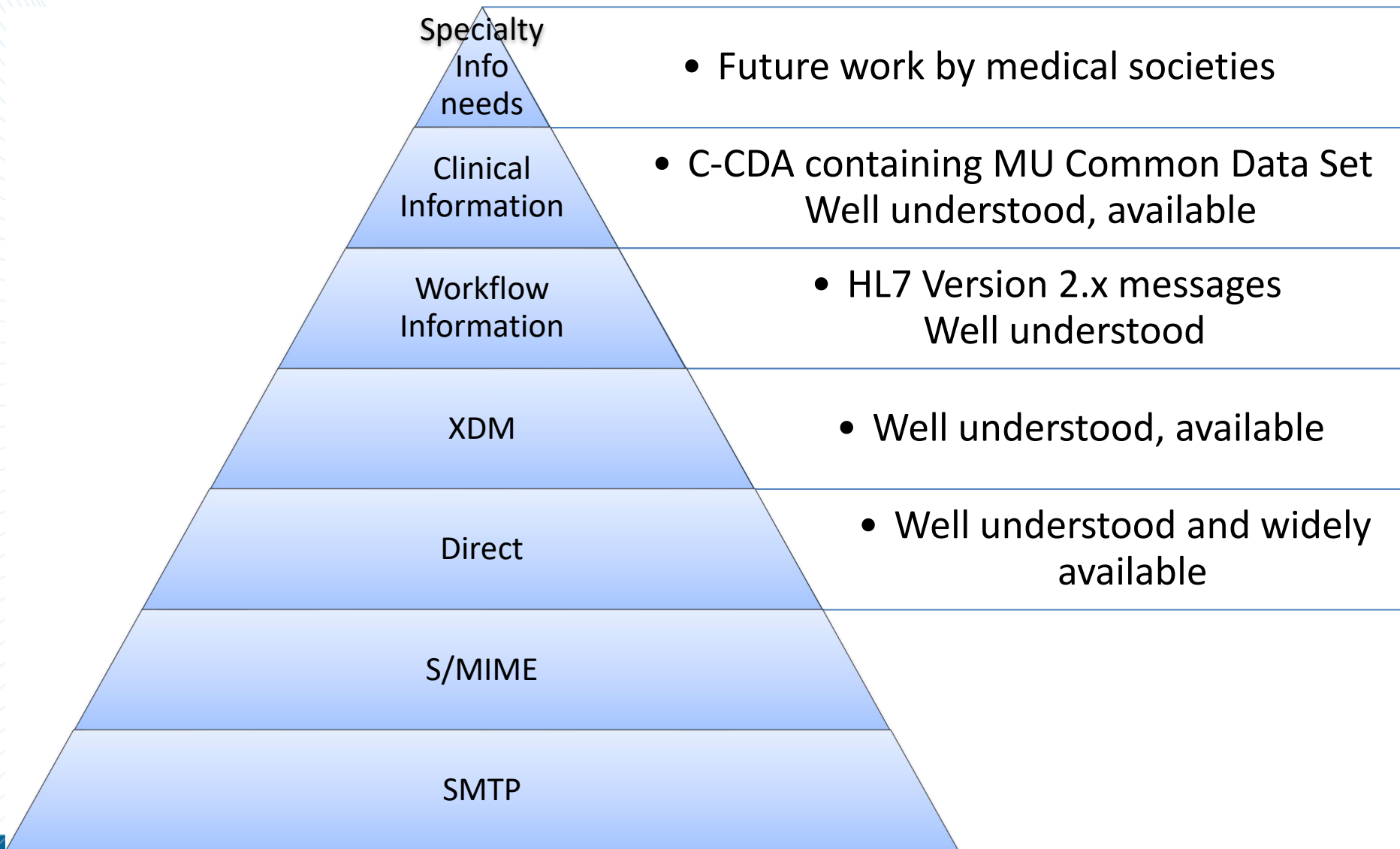


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# Technical Approach: Workflow Requirements

- Patient Identity management capabilities
  - The Referral Initiator sends basic demographics information and a patient identifier known to them
  - The Referral Recipient must send back the same patient identifier
  - The same patient identifier must be used by both sides in any exchanges related to the referral
- Referral Identifier
  - The Referral Initiator assigns a unique referral identifier with the referral request
  - The Referral Recipient must send back the same referral identifier
  - The same referral identifier must be used by both sides in any exchange related to the referral

- **Primary Goal: to improve patient care across referrals**
  - Standardized type of data exchanged and method of transport
  - Transparency of progress and/or gaps in care until the loop is closed
  - A process w/ a low bar of entry for implementation
  - Add value to patients, clinicians, office staff and overall clinical workflows



- Arnie Pectoris, 67, obese male with new complaints of chest pain and high risk for heart disease

# Current State: New Patient Referral



**PCP Provider A**



**Patient**

- 1** Patient requires urgent cardiology request
- 2** Patient given cardiology office phone number



# Current State: New Patient Referral



**Patient**



**Cardiology  
office A**

**3** Patient calls  
cardiology office

**4** Patient  
informed no  
available  
appointments

**Elapsed time 2 hours**

# Current State: New Patient Referral



**Patient**



**PCP Provider A**

**5** Patient calls  
PCP office

**6** Patient told  
PCP will call  
back

# Current State: New Patient Referral



PCP Provider A



Patient

**7** PCP office staff call  
patient back with  
another cardiologist  
phone number

Elapsed time 4 hours

# Current State: New Patient Referral



**Patient**



**Cardiology  
office B**

**8** Patient calls  
cardiology 2nd  
office

**9** Patient given an  
appointment for  
the following  
day

# Current State: New Patient Referral



**Patient**



**Hospital**

**10** Patient experiences chest pain and calls an ambulance

**Elapsed time 12 hours**

**11** Patient admitted to hospital, rules out for MI

# Current State: New Patient Referral



Cardiology  
office B

**12** Patient “no show”  
to cardiology  
appointment

Elapsed time 25 hours

# Current State: New Patient Referral



PCP Provider A



Patient

**13** PCP office staff call patient to inquire about cardiology appointment as no documentation received from cardiology office **Elapsed time 1+ week**

# 360X: 1 Referral Request



**Dr. Alex Allen**



**Patient**

**1**

**Urgent Request** 



**Dr. Bob Brown**



# 360X: 3 Referral Decline



# 360X: 4 Referral Request



**Dr. Alex Allen**



**Patient**

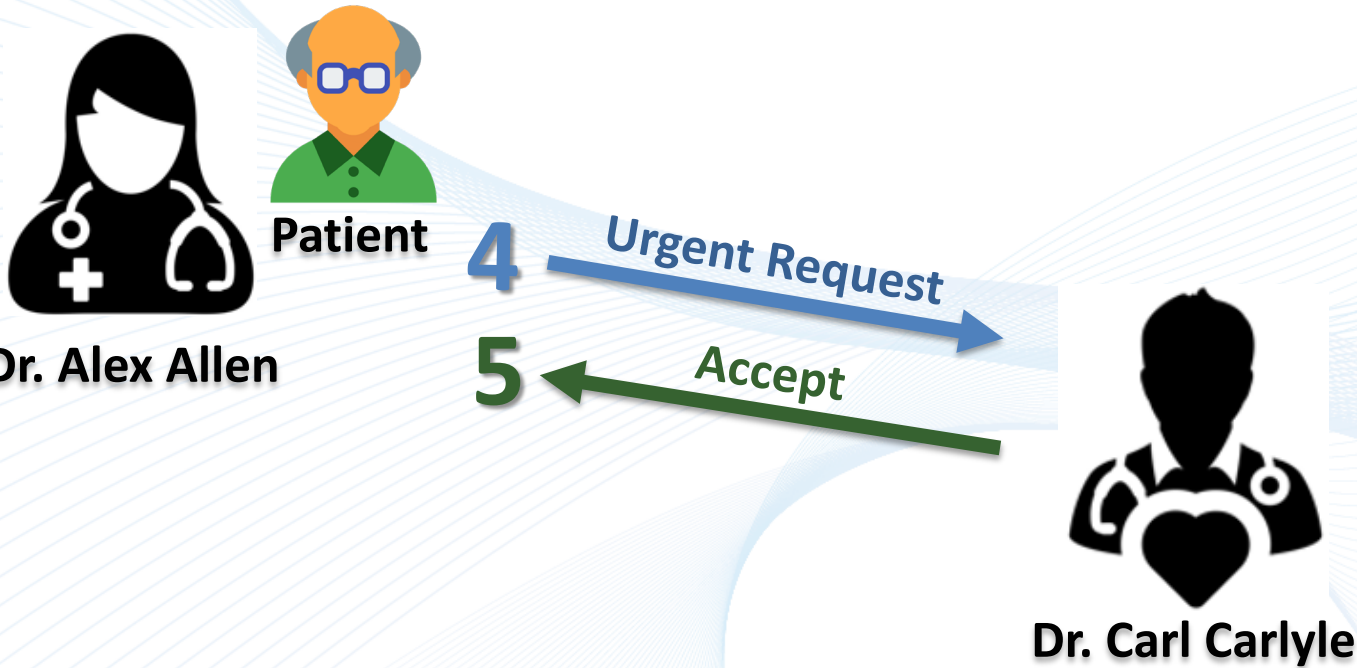
**4**

**Urgent Request**



**Dr. Carl Carlyle**

# 360X: 5 Referral Accept



# 360X: 7 Consultation



**Dr. Alex Allen**

**4**

*Urgent Request*

**5**

*Accept*



**Patient**



**Dr. Carl Carlyle**

**6**

- Create new patient
- Pull discrete data into new patient record

**7**

- Patient consultation with cardiologist

## 8 Consultation to PCP



Dr. Alex Allen

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Urgent Request

5

Accept

8

Close Referral Loop



Patient



Dr. Carl Carlyle

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# 360X: 9 Closed Loop



**Dr. Alex Allen**

- 9** - Automatic patient match
- Data reconciliation

**4**

*Urgent Request*

**5**

*Accept*

**8**

*Close Referral Loop*



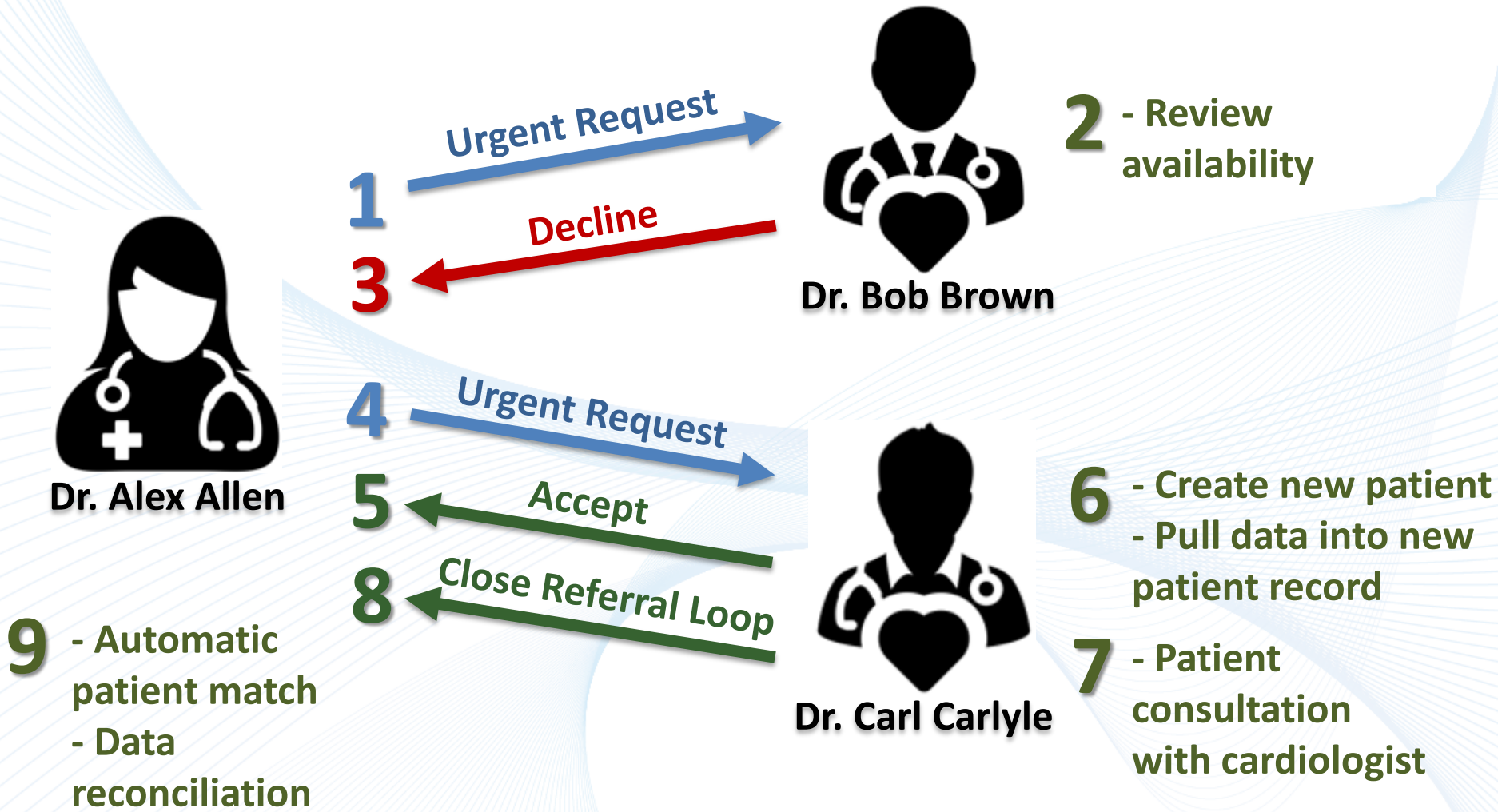
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- Enhance patient care across ambulatory transitions of care through standardization of referral tracking and ability to automatically close the referral loop
- Discrete referral order ID that persists across systems until the referral loop is closed
- Administrative tracking messages that allow staff to follow up:
  - Appointment scheduled (date/time); Appointment rescheduled
  - Patient: “no show”; cancel
  - Interim consult notes (if multiple encounters included) prior to closing the loop

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- Reporting for eCQM CMS Measure ID CMS50v5 Closing the Referral Loop: Receipt of Specialist Report
- Include patient's payer information
- Expanded use cases
  - E.g. Acute to LTPAC
  - Care coordination and care team workflows
  - 360X in combination with additional technologies
- EMDI Pilot

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- Support that EHR vendors develop to the 360X implementation guide standards and require this functionality for future certification
- Support for the 360X standards for Patient Identity management capabilities be developed and used for all order tracking to completion

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# **Task Force Discussion of Closed Loop Referrals & Care Coordination**

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# Next Meeting

- November 13, 2018 10-11:30am ET



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## Meeting Adjourned

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