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PUBLIC HEALTH IN HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HIT) STANDARDIZATION – NEW MODULE ADDED TO THE WEB-BASED RESOURCE

BALTIMORE, MD January 6, 2012 – The Public Health Data Standards Consortium (PHDSC) has launched a new Module, [Public Health Participation in Health IT Standardization](#)¹ designed to address barriers for public health participation in the national HIT standardization efforts. This is the third Module in the PHDSC Web-based Resource Center, [Public Health in HIT Standardization](#)².

The Web-based Resource Center contains the [HIT Standards Resources](#)³ Module and the [HIT Adoption Stories](#) Module, and now the new Module on public health participation. These Modules are aimed to support the implementation of the PHDSC's *Coordinated Public Health Action Plan on HIT Standards* developed as a part of the [PHDSC Business Case: Role of Public Health in National HIT Standardization](#)⁴.

The [Public Health Participation in Health IT Standardization](#) Module is a resource for public health professionals to navigate through and participate in the national HIT standardization entities and their activities. The Module describes:

Why participate?

Where should public health participate?

What public health interests should be brought to the HIT standardization table?

Who should participate?

How should public health participation be coordinated?

How much does participation cost and how can it be funded?

The Module is targeted to:

- Public health professionals and clinicians involved or planning to participate in the HIT standardization activities
- Public health leadership planning to upgrade organizational systems to interoperable standards-based HIT solutions
- Researchers interested in using healthcare and public health data
- Academicians teaching public health and health sciences informatics and the need for HIT standards
- HIT vendors and other stakeholders interested in HIT standardization activities in public health.

¹ **Public Health Participation in Health IT Standardization Web-based Module.** URL: <http://phdsc.org/standards/public-health-participation-hit.asp>

² **Public Health in HIT Standardization Resource Center.** URL: <http://phdsc.org/standards/resource-center.asp>

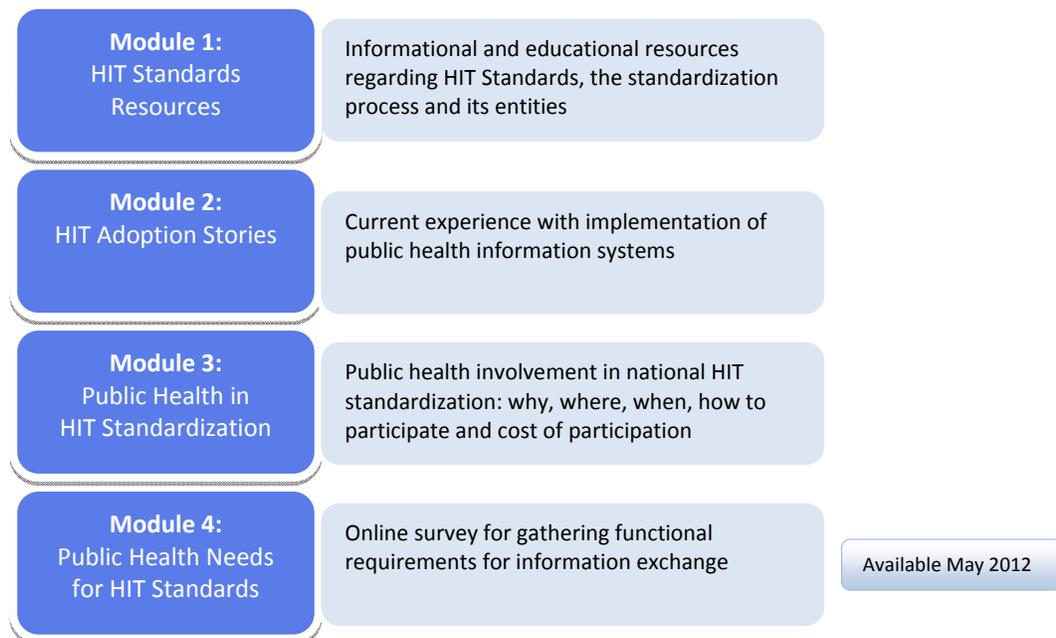
³ **HIT Standards Resources.** URL: <http://phdsc.org/standards/health-information-tech-standards.asp>

⁴ **PHDSC Business Case: Role of Public Health in National HIT.** URL: http://phdsc.org/standards/business_case.asp

Within the Resource Center, the [HIT Standards Resource](#) Module is an informational resource that describes HIT standardization phases (Needs and Priorities for Standards, Standards Development, Standards Harmonization, Standards Testing, Standards-based HIT Product Certification, and Deployment); and standardization entities.

Within the Resource Center, the [HIT Adoption Stories](#) Module is a searchable database on the varied uses of and activities related to health information technology in public health. The stories cover local, state, federal and international public health agencies, public health research, public health interoperability and standards development, and HIT resources, as well as broader HIT activities that affect public health.

Please send your feedback on the PHDSC web-based Resources Center on [Public Health in HIT Standardization](#) to Maiko Minami at maiko@hln.com.



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