

Practical Choices for Infobutton Customization: Experience from Four Sites

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Abstract

Context-aware links between electronic health records (EHRs) and online knowledge resources, commonly called “infobuttons” are being used increasingly as part of EHR “meaningful use” requirements. While an HL7 standard exists for specifying how the links should be constructed, there is no guidance on what links to construct. Collectively, the authors manage four infobutton systems that serve 16 institutions. The purpose of this paper is to publish our experience with linking various resources and specifying particular criteria that can be used by infobutton managers to select resources that are most relevant for a given situation. This experience can be used directly by those wishing to customize their own EHRs, for example by using the OpenInfobutton infobutton manager and its configuration tool, the Librarian Infobutton Tailoring Environment.

Introduction

The term “clinical decision support” has long been synonymous with automated alerts and reminders generated by electronic health records (EHRs) in response to events such the entry of a clinician’s orders or the arrival of a diagnostic test result. Recently, there has been increased interest in user-initiated context-sensitive links to relevant online knowledge sources, commonly known as infobuttons.[1] In the US, for example, the federal government considers use of infobuttons by clinicians to represent evidence of “meaningful use” of EHRs and requires their implementation to satisfy EHR certification requirements.[2] Incorporating context-aware links from EHRs to knowledge resources is becoming relatively straightforward, thanks in part to the need for EHR vendors to provide such capability, in part to the willingness of knowledge resource vendors to configure their products to respond to context-specific information requests, and in part to the development of an HL7 standard for passing contextual information from EHRs to knowledge resources.[3] As a result, creating “hard-wired” links between some component of an EHR user interface and a particular, predetermined resource is readily achievable today.

However, many studies have shown that, when it comes to knowledge resources, there is rarely a one-size-fits-all solution for any given clinical situation. So, for example, a clinician reviewing the result of laboratory test measuring the concentration of an antibiotic in a patient’s blood might need information from a laboratory manual, an infectious disease review article, or a toxicology textbook. The need for a more dynamic approach to resource selection can be achieved using an infobutton manager (IM) or similar system that uses aspects of the user’s clinical context to choose from a set of resources and customize them based on parameters describing the patient, the user, and the anticipated information need. We have previously described one such IM, called OpenInfobutton, that is HL7-compliant and freely available.[4] Institutions that choose to integrate their EHRs with OpenInfobutton can make use of the Librarian Infobutton Tailoring Environment (LITE) to construct the OpenInfobutton knowledge base in order to specify which resources should be made available to their users in which situations.[4]

While, several publications describe the mechanisms for addressing issues related to configuring an IM,[4] implementing the HL7 standard,[5] and coping with the terminology issues [5,6], they do not describe *what* resources to specify for a given clinical situation. Many studies do describe resource selection by clinicians,[7-11] including those using infobuttons,[12-15] but they do not describe *how* to specify the context-specific attributes that are needed for selecting resources that clinicians want in the settings where they are most wanted.

The purpose of this paper is to summarize the experience of several IM implementations from disparate institutions to enumerate the specific resources that the maintainers of these systems have found to be valuable for their users, to identify the HL7 context parameters that have actually been brought to bear on the resource selection used by existing IMs, and to examine the actual usage statistics that support their choices. We believe that institution personnel (medical librarians or those acting in that role) will find this experience useful for integrating knowledge resources into their own EHRs as well as provide a guide for future IM developers.

Background

Customizing an Infobutton Manager

The person (whom we will refer to as the *librarian*) charged with specifying how an infobutton manager will respond when an EHR user selects an infobutton link must make two kinds of decision (see Figure 1). First, the librarian must decide what resources are likely to be needed in a given situation. Implicit in this decision, is an understanding of the actual information needs. For example, if a user is choosing a therapy, will that user want the latest evidence related to disease management? In that case, a resource such as PubMed or the Cochrane Collection might be appropriate. Or perhaps the user has chosen a particular medication but has a question about drug dosing. In that case, perhaps a commercial drug knowledge resource, to which the institution subscribes, will be useful.

Once a resource is selected as being generally relevant to a clinical task, the librarian may wish to further narrow the resources selected to be those that best fit some details of the clinical context. Is the patient a child? Then pediatric resources may be the best choice. Is the patient a female of child-bearing age? If so, then perhaps resources that can provide information about pregnancy risk and breast-feeding will be useful. What if the patient is also the system user? In that case, the IM might choose to offer the consumer-oriented MedlinePlus Connect instead of the more technical PubMed.

The HL7 standard provides parameters for all of these aspects of the clinical context, and more. It is up to the librarian to take advantage of these to winnow down, from all the possible resources that can be offered to the user, those that will be most relevant.

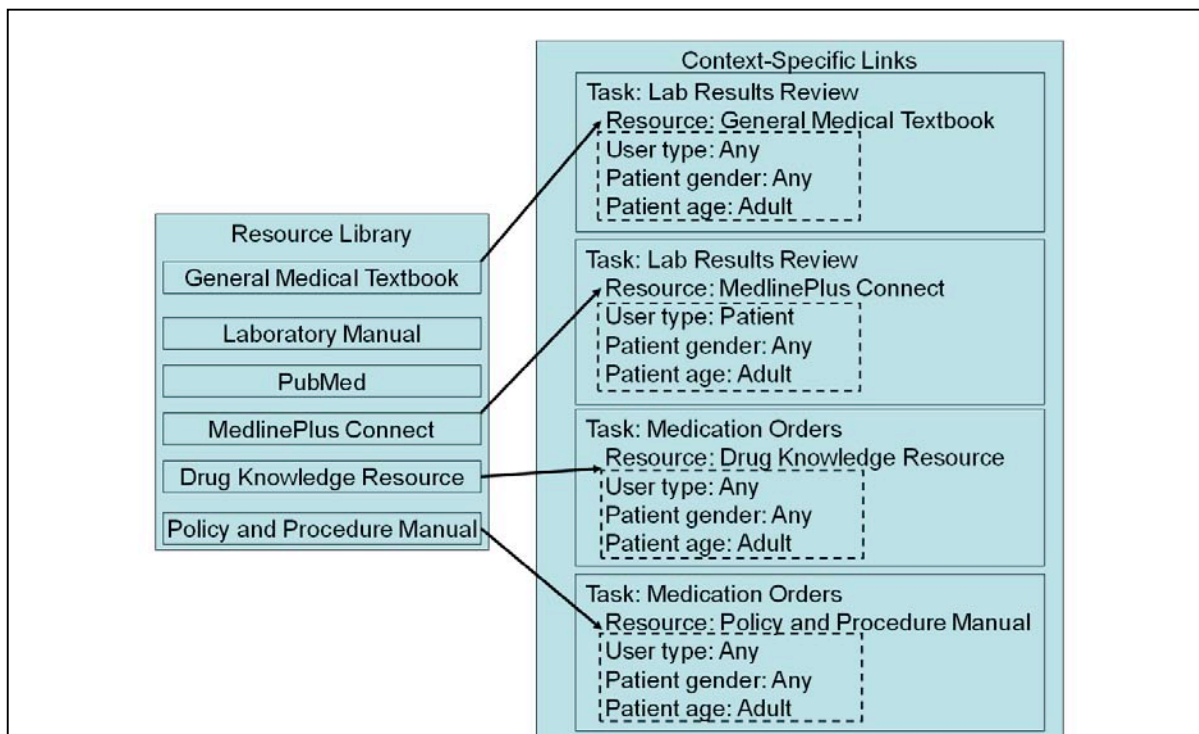


Figure 1: Knowledge specifications for an Infobutton Manager. The librarian first decides which resources are generally appropriate for a given clinical task (solid arrows) and then further refines the selection criteria based on specific values of the HL7 context parameters (boxes with dashed lines). Three parameters (in addition to “Task”) are shown; the standard specification includes many others as well.

Existing Infobutton Managers

We included four IMs (integrated into over 16 EHRs) in our survey of resources used and context-specific selection criteria. The Columbia University IM evolved into its current form in 2002,[16] with a user interface redesign in 2007.[17] It has been integrated with two EHRs at New York-Presbyterian Hospital (WebCIS and Eclipsys Sunrise Clinical Manager), the New York State Psychiatric Institute, and the Regenstrief Medical Records System (although only data from the first of these four systems is used in the current study). Log file transaction data from 2008 to 2012 were selected for this study.

Partners Healthcare's IM, called KnowledgeLink, was first developed in 2003 and is now embedded within 10 different clinical workflow applications across the enterprise (an outpatient EHR, two inpatient OE systems, two pharmacy apps, a results viewer [which itself is embedded in many other apps], a medication reconciliation application, a search engine, and two library portals). Log file transaction data from February 2013 for all ten EHRs were analyzed for this study.[18]

Intermountain Healthcare's IM has been in place since the early 2000's and has been used in three clinical information systems that span inpatient and outpatient care.[19] The primary domains of use for infobuttons at Intermountain include medication review and ordering, problem list review, lab results review, and microbiology data. Intermountain is in the process of transitioning its IM to be based off the OpenInfobutton project. Data for this project were taken from monitoring logs for the past five years (February 2008 - February 2013).

OpenInfobutton evolved from an earlier IM at the Intermountain Healthcare[19] into an open source, HL7-compliant IM with funding from the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). It is currently maintained by a group of collaborating institutions led by investigators at the University of Utah. The source code is available through VHA's Open Source EHR Agent (OSEHRA) framework under APACHE 2.0 license; however, the University of Utah installation is freely available for use by other institutions. OpenInfobutton has been integrated with EHR systems at several health care organizations, such as the VHA, the University of Utah, Intermountain Healthcare, and Duke University. Implementation at other collaborating institutions is underway. For example, the University of Washington (UW), also included in this study, has utilized the OpenInfobutton IM in a pilot study exploring the delivery of pharmacogenomics (PGx) knowledge to support drug therapy individualization.[20]

Methods

We obtained three sets of data from each IM:

1. A list of resources provided to the EHR users, including whether the resource is called using the HL7 standard, and any specific parameter values that are passed to the resource to convey the user's context or information need
2. The set of context parameter values that are specified in the IM knowledge base to indicate when a resource should be selected for presentation to the user; together, the context parameter values and the particular resource are referred to as context-specific links (CSLs)
3. Usage statistics indicating the number of times that any user chose a particular resource in a particular context; for this analysis we considered only those resources that accounted for at least 0.5% of the usage data to be significant

Each IM organizes its knowledge differently, in ways that reflect their origins prior to the availability of the HL7 standard. For example, the Columbia IM uses the Medical Entities Dictionary[21] to expand the "Main Search Criteria" (typically, the concept in the EHR display with which an infobutton icon is associated) to include concepts that are semantically related (e.g., "serum albumin test" is expanded to include "albumin" and "hypoalbuminemia"). IMs also may include institution-specific values for HL7 parameters (such as "neonatal cardiac care unit" as a care setting, or "informationist" as a user type) that are not covered by the HL7 standard. Nevertheless, we attempted to convert all non-HL7 parameter values into their nearest equivalent to facilitate inter-institutional comparisons and to make the listing as relevant as possible for readers interested in adopting them for use in their own institution.

Results

Each site reported data for a period during which IM parameters had remained relatively stable, ranging from one month (Partners Healthcare; 105,306 instances) to five years (Columbia; 19,703 instances). The number of significant resources (at least 0.5% of usage at the respective institution) ranged from five (VHA) to 14 (Columbia),

with a total of 60 instances of 44 unique resources. Table 1 shows the names and Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) for these resources and indicates which institutions are linking to them.

The CSLs were related to ten clinical tasks, including laboratory results review (LABRREV), laboratory test order entry (LABOE), medication list review (MLREV), medication orders (MEDOE), microbiology results review (MICRORREV), radiology report review (RADREPREV), pathology report review (PATREPREV), diagnosis list entry (DIAGLISTE), cardiology report review (no HL7 equivalent), and microorganism antibiotic sensitivity results review (no HL7 equivalent). Table 2 shows the frequency with which users selected various resources during two types of clinical tasks, LABRREV and MLREV/MEDOE (combined due to substantial overlap in these clinical tasks at most of the institutions). The full table is shown in the Appendix at <http://www.dbmi.columbia.edu/~ciminoj/amia13/Appendix.xls>.

In addition to the clinical task, IMs allow customization of CSLs to restrict resource selection based on the user role, the intended recipient (provider or patient), the encounter setting (inpatient, outpatient, emergency department, etc.) and the age and gender of the patient (see HL7 specification for full list of parameters and allowed values[3]). Table 3 shows the degree to which each institution customized their CSLs to make use of these parameters.

CSLs can also be selected by matching the clinical concept related to the infobutton call (sometimes referred to as the “concept of interest”; formally, the “mainSearchCriteria” or MSC) to some “domain of interest”. In most cases, the domain of interest was one that generally corresponded to the clinical task (e.g., laboratory tests for LABRREV, medications for MEDOE, diseases for DIAGLISTE, etc.). In some cases, the institution chose to restrict the domain of interest related to specific terms or classes of terms. For example, the University of Utah created a CSL to select the Genetics Home Reference for the clinical task DIAGLISTE, but restricted the MSC to be one of the genetic conditions covered by that resource. The Columbia IM supports a “semantic expansion” process whereby the initial MSC can generate the inclusion of additional concepts that can be used to match CSLs. For example, when the MSC is “serum calcium test”, the IM can add “calcium” and “hypercalcemia” to the list of terms. Information about the use of MSC to match specific domains is included in the online appendix.

Finally, a CSL can include a specification for a “subtopic”. This parameter is not used for resource selection but rather is included as a value to be passed to a resource if a user chooses that resource. For example, Intermountain provides links to the Cochrane Collection that are specific for therapy and diagnosis. The use of subtopics by the different IMs is shown in Table 3.

Discussion

This paper summarizes the experience of the institutions that have been the main developers of infobutton managers. The methods used to decide on which resources to include and how to customize their selection has been a combination of expert informationist and informatician opinion, empirical observational studies, log file transaction analysis and years of trial and error. While a review of all this work is beyond the scope of this paper, the results of all their experience is manifested by the actual CSLs that have been created, and the usage data that reflects actual user preferences. While the information needs and available resources will vary from institution to institution (in part, no doubt, because of inter-institutional variations in subscriptions and licenses), the degree of overlap among the institutions included in this paper suggests that the resources and CSL parameter settings shown in the tables and appendix can be a good starting point for those seeking to create CSLs for use with infobuttons in their own institutions.

Each institution will make its own decision about whether to integrate into their EHR links to single resources or links to an IM. If an IM is chosen, no matter which one it is, those charged with its configuration (the librarians) will be faced with the kinds of choices shown in Figure 1. While this might be accomplished with third-party IMs in a variety of ways, we can illustrate the process with one IM that is freely available to those institutions that choose to use it: OpenInfobutton (OI), which can be customized through the Librarian Infobutton Tailoring Environment (LITE).

The first task of the librarian is to select a clinical task that corresponds to a particular EHR function in which an information need is likely to arise. Once a task is selected, the librarian must select a resource. LITE provides users with a library of resource links that have already been represented for use with OI, so the selection process is simple. It is at this point that the librarian can refer to our Table 2 (or the online appendix) for suggestions about the resource or resources that others have used successfully in a similar situation.

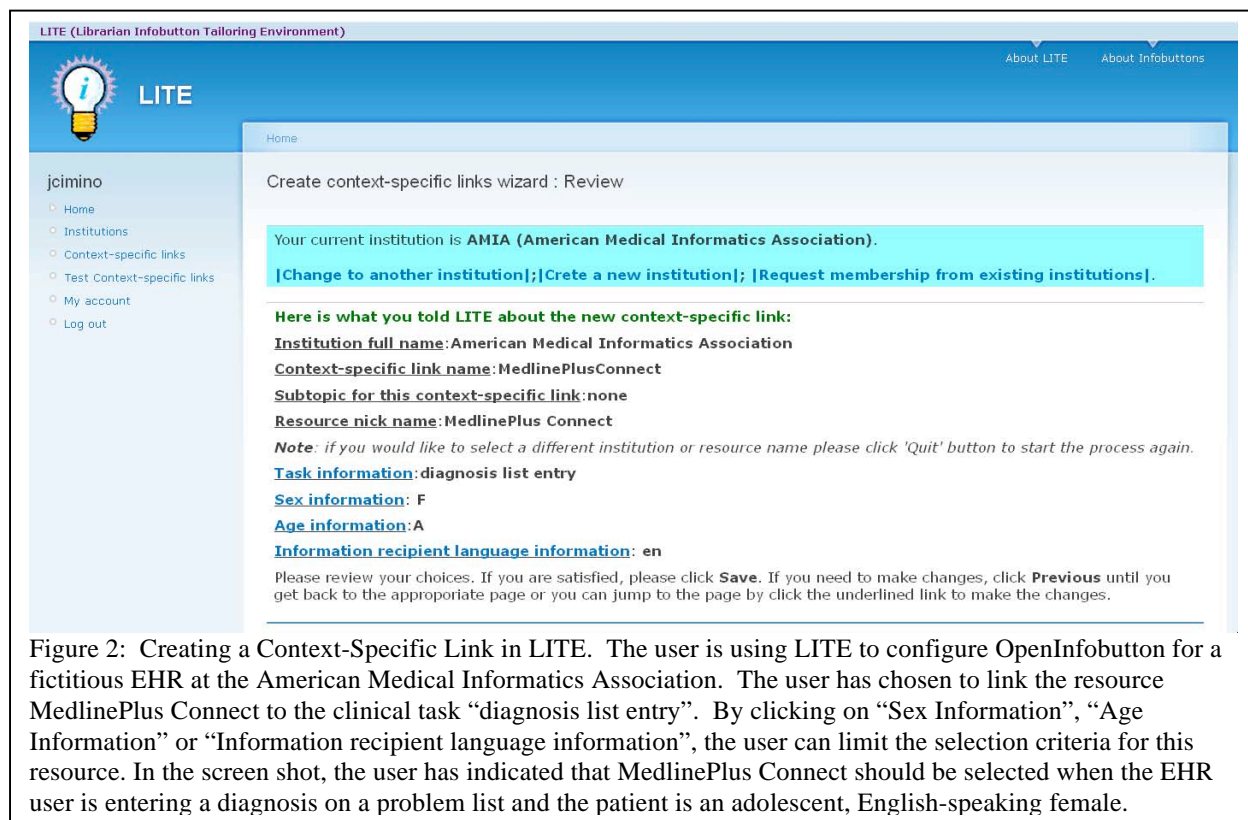


Figure 2: Creating a Context-Specific Link in LITE. The user is using LITE to configure OpenInfobutton for a fictitious EHR at the American Medical Informatics Association. The user has chosen to link the resource MedlinePlus Connect to the clinical task “diagnosis list entry”. By clicking on “Sex Information”, “Age Information” or “Information recipient language information”, the user can limit the selection criteria for this resource. In the screen shot, the user has indicated that MedlinePlus Connect should be selected when the EHR user is entering a diagnosis on a problem list and the patient is an adolescent, English-speaking female.

Once the resource is selected, LITE then guides the librarian through the process of selecting CSL parameters such as user role, patient age, etc. The librarian can use the examples in the online appendix to select parameter values, as shown in Figure 2.

There are many additional steps required for successful integration of infobuttons into EHRs. Some are technical, such as the creation of the actual HL7-compliant links between the systems, which can be carried out by information systems personnel. However, the decisions about which resources to link to in which situation must be made by those who have an understanding of the institution’s users and their information needs. The combined experience accumulated through our years of work, boiled down to these tables and the online appendix, should serve as a reasonable “starter set” for institutions that are just beginning this process and will be valuable for those seeking to meet current EHR “meaningful use” requirements.

Conclusions

The availability of OpenInfobutton puts compliance with infobutton-related meaningful use requirements within reach of all EHRs, while the HL7 standard simplifies the technical requirements. However, neither the regulations nor the standard provide guidance on what resources to make available in a given clinical situation. While the information needs of clinicians and their patients will almost certainly vary somewhat from institution to institution, our experience with this customization should have at least some relevance and could be especially helpful to those institutions that do not have sufficient resources to carry out their own information-needs studies.

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Table 1: Names and URLs of resources accessed by infobutton managers by the institutions in this study.

Resource	URL	HL7	CU	PH	IH	UU	DU	VHA	UW
ACP Journal Club	http://acpjc.acponline.org/gsa-search/index.fcgi?site=ACP_Journal_Club&q=<MSC>	No					x		
ARUP	http://www.aruplab.com/guides/ug/tests/<MSC>.jsp	No	x		x				
ARUP Consult	http://search.arupconsult.com/search/?IW_FIELD_WEB_STYLE=<MSC> &IW_DATABASE=ACLI&IW_META_BOOST=10&x=0&y=0&u=PMC &s_cid=ACLI	No	x						
BWH Drug Administration	http://www.bwhpiknotes.org/policies/pharmacy/Drug_Administration/default.aspx?errchk_queryText=<MSC> &errchk_logId=# logId#	No		x					
BWH Drug IV Dilution Guide	http://www.bwhpiknotes.org/policies/Pharmacy/Drug_Administration/DAG/IV_DiluteGuide.htm?errchk_queryText=<MSC> &errchk_logId=# logId#	No		x					
BWH Drug IV Push Guide	http://www.bwhpiknotes.org/policies/Pharmacy/Drug_IV_Push/default.aspx?errchk_queryText=<MSC> &errchk_logId=# logId#	No		x					
CDC Summaries of EGAP	http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/gtesting/EGAPP/recommend/<MSC>	No							x
Clinic guide	http://clinicguide.ovid.com/hl7?taskContext.c=PROBLISTREV &informationRecipient=provider &assignedEntity.name.r=[name] &assignedEntity.certificateText.r=search&mainSearchCriteria.c=<MSC code> &mainSearchCriteria.c=<MSC>	Yes			x				
Clinical Pharmacogenetics	http://www.pharmgkb.org/page/cpicGeneDrugPairs	No							x
Clinical Pharmacology	http://clinicalpharmacology-ip.com/Forms/search.aspx?s=<MSC>	No					x		
Cochrane reviews	http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/cochrane/mainSearch?mode=startsearch&products=all&opt1=OR &Query2=&zones2=article-title&opt2=AND &Query3=&zones3=author&opt3=AND &Query4=&zones4=abstract&opt4=AND &Query5=&zones5=tables &zones1=(article-title,abstract,keywords) &Query1=<MSC>	No			x		x		
CPMC Antibiotic guideline	http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/dept/id/clinical_references.html	No	x						
CPMC Lab Manual	http://cpmclabinfo.cpmc.columbia.edu/<MSC>	No	x						
DailyMed	http://dailymed.nlm.nih.gov/dailymed/rxcui.cfm?<MSC (Rxnormcode)>	No							x
Dxplain	dxplain.cgi?search_name=<MSC>	No	x						
Dynamed	http://hldemo.ebscohost.com/HL7EHOST/translate.jsp?user=<institution_username> &password=<institution_password> &performer=PROV &product=Dynamed &EHOST=true &taskContext.c=PROBLISTREV &ageGroup.v.c=<age_group_code> &patientPerson.administrativeGenderCode.c=<patient_gender_code> &mainSearchCriteria.v.c=<MSC_code> &mainSearchCriteria.v.cs=2.16.840.1.113883.6.103 &mainSearchCriteria.v.dn=<MSC_display_name> &subTopic.v.c=<subtopic_of_interest_code> &subTopic.v.cs=2.16.840.1.113883.6.1778 &subTopic.v.dn=<subtopic_of_interest_display_name>	Yes		x			x		
EBSO Medline	http://hldemo.ebscohost.com/IHC/HL7/Medline/hl7?informationRecipient=provider &taskContext.c=PROBLISTREV &mainSearchCriteria.c.dn=<MSC> &subTopic.c.dn=<MSC_code> &subTopic.c.cs=<MSC_subtopic>	No			x				
eMedicine: Genomic Medicine	http://emedicine.medscape.com/article/<MSC>	No							x
ePKgene	http://www.druginteractioninfo.org/applications/pharmacogenetics-database	No							x
Gene Reviews	http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=<MSC>	No			x				
Genetics Home Reference	http://www.google.com/search?btnI=Im+Feeling+Lucky&q=<MSC> +site:http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/	No			x	x			
Geriatric Drug Monograph	http://kr.ihc.com/kr/Dcmt?NCID=<MSC> &vrsn=<MSC> &trfm=default				x				
Google	http://www.google.com/search?q=<MSC>	No		x					
Harrisons	http://www.accessmedicine.com/search/searchAM.aspx?searchStr=<MSC>	No	x						
Healthwise	https://ixbapi.healthwise.net/metadata?hw.key=<Institution_access_key> &ageGroup.v.c=<patient_age_group_code> &patientPerson.administrativeGenderCode.c=<patient_gender_code> &informationRecipient.langueCode.c=<patient_language_code> &informationRecipient=PAT &mainSearchCriteria.v.c=<MSC(code)> &mainSearchCriteria.v.cs=<MSC(code_system)> &mainSearchCriteria.v.dn=<MSC(display_name)>	Yes				x			
ICD9 Search	http://icd9cm.chrisendres.com/index.php?srctype=<MSC> &submit=Search &action=search &srctype=<MSC>	No			x				
IHC Care Process Models	https://kr.ihc.com/kr/advancedSearch.do?dcmtStatusNcid=1024 &hits=10 &trfm=520068645 &dcmtCategoryNcid=50554288 &searchPhrase=CPM &searchPhrase=<MSC>	No			x				
Lab Tests Online	http://search.atomz.com/search/?sp-q=<MSC> &sp-a=sp1001878c	No	x		x				
Lexicomp	http://www.upToDate.com/online/content/search.do?searchType=HL7&	Yes		x					
Lexicomp PatientInfo	http://www.upToDate.com/online/content/search.do?searchType=HL7&	Yes	x						
Mayo Clinic	http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&btnI=Im+Feeling+Lucky&q=<MSC> +site:www.mayoclinic.com/health/	No			x	x		x	
MDConsult	https://home.mdconsult.com/start_session?autoLogin=true &user=<user_name> &password=<password> &login_change=false &subs_change=false &targeturl=/public/search%3Fmdcquery=<MSC> &thesaurus=on	No		x	x		x		

Table 1 (continued):

Resource	URL	HL7	CU	PH	IH	UU	DU	VHA	UW
MedicineOnTheNet-Def	<a href="http://search.medicinenet.com/search/search_results/default.aspx?Searchwhat=1&query=<MSC>.&l1=Search">http://search.medicinenet.com/search/search_results/default.aspx?Searchwhat=1&query=<MSC>.&l1=Search	No	x						
Medline Plus	http://apps.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/services/mpconnect.cfm	Yes	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Merck Manual	<a href="https://www.merck-manual-infobutton.com/mminfbtn/search.do?assignedEntity.name.r=<institution user name>&assignedEntity.certificateText.r=<institution password>&taskContext.c.c=PROBLISTREV&mainSearchCriteria.v.c=<MSC(ICD9code)>&mainSearchCriteria.v.cs=2.16.840.1113883.6.103&mainSearchCriteria.v.dn=<MSC display name>">https://www.merck-manual-infobutton.com/mminfbtn/search.do?assignedEntity.name.r=<institution user name>&assignedEntity.certificateText.r=<institution password>&taskContext.c.c=PROBLISTREV&mainSearchCriteria.v.c=<MSC(ICD9code)>&mainSearchCriteria.v.cs=2.16.840.1113883.6.103&mainSearchCriteria.v.dn=<MSC display name>	Yes			x	x		x	
MerriamWebster-Def	<a href="http://www2.merriam-webster.com/cgi-bin/mwmednlm?book=Medical&va=<MSC>">http://www2.merriam-webster.com/cgi-bin/mwmednlm?book=Medical&va=<MSC>	No	x						
Micromedex	http://www.thomsonhc.com/infobutton/librarian/access	Yes	x	x	x				
Mosby's skills	<a href="http://www.elseinfobutton.com/info/1030?taskContext.c.c=PROBLISTREV&mainSearchCriteria.v.c=<MSC(code)>&mainSearchCriteria.v.cs=<MSC(code system)>&mainSearchCriteria.v.dn=<MSC(display name)>">http://www.elseinfobutton.com/info/1030?taskContext.c.c=PROBLISTREV&mainSearchCriteria.v.c=<MSC(code)>&mainSearchCriteria.v.cs=<MSC(code system)>&mainSearchCriteria.v.dn=<MSC(display name)>	Yes				x			
National Guidelines Clearinghouse	<a href="http://www.guideline.gov/search/search.aspx?term=<MSC>">http://www.guideline.gov/search/search.aspx?term=<MSC>	No	x						
Nursing Consult	<a href="http://www.nursingconsult.com/nursing/search/query?parentpage=search&userType=MNC&keyword=<MSC>">http://www.nursingconsult.com/nursing/search/query?parentpage=search&userType=MNC&keyword=<MSC>	No					x		
Partners Handbook	http://handbook.partners.org/search.aspx?st=0&qt=#queryText#	No		x					
PharmGKB - Pathways	<a href="http://www.pharmgkb.org/do/serve?objCls=Pathway&objId=<MSC>">http://www.pharmgkb.org/do/serve?objCls=Pathway&objId=<MSC>	Yes							x
PharmGKB - Clinical PGx	<a href="http://www.pharmgkb.org/clinical/<MSC>.jsp">http://www.pharmgkb.org/clinical/<MSC>.jsp	Yes							x
PharmGKB Gene Details	<a href="http://www.pharmgkb.org/gene/<MSC>?tabType=tabVip">http://www.pharmgkb.org/gene/<MSC>?tabType=tabVip	Yes							x
PLoS Currents: Evidence on Genomic Tests	<a href="http://currents.plos.org/genomictests/article/<MatchTerm>">http://currents.plos.org/genomictests/article/<MatchTerm>	No							x
Pubmed	<a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?db=pubmed&cmd=Search&term=<MSC> [MeSH+Terms]+AND+<ST> [MeSH+Subheading]">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?db=pubmed&cmd=Search&term=<MSC> [MeSH+Terms]+AND+<ST> [MeSH+Subheading]	No	x		x	x			x
Pubmed Systematic Reviews	<a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?term=<MSC> AND (systematic[sb])">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed?term=<MSC> AND (systematic[sb])	No				x	x	x	
Stedmans Medical Dictionary	http://handbook.partners.org/KnowledgeLink/eMedicine.htm?q=#queryText#&db=dictionary	No							
UpToDate	<a href="http://www.uptodate.com/online/content/search.do?search=<MSC>">http://www.uptodate.com/online/content/search.do?search=<MSC>	Yes	x	x	x	x	x	x	
UW Online Laboratory Test Guide	http://menu.lab.med.washington.edu/search/	No							x
VisualDx	<a href="http://www.visualdx.com/visualdx/visualdx6/infobutton.do?taskContext.c.c=PROBLISTREV&ageGroup.v.c=<patient age group code>&patientPerson.administrativeGenderCode.c=PatientGenderCode>&mainSearchCriteria.v.c=<MSC(code)>&mainSearchCriteria.v.cs=<MSC(code system)>&mainSearchCriteria.v.dn=<MSC(display name)>">http://www.visualdx.com/visualdx/visualdx6/infobutton.do?taskContext.c.c=PROBLISTREV&ageGroup.v.c=<patient age group code>&patientPerson.administrativeGenderCode.c=PatientGenderCode>&mainSearchCriteria.v.c=<MSC(code)>&mainSearchCriteria.v.cs=<MSC(code system)>&mainSearchCriteria.v.dn=<MSC(display name)>	Yes			x	x		x	

Notes: HL7=Health Level 7, CU= Columbia University, PH=Partners Healthcare, UU=University of Utah, DU=Duke University, VHA=Veterans Health Administration, UW=University of Washington.

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Table 2: Frequency of resources selected by users at four institutions, by clinical task (LABREV=Laboratory Results Review; MEDOE=Medication Order Entry/Medication List Review)

Task Context	Resource	Columbia (N=5833)	Partners (N=7511)	Intermountain (N=148842)	U Wash (N=98)	U Utah	Duke	VHA
LABREV	ARUP	1.18%						
LABREV	ARUP Consult/Lexi-Comp	7.68%		12.88%				
LABREV	Clineguide			44.79%				
LABREV	CPMC Lab Manual	20.97%						
LABREV	Dxplain	4.82%						
LABREV	ePKgene				58.16%			
LABREV	Google		5.58%					
LABREV	Harrisons	5.90%						
LABREV	Lab Tests Online	14.02%						
LABREV	Lab Tests Online			2.08%				
LABREV	Mayo Clinic			0.67%				
LABREV	MDConsult		3.38%	35.15%				
LABREV	MedLinePlus		3.40%	1.21%				
LABREV	Micromedex LabAdvisor	13.75%	27.56%					
LABREV	National Guidelines	15.12%						
LABREV	Partners Handbook		16.72%					
LABREV	PharmGKB Gene Details				36.73%			
LABREV	PubMed	5.35%		3.21%				
LABREV	Stedmans Medical Dictionary		21.21%					
LABREV	Up to Date	11.21%	22.15%					
LABREV	UW Online Laboratory Test Guide				5.10%			
MEDOE	ARUP	2.33%						
MEDOE	ARUP Consult/ Lexi-Comp	27.46%	2.12%					
MEDOE	BWH Drug Guidelines		8.38%					
MEDOE	CDC Summaries							1.35%
MEDOE	Clinical Pharmacology					9.30%		
MEDOE	Cochrane reviews							
MEDOE	Dynamed				X	X		
MEDOE	eMedicine							9.46%
MEDOE	ePKgene							14.86%
MEDOE	Geriatric Drug Monographs			0.05%				
MEDOE	Google		0.42%					
MEDOE	Harrisons	2.84%						
MEDOE	Healthwise				X			
MEDOE	Mayo Clinic			0.16%				
MEDOE	MDConsult		0.26%	8.55%				
MEDOE	MedlinePlus		0.26%	0.29%	X	X	X	
MEDOE	Micromedex	58.41%	84.01%	84.37%				
MEDOE	National Guidelines	2.84%						
MEDOE	Partners Handbook		1.27%					
MEDOE	PLoS Currents							48.65%
MEDOE	Pubmed				X	X	X	25.68%
MEDOE	Stedmans Medical Dictionary		1.61%					
MEDOE	UpToDate	6.12%	1.68%		X	X	X	
MEDOE	VisualDx			6.58%			X	

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Table 3: HL7 Infobutton Parameters Used by Infobutton Managers from Institutions in this Study

Context parameters	Columbia	Partners	Intermountain	U Utah	Duke	VHA	U Wash
taskContext	DIAGLISTE diagnosis list entry MEDOE medication order entry MLREV medication list review LABRREV laboratory results review LABOE laboratory test order entry MICRORREV microbiology results review PATREPE pathology report review RADREPE radiology report review	LABRREV laboratory results review MEDOE medication order entry MLREV medication list review PROBLISTREV problem list review LABOE laboratory test order entry MICRORREV microbiology results review	MEDOE medication order entry MLREV medication list review PROBLISTREV problem list review LABRREV laboratory results review LABOE laboratory test order entry MICRORREV microbiology results review	MEDOE medication order entry MLREV medication list review PROBLISTREV problem list review LABRREV laboratory results review LABOE laboratory test order entry MICRORREV microbiology results review	MEDOE medication order entry MLREV medication list review PROBLISTREV problem list review LABRREV laboratory results review LABOE laboratory test order entry MICRORREV microbiology results review	MEDOE medication order entry MLREV medication list review PROBLISTREV problem list review LABRREV laboratory results review LABOE laboratory test order entry MICRORREV microbiology results review	MEDOE medication order entry MLREV medication list review PROBLISTREV problem list review LABRREV laboratory results review LABOE laboratory test order entry MICRORREV microbiology results review
mainSearchCriteria	407314008 Enzyme inhibitor 29303009 Electrocardiogram 404684003 Clinical finding 108252007 Laboratory procedure 363787002 Observable entity 410607006 Organism 373873005 Pharmaceutical / biologic product	Some criterion-specific rules for matching to particular resources					Capecitabine, Carvedilol, Clopidogrel, CYP2C19, CYP2C9, CYP2D6, DPYD, Irinotecan, Metoprolol, Propafenone, Tamoxifen, Thioguanine, TPMT, UGT1A1, Warfarin
subTopic	D004347 drug interaction Q000008 administration & dosage Q000009 adverse effects Q000175 diagnosis Q000627 therapeutic use Q000628 therapy Q000744 contraindications						38 subTopics
informationRecipient		provider patient	Provider	Health care provider Patient Registered Nurse	Health care provider Patient Registered Nurse	Health care provider Patient	any
InstitutionID		BWH MGH any					UW
CareSetting (same as encounter)	IMP Inpatient encounter AMB Ambulatory, EMER Emergency, FLD Field, HH Home health, VR virtual any	any	any	any	any	any	any
UserRole	MD Medical Doctor any	nurse pharmacist physician, any	MD	Health care provider Registered Nurse	Health care provider Registered Nurse	Health care provider	any
AgeGroup	D007223 Infant; 1 to 23 months D007231 infant, newborn; birth to 1 month D002675 child, preschool; 2 to 5 years D002648 child; 6 to 12 years D000293 adolescent; 13-18 years D055815 young adult; 19-24 years D000328 adult; 19-44 years D008875 middle aged; 45-64 years D000368 aged; 56-79 years D000369 aged, 80 and older; a person 80 years of age and older	any	D000368 aged; 56-79 years D000369 aged, 80 and older; a person 80 years of age and older any	D007223 Infant; 1 to 23 months D007231 infant, newborn; birth to 1 month D002675 child, preschool; 2 to 5 years D002648 child; 6 to 12 years D000293 adolescent; 13-18 years any	any	any	any
Gender	M, F	any	any	any	any	any	any

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