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1 Document History

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2 Purpose

This document describes the Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) implementation of the HL7 2.5.1 specification for sending and receiving patient based clinical data for unsolicited transmission of results. HL7 is a well-established industry framework already adopted as the common messaging language to use where interoperability is required between disparate health systems.

DHCW adheres strictly to the HL7 2.5.1 specification – deprecated types and structures or use of "local" codes will not be accepted unless otherwise permitted under the HL7 2.5.1 standard and agreed with DHCW.

When creating messages, suppliers need to consider the destination use of the data and how it will be displayed, so the use of namespaces and Universal Ids are strongly encouraged as well as uses of well-known coding systems such as Read, OPCS, SNOMED CT and LOINC. Human readable descriptions of codes must be included to help remove any ambiguity.

Example scenarios and uses of the ORU_R01 message structure:

- Laboratory Information System sending results to central data repository.
- Radiology Information System sending textual reports to primary care systems.
- Spirometry Diagnostic machine for consumption by national web viewer.
- Other clinical systems, such as, but not limited to, Cardiology, Audiology, Endoscopy, Genetics and Neurophysiology systems, sending reports as PDFs as well as data to national data repositories.

2.1 Implementation

During implementation, supplier systems will be registered as senders and provided with an Assigning Authority (synonymous with Issuing Authority) OID and Application Instance OID. These OIDs must be used to uniquely identify patient and application instances. This is important where Local coding systems are used to ensure there are no clashes of codes when data is stored in the national architecture.

Suppliers reading this document may wish to reference the **appendices** where several example messages are



provided. If there are queries regarding specific fields, then please refer to the detailed segment specifications in section 6.1 ORU^R01 Message Structure.

3 Scope

3.1 Specification Scope

This document describes the **ORU^R01 Unsolicited Transmission of an Observation Message** as specified in the HL7 2.5.1 standard published April 2007. This document also presents examples of the ORU message and describes usages of the data in recipient systems.

This document assumes the audience is already familiar with the HL7 2.5.1 concepts such as message segments, structure, field definitions and data types. As such, this document should be referenced alongside the HL7 2.5.1 specification.

3.2 Message Security & Transport

The HL7 standard itself does not impose message communication standards, the agreed method for message provenance, security and transport will be handled **during implementation** as this can differ depending on environment.

For simple trusted host-to-host transport the usual mechanism is the HL7 MLLP: <u>https://www.hl7.org/documentcenter/public_temp_2F5BDB1B-1C23-BA17-0C1B95E27F4F40F6/wg/inm/mllp_transport_specification.PDF</u>

Depending on implementation, the message may need to be passed using network protocols such as HTTPS. In such cases the implementation approach will need to be agreed with the DHCW Integration Service.

HL7 v2 messages sent via HTTPS may also be represented as XML (see <u>https://caristix.com/help-center/v3/test/task/hl7-xml-encoding/</u>).

3.3 Display/User Interface Requirements

This specification is limited to the content of the HL7 ORU_R01 message. Requirements for display and/or user interface requirements are out of scope.

4 HL7 Message Standards Overview

This section provides a brief overview of the HL7 2.5.1 message conventions.

4.1 Escape Characters

The authority only supports the following standard escape characters.

	Character to be escaped	Escaped value	Unescaped on input	Escaped on output
Field separator		\F\	Yes	Yes
Component separator	^	\\$\	Yes	Yes



Subcomponent separator	&	\T\	Yes	Yes
Repetition separator	~	\R\	Yes	Yes
Escape character	Ν	\E\	Yes	Yes
New line	<new line=""></new>	\.br\	Yes	No

4.2 HL7 Null

The HL7 Null characters "" will be honoured - e.g., if a sending facility may wish to set an address line to null or remove a date of death.

4.3 Message Control behaviour

It is the responsibility of the sending facility to ensure messages are transmitted in the correct order. Messages will be processed in the order they are received.

The sender should resend a message if it does not receive a related ACK.

Duplicate messages will simply be processed again as a new version.

5 Ignored Fields, Sequences and Components

The tables in section 6 may denote that the field value can be supplied but may not be processed. However, sending systems are encouraged to populate as many fields as possible even though the information, in the short term, may not be used - e.g., Marital Status.

It is also imported to note that if a specific use case presents itself that requires one of the Ignored fields, then this can be agreed during implementation -e.g., Veteran Status.

6 ORU R01 Message Specification

This section describes the content of each of the ORU_R01 segments with examples of field and component values.

Please note that in the following tables the Optional (Opt) column follows the HL7 standard; whether DHCW expects a particular field will be discussed during implementation. Not providing a value where required or providing an invalid value will mean the entire message will be rejected with an *Application Reject* message.

The Optional column in following tables follow the HL7 2.5.1 documentation model:

- R Required
- O Optional
- C Conditional on the trigger event or on some other field(s). The field definitions following the segment attribute table should specify the algorithm that defines the conditionality for this field.
- X Not used with this trigger event
- B Left in for backward compatibility with previous versions of HL7. The field definitions following the segment attribute table should denote the optionality of the field for prior versions.

There may be some optional segments in the message syntax that are not further specified. If the segment is used, the standard segment definition from the 2.5.1 HL7 Standard applies. This specification does not further constrain those segments.



6.1 ORU^R01 Message Structure

The following table describes the mandatory and optional segments within an ORU message.

Segment	Name	Opt	Rep	Notes/Requirements
MSH	Message Header	Required	1	MSH shall not contain data pertaining to a patient or the contained result. For example, facility code will not be used to derive Assigning Authority for a patient's identifier.
PID	Patient Identification	Required	1	Includes basic demographics
PD1	Additional Demographics	Optional	1	
NTE	Patient Notes and Comments	Optional	*	
PV1	Patient Visit	Required	1	Responsible Clinician should be provided within this segment. This is the clinician the report is to be returned to.
PV2	Patient Visit Additional information	Optional		
ORC	Common Order	Optional	1*	
OBR	Observation Request	Required	1*	
NTE(2)	Notes and Comments	Optional	*	
TQ1	Timing Quantity	Optional	*	
OBX	Observation	Required	*	
NTE	Notes and Comments	Optional	*	
SPM	Specimen	Optional	*	

6.2 MSH – Message Header

Note: for clarity, the use of full OIDs is required so there is no ambiguity between Application Instance and Assigning Authority. The correct OID type must be used in the correct field:

Application Instance – identifies the system that generated/published the HI7 message - e.g., MSH.3 **Assigning Authority** – Organisation/system that generated a patient identifier - e.g., a hospital case note number, see <u>Patient Identifier PID-3</u>.

SE	DT	OP T	Name	Expected Values and Examples
Q				
1	ST	R	Field Separator	(ASCII 124)
2	ST	R	Encoding	^~\& (ASCII 94,126,92 and 38)
			Characters	



SE Q	DT	OP T	Name	Expected Values and Examples
3	HD, ST	R	Sending Application	During implementation, the provider system will receive instructions on how to register a system to receive an Application Instance OID to indicate the application producing the message: NHSWales^2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.5.249^ISO A software suppler may provide more than one application e.g. one cardiology system and one radiology system. The supplier must use the correct Application Instance OID to identify the source of the message. ACMECARD^2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.5.111^ISO ACMERADI^2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.5.222^ISO Internal Processing rule: If ^ exists then treated as HD type If ^ doesn't exist then treated as ST for backwards compatibility MSH ^~\& ACME^2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.5.255 7A4BV 2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.5.200 RQFW3
4	HD, ST	R	Sending Facility	This will be provided / agreed during implementation. Example: CAV^7A4BV^L,M,N = University Hospital Wales, Cardiff and Vale HB CTM^7A5B1 = Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Cwm Taf HB CTM^7A5B3 = Prince Charles Hospital, Cwm Taf HB Note: The combination of MSH.3 and MSH.4 will allow the receiving application to uniquely identify the sending application instance. This allows for troubleshooting and or could allow for routing of the message. These fields will not be used to derive patient location, clinician locations or identity assigning authority The same internal processing rule applies here as for SEQ 3: if ^ exists then treat as type HD, otherwise treat as ST for backwards compatibility



SE Q	DT	OP T	Name	Expected Values and Examples
5	HD, ST	R	Receiving Application	During implementation the supplier will be given the appropriate OID of the receiving application
				INSE^2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.5.200^ISO
				The same internal processing rule applies here as for SEQ 3: if ^ exists then treat as type HD, otherwise treat as ST for backwards compatibility
6	HD,	R	Receiving Facility	In agreement during implementation
	ST			cymru.nhs.uk^RQFW3^L,M,N
				The same internal processing rule applies here as for SEQ 3: if ^ exists then treat as type HD, otherwise treat as ST for backwards compatibility
7	TS	R	Date/Time Of Message	Data and time Creation of the message at source This should be the time of message transmit for debug/support purposes only. This field should not relate to clinical data
				If Time zone included here, then this will also be applied throughout the message processing
				20170126143602 20170126143602+0000 where any value up to + is date
				Anything after + will be treated as time zone
8	ST	0	Security	Ignored
9	MS G	R	Message Type	ORU^R01^ORU_R01
10	ST	R	Message Control	Unique value per message, up to 20 character alpha numeric string
			ID	2017012614360280000
11	РТ	R	Processing ID	P Production, T Training, D Debugging (SIT)
12	VID	R	Version ID	2.5.1
13	NM	0	Sequence Number	Ignored by receiver
14	ST	0	Continuation Pointer	Ignored by receiver
15	ID		Accept Acknowledgmen t Type	The recipient will always expect sender systems to honour AL (always) Please see ack section in this document and HL7 Table 0155
16	ID		Application Acknowledgmen t Type	Ignored
17	ID		Country Code	Ignored
18	ID		Character Set	Unless a value is specified, ASCII-7 bit is assumed.



SE Q	DT	OP T	Name	Expected Values and Examples
19	CE		Principal Language Of Message	Ignored
20	ID		Alternate Character Set Handling Scheme	Ignored
21	EI		Message Profile Identifier	Ignored

6.3 PID – Patient Identification

Please remember that for ORU messages certain fields will be ignored.

SE	DT	ОРТ	Field	Example
Q				
1	SI	0	Set ID-PID	Constrained to 1
2	СХ	В	Patient ID	Do not use
3	СХ	R	Patient Identifier List*	Only validated identifiers should be provided. E.g. a PAS number where it was received from the PAS via a feed. PAS Numbers entered manually in to local systems cannot be trusted. M21300019^^126^PI~999999998^^NHS^NH~77667766^^^ ^PI Any identifiers without Assigning Authority will be ignored or possibly the message rejected. Please see further guidance in section 6.3.1 below. Flag for verified NHS Number – please see PID.32.
4	СХ	В	Alternate Patient ID – PID	



SE	DT	ОРТ	Field	Example		
Q 5	ХР	R	Patient Name	Surname, forename c	component – Mandatory	
	N			 Bloggs^Joe^	^Mr	
					John^Jr^Mr^MD^L	
				If no Name Type Code	e(ID) given L (Legal name) is assumed
				Segment	Segment Text	Notes
				PID.5.1.1	Surname	
				PID.5.2	Given Name	
				PID.5.3	Second and further given names	Middle names should go here, seperated by a space.
				PID.5.4	Suffix	
				PID.5.5	Prefix	
				PID.5.6	Degree	E.g. MD
				PID.5.7	Name Type Code	Use HL7v2 code table 0200. E.g. L for legal name.
6	XP N TS	O R	Mother's Maiden Name Date/Time of			
			Birth	20010328 2001032810)54	
8	IS	0	Administrative	HI7 Table 0001		
			Sex	Γ Female		
				F - Female		
				M - Male		
				O - Other		
				U - Unknown		
				A - Ambiguou		
				N - Not applic		
				Blank or null values w	vill not be accepted	
9	XP	В	Patient Alias			
<u> </u>	N	<u> </u>				
10	CE	0	Race			



SE Q	DT	ОРТ	Field	Example		
11			Patient Address [2.A.85]	Home address (H - 02 All fields are optional as much address data provided as PID.11 is	, however it is strongly a as possible. Multiple a a repeating field. PID.1	encouraged to provide addresses can be .1.7 should be used to
					es of the addresses if n	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
				Segment	Segment Text	Notes
				PID.11.1.1	Street Address	Address Line 1
				PID.11.2	Other Designation	Address Line 2
				PID.11.3	City	Address Line 3
				PID.11.4	State or Province (Town)	Address Line 4
				PID.11.5	Zip Or Postal Code	Address Line 5
				PID.11.7	Address Type	Use the HL7 code table 0190. E.g. H for home, M for mailing, C for tempoarary
				Example	er^Town^County^Postc	
12	IS	В	County Code			



SE	DT	ОРТ	Field	Example		
Q 13	XT N	0	Phone Number - Home	 Telephone numbers are optional to provide, however if provided then Use Code and Type ID are mandatory. For backward compatibility, only the first number in the sequence can omit Type Id. This first number will be tre the Primary Residence Number. Subsequent numbers m have Use Code and Type ID. Telephone numbers should not include any text data in E.g. MUM: 07123 456789. Comments like that should a in PID.13.9. Any telephone numbers longer than 25 chars will simply truncated. 01656 123123 01656 123123~07927655295^PRN^CP 		e mandatory. st number in the mber will be treated as uent numbers must any text data in them. ke that should appear chars will simply be
				Segment PID.13.1	Segment Text Telephone Number	Notes Telephone number associated with the patient
				PID.13.2	Telecommunication Use Code	Use the HL7 code table 0201. E.g. PRN = Primary Residence Number. WPN = Work Number.
				PID.13.3	Telephone Equipment Type	Use the HL7 code table 0202. E.g. PH = Telephone, CP = Mobile.
				PID.13.4	Email	Patients email address
				PID.13.9	Any Text	Any accompanying text that should go along with this block of information. E.g. Do not call patient after 8pm.
				ample@wales.nl ~01656123123^I PH	PRN^PH^^^^^text~079 ns.uk^^^^text~01656 2 PRN^PH^abc@home.co nples, the second numb	m~01656123123^PRN^
14	ХТ	0	Phone Number			
	N	_	- Business			



SE Q	DT	ОРТ	Field	Example	
15	CE	0	Primary Language	If supplied please refer to the language codes described in <u>Core</u> <u>Reference Data Standards</u> .	
16	CE	0	Marital Status	If supplied please refer to the martial status codes described in <u>Core</u> <u>Reference Data Standards</u> .	
17	CE	0	Religion	If supplied please refer to the religion codes described in <u>Core</u> <u>Reference Data Standards</u> .	
18	СХ	0	Account Number		
19	ST	В	SSN Number – Patient		
20	DL N	В	Driver's License Number – Patient		
21	СХ	0	Mother's Identifier		
22	CE	0	Ethnic Group	If supplied please refer to the ethnicity codes described in <u>Core</u> <u>Reference Data Standards</u> .	
23	ST	0	Birth Place		
24	ID	0	Multiple Birth Indicator		
25	NM	0	Birth Order		
26	CE	0	Citizenship		
27	CE	0	Veterans Military Status		
28	CE	В	Nationality		
29	TS	0	Patient Death Date and Time		
30	ID	0	Patient Death Indicator		
31	ID	0	Identity Unknown Indicator		
32	IS	0	Identity Reliability Code	– see 6.3.3 NHS Number usage – PID.32	
33	TS	0	Last Update Date/Time		
34	HD	0	Last Update Facility		
35	CE	С	Species Code		
36	CE	C	Breed Code		
37	ST	0	Strain		
38	CE	0	Production Class Code		
39	CW E	0	Tribal Citizenship		



6.3.1 Patient Identifier PID-3

Identifier Type Codes can be provided.

PI = Filler Identifier, for example RIS number, Cardiology number
MR = Case note, Medical Record or PAS number
NH = NHS Number
PE = Enterprise ID - e.g., MPI number

For example:

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403281382^^^154^PI~N3084373^^^108^PI~5189214567^^^NHS^NH
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6.3.2 Assigning Authority

Identifier Assigning Authority code must only be provided when guaranteed to be correct. Assigning Authority shall NOT be derived from the patient's location.

If providing a Filler Identifier, then the system MUST be registered as an assigning authority and provide an assigning authority code. Where Systems receive ADTs from local PAS systems then the AA must be passed through. Identifiers without assigning authority will be ignored or even in certain cases will be rejected back to the sending system.

If the provider system cannot provide an assigning authority value with 100% certainty, then the Identifier should NOT be provided (i.e., the struck-through text below should not be present).

403281382^^^154^**PI**~N3084373^^^**MR**

If a fully qualified OID is not provided, it will be assumed that the assigning authority being provided is of NHS Wales origin.

6.3.3 NHS Number usage – PID.32

If the provider system maintains the **NHS Number Tracing Status**, then this status code can be provided in PID.32 – Identity Reliability Code (IS) as per HL7 2.x specification.

01	Number present and verified		
02	Number present but not traced		
03	Trace required		
04	Trace attempted - No match or multiple matches found		
05	Trace needs to be resolved - (NHS Number or PATIENT detail conflict)		
06	Trace in progress		
07	Number not present and trace not required		
08	Trace postponed (baby under six weeks old)		

The following example shows the composite six-digit code where NSTS stands for NHS Number Tracing Service.

PID|... ||||||||||||||N||**NSTS01**

Omitting the prefix would also be acceptable e.g.

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6.4 NTE – Notes and Comments

NTE segments can be used throughout the message (see 6.1 ORU^R01 Message Structure and 12Appendix B - ORU^R01^ORU_R01 ABSTRACT MESSAGE SYNTAX)

- The PID NTE should include any comments related to the patient e.g., clinical history.
- The OBR NTE should include any comments related to the order. E.g., Specimen received in non-approved container.
- The OBX NTE should include any comments related to the result/observation. E.g., *Potassium may be spuriously increased due to delay in transit; suggest repeat.*

To ensure data is stored and presented correctly, the Source of Comment and Comment Type fields Should be provided.

SE Q	DT	OP T	Name	Example
1	SI	0	Set Id – NTE	1
2	ID	0	Source of Comment	Use codes below. If empty, then L is assumed. L (Filler comment) P (Placer Comment) - e.g., Clinical Details on Pathology O (Other source of comment)
3	FT	0	Comment	Example: ? Diabetes
4	CE	0	Comment Type	PI Patient Instructions AI Ancillary Instructions GI General Instructions 1R Primary Reason 2R Secondary Reason GR General Reason RE Remark DR Duplicate/Interaction Reason

6.4.1 Observations with multiple OBXs

The following segments show how comments for individual observations should be ordered in the message:



 OBR | 1 | 8642753100013^LIS | 20923085580^LCS | 083824^PANEL 083824^L | | 19980728083600 | | | | |

 CH13380 | 1998072800000 | | | | | 20923085580 | 19980730041800 | | | F

 OBX | 1 | NM | 150001^HIV-1 ABS-O.D. RATIO^L | | | | | | N | X

 OBX | 2 | CE | 001719^HIV-1 ABS, SEMI-QN^L | | HTN | | | | N | F | 19910123 | 19980729155700 | BN

 NTE | 1 L | Result: NEGATIVE by EIA screen.

 NTE | 2 L | No antibodies to HIV-1 detected.

 OBX | 3 | CE | 169999^.^L | SPRCS | | | | N | F | | 19980728130600 | BN

 NTE | 1 L | NOTE: Submission of serum

 NTE | 2 L | separator tube recommended

 NTE | 3 L | for this test. Thank you

 NTE | 4 L | for your cooperation if you

 NTE | 5 L | are already doing so.

6.5 PV1 - Visit

Data within the PV1 segment is mainly used to identify the ordering physician of the test - e.g., if a GP was ordering blood tests, then the GP Practice and GP Code would appear in PV1.3 and PV1.8.

SEQ	DT	ОР	Name	Example
		т		
1	SI	0	Set ID - PV1	Constrained to 1
2	IS	R	Patient Class	Only valid values from HL7 Table 004 (Patient Class) accepted
3	PL	R	Assigned Patient Location	For this implementation, this field will be used as the Requestors Location e.g. a GP Practice, a ward or outpatient location. This is the location the generated report would return to if generated on paper. ^^^^^^Greendale Surgery^W95023 ^^^^^^Cadog Ward^7A2AGCADOG
				Note: this is a key field for downstream systems to search on
4	IS	0	Admission Type	Optional: Use only Elective or Emergency codes from HL7 Table 007 (Admission Type)
5	СХ	0	Preadmit Number	
6	PL	0	Prior Patient Location	
7	XC N	0	Attending Doctor	Ignored
8	XC N	R	Referring Doctor	For this implementation, this should be the Requestor consultant/Responsible clinician for ORU messages. E.g., the Clinician requesting a Urea & Electrolytes profile. 1234567^Jones^Indiana^^^Dr^^GMC&OID&ISO ABC123^Foster^G^^^Mr^^L^^DN Please see section 6.5.1 for detail on this field, subcomponents, and further examples values.
8.1	ST	R	ld number	1234567



SEQ	DT	OP T	Name	Example
8.2	FN	R	Family Name	
8.2. 1	ST	R	Surname	Jones
8.3	ST	R	Given Name	Indiana
8.6	ST	R	Prefix	Dr
8.9	HD	R	Assigning Authority	
8.9. 1	IS	R	Namespace ID	GMC
8.9. 2	ST	0	Universal ID	2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.3.2.4.18.29
8.9. 3	IF	0	Universal ID Type	ISO
8.13	ID	R	Identifier Type Code (203)	e.g. DN – Doctor Number NP – Nurse Practitioner
9	XC N	В	Consulting Doctor	
10	IS	0	Hospital Service	
11	PL	0	Temporary Location	
12	IS	0	Preadmit Test Indicator	
13	IS	0	Re-admission Indicator	
14	IS	0	Admit Source	
15	IS	0	Ambulatory Status	
16	IS	0	VIP Indicator	
17	XC N	0	Admitting Doctor	
18	IS	0	Patient Type	
19	СХ	0	Visit Number	
20	FC	0	Financial Class	
21	IS	0	Charge Price Indicator	
22	IS	0	Courtesy Code	
23	IS	0	Credit Rating	
24	IS	0	Contract Code	
25	DT	0	Contract Effective Date	
26	NM	0	Contract Amount	
27	NM	0	Contract Period	
28	IS	0	Interest Code	
29	IS	0	Transfer to Bad Debt Code	



SEQ	DT	OP T	Name	Example
30	DT	0	Transfer to Bad Debt Date	
31	IS	0	Bad Debt	
			Agency Code	
32	NM	0	Bad Debt	
			Transfer	
			Amount	
33	NM	0	Bad Debt	
			Recovery	
			Amount	
34	IS	0	Delete Account	
			Indicator	
35	DT	0	Delete Account Date	
36	IS	0	Discharge	
			Disposition	
37	DL	0	Discharged to	
	D		Location	
38	CE	0	Diet Type	
39	IS	0	Servicing	
			Facility	
40	IS	В	Bed Status	
41	IS	0	Account Status	
42	PL	0	Pending	
			Location	
43	PL	0	Prior	
			Temporary	
			Location	
44	TS	0	Admit	
			Date/Time	
45	TS	0	Discharge	
			Date/Time	
46	NM	0	Current Patient	
			Balance	
47	NM	0	Total Charges	
48	NM	0	Total	
			Adjustments	
49	NM	0	Total Payments	
50	СХ	0	Alternate Visit	
			ID	
51	IS	0	Visit Indicator	
52	XC	В	Other	
	Ν		Healthcare	
			Provider	

6.5.1 PV1.8 Referring Doctor

This field will be used to identify the responsible clinician for the request of the examination - e.g., the



consultant that requested radiology, the doctor that requested the pathology, or a nurse that requested results for a diabetic clinic within a primary care setting. As ORU messages are published by many source systems, it is essential that coding used in pv1.8 is unique to avoid potential clashes in downstream systems.

PV1.8 contains several subcomponents; the following table highlights and describes these.

PV1.8 Component	Example values	Reasoning
8.1 - ID Number	1234567	Code to identify clinician
	ABC123	
8.2.1 - Surname	Jones	
8.3 (given name)	Indiana	
8.6 (Prefix)	DR	
	MR	
	NRS	
8.9 Assigning Authority		
8.9.1 Namespace Id	GMC	For well-known national coding systems,
	NMC	the abbreviation can be used e.g., GMC
	L	
		For Local codes, processors will use value
		from MSH.3.1.
8.9.2 Universal Id	2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.3.2.4.18.29	If supplied, 8.9.2 only relates to the value in
		8.9.1.
		This example is the GMC OID. ¹ The Sending
		Application OID can be provided here.
8.9.3 Universal Id Type	ISO	His field only denotes what 8.9.2 is. seeHl7
		table 301
8.13 Identifier Type Code	DN	Tells us that 8.1 is a doctor code
	NP	

The following are acceptable examples using well known identifiers, such as GMC, Prescribing Code, NMC number:

PV1.8
1234567^Jones^Indiana^^^Dr^^^GMC&2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.3.2.4.18.29&ISO^^^^DN
1234567^Jones^Indiana^^^Dr^^^GMC^^^DN
1234567^Jones^Indiana^^^Dr^^^&2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.3.2.4.18.29&ISO^^^^DN
1234567^Jones^Indiana^^^Dr^^^&2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.3.2.4.18.29&ISO^^^^DN

Local identifiers are used in agreement with the receiving system:

PV1.8	Notes
ABC123^Doe^Jane^^^Dr^^^SoftGene&2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.5.251&ISO^^^^DN	Full example
ABC123^Doe^Jane^^^Dr^^^L^^^DN	OID from MSH.3.2 will be used by receiver to uniquely identify code
N123^Kay^P^^^NRS^^^L^^^NP	OID from MSH.3.2 will be used

Examples of registered GP and Consultants; reference data will be from national registries - i.e., GMC DN = Doctor Number

¹ <u>https://www.hl7.org.uk/standards/object-identifiers-oids/hl7-uk-issued-oids/</u>



|1234567^Jones^Indiana^^^Dr^^^GMC^^^DN| |9876542^Watson^Edward^^^Dr^^^GMC^^^DN| |9876542^Fixer^Arnold^^^Mr^^^GMC^^^DN|

Example of registered nurses; where NMC = Nursing & Midwifery Council, RN = Registered Nurse Practitioner

|85E0146W^Bevan^Aneurin^^^Mr^^NMC^^^RN||81G0168W^Nightingale^Florence^^^Mrs^^^NMC^^^RN||93C0122W^Barton^Clara^^^Mrs^^^NMC^^^RN||97I4414E^Brain^Elisabeth^^^Mrs^^^NMC^^^RN|

Examples of Local codes; L = Local, RN = Registered Nurse

|N00001^Barton^Clara^^Mrs^^^L^^^RN| |N00002^Brain^Elisabeth^^^Mrs^^^L^^^RN|

Example of Local Code for doctor

N00002^Locum^Iama^^^Dr^^^L^^^DN

6.6 ORC – Common Order

HL7 note: The ORC is permitted but not required in this message. Any information that could be included in either the ORC or the OBR must be included in the OBR on reporting.

Please provide ORC segment if there is an associated electronic order for the report.

SEQ	DT	OP	Name	Example
		Т		
1	ID	R	Order Control	Ignored
				See HL7 table 119
2	EI	С	Placer Order	Order Number
			Number	
3	EI	С	Filler Order Number	See OBR 3
				Under HL7 If ORC is not supplied then the Filler Order MUST appear in
				OBR.3
				The Authorities preference for ORU^R01 messages if for OBR.3 to
				contain the order number
4	EI	0	Placer Group	
			Number	
5	ID	0	Order Status	
6	ID	0	Response Flag	
7	TQ	В	Quantity/Timing	Use TQ1 segment (see 6.10)
8	EIP	0	Parent	
9	TS	0	Date/Time of	
			Transaction	
10	XCN	0	Entered By	Mandatory if segment provided. This is the userid that generated the
				electronic order (transcriber). This is NOT the responsible clinician code.
				Cymru\ga123456
11	XCN	0	Verified By	
12	XCN	0	Ordering Provider	

If ORC is provided *Filler Order Number* and *Entered By* fields are mandatory.



SEQ	DT	OP T	Name	Example
13	PL	0	Enterer's Location	
14	XTN	0	Call Back Phone	
			Number	
15	TS	0	Order Effective	Useful if available for analysis purposes
			Date/Time	
16	CE	0	Order Control Code	
			Reason	
17	CE	0	Entering	
	05		Organization	
18	CE	0	Entering Device	
19	XCN	0	Action By	
20	CE	0	Advanced	
			Beneficiary Notice Code	
21	XON	0	Ordering Facility	
21		0	Name	
22	XAD	0	Ordering Facility	
	70.10	Ŭ	Address	
23	XTN	0	Ordering Facility	
			Phone Number	
24	XAD	0	Ordering Provider	
			Address	
25	CWE	0	Order Status	
			Modifier	
26	CWE	С	Advanced	
			Beneficiary Notice	
			Override	
27	TS	0	Filler's Expected	
	0.4/5		Availability Date/	
28	CWE	0	Confidentiality Code	To be agreed during implementation e.g.
				http://terminology.hl7.org/CodeSystem/v3-Confidentiality
29	CWE	0	Order Type	
30	CNE	0	Enterer	
			Authorization Mode	
31	CWE	0	Parent Universal	
			Service Identifier	

6.7 OBR – Observation Request

The population of the OBR is from the point of view of the Filler - i.e., a reporting message so not all OBR fields apply.

SE Q	DT	R	Name	Example
1	SI	0	Set ID - OBR	OBR 1 4321 OBR 2 4321
2	EI	С	Placer Order Number	If no ORC supplied then this is mandatory if electronic



SE Q	DT	R	Name	Example
				If available then should be provided e.g. 287018^^255^ISO
				Next be succlified with the Assisting (leaving) Authority
3	EI	с	Filler Order Number	Must be qualified with the Assigning (Issuing) AuthorityMust be unique to Wales for this Filler department.
5				Must be unique to wales for this riner department.
				This number will be displayed to users in downstream systems. It is therefore recommended that reasonably formatted numbers are used so that user cans guery the report with the source system e.g.
				Accession number, Report ID, Episode Number, specimen number
				287018^^255^ISO
4	CE	R	Universal Service	E.g. SNOMED code
			ldentifier	399208008^Plain chest X-ray (procedure)^SNM3
5	ID	Х	Priority – OBR	Ignored (depreciated - 2.5.1 Ch 7.4.1.5)
6	TS	х	Requested Date/Time	Ignored (depreciated – 2.5.1 Ch 7.4.1.6)
7	TS	С	Observation	In the case of a specimen-associated study, this field shall represent the
			Date/Time	date and time the specimen was collected or obtained
				When the OBR is transmitted as part of a report message, the field
				must be filled in
				20170126135745 20170126135745+0000
8	TS	0	Observation End	20170126135745
		ľ	Date/Time	20170126135745+0000
9	CQ	0	Collection Volume	
10	XCN	0	Collector Identifier	
11	ID	0	Specimen Action Code	
12	CE	0	Danger Code	
13	ST	0	Relevant Clinical	
			Information	
14	TS	В	Specimen Received Date/Time	Use SPM segment (see 6.9)
15	SPS	В	Specimen Source	Use SPM segment (see 6.9)
16	XCN	0	Ordering Provider	
17	XTN	0	Order Callback Phone Number	
18	ST	0	Phone Number Placer Field 1	
10	ST	0	Placer Field 2	
20	ST	0	Filler Field 1	
21	ST	0	Filler Field 2	
22	TS	С	Results Rpt/Status Chng - Date/Time	This field specifies the date/time results reported or status changed. This field is used to indicate the date and time that the results are composed into a report and released
				This is a key date and will be used to trigger alerts and notifications in downstream systems.



SE Q	DT	R	Name	Example
ų				
23	MO	0	Charge to Practice	
25	C			
24	ID	0	Diagnostic Serv Sect	
			ID	
25	ID	C	Result Status	For this implementation, the status required is for the overall Report level, therefore the Result Status from OBR-25 will be used and OBX-11 status disregarded. For reports with Multiple OBRs it is expected that the Status will be the same in each OBR – so only the first OBR status will be used. For example, the OBR status is P If provided in OBX-11 for specific tests then the value from the obx shall be used e.g. OBR P OBX I This MUST be accurate and provided and is mandatory for ORU messages HI7 Table 0123 O, I, S, A, P, C, R, F, X, Y Z
26	PRL	0	Parent Result	
27	TQ	В	Quantity/Timing	Use TQ1 segment (see 6.10)
28	XCN	0	Result Copies To	
29	EIP	0	Parent	
30	ID	0	Transportation Mode	
31	CE	0	Reason for Study	
32	DL	0	Principal Result Interpreter	^Jones^Indiana
33	DL	0	Assistant Result	
			Interpreter	
34	DL	0	Technician	
35	DL	0	Transcriptionist	
36	TS	0	Scheduled	
37	М	0	Date/Time Number of Sample	
5/	IVI		Containers	
38	CE	0	Transport Logistics of	
			Collected Sample	
39	CE	0	Collector's Comment	
40	CE	0	Transport	
			Arrangement	
			Responsibility	
41	ID	0	Transport Arranged	
42	ID	0	Escort Required	



SE	DT	R	Name	Example
Q				
43	CE	0	Planned Patient	
			Transport Comment	
44	CE	0	Procedure Code	Use a code from relevant coding system such as SNOMED CT e.g.
				399208008^Plain chest X-ray (procedure)^SNM3
45	CE	0	Procedure Code	
			Modifier	
46	CE	0	Placer Supplemental	
			Service Information	
47	CE	0	Filler Supplemental	
			Service Information	
48	CWE	С	Medically Necessary	
			Duplicate Procedure	
			Reason	
49	IS	0	Result Handling	
50	CWE	0	Parent Universal	
			Service Identifier	

6.8 OBX – Observation

SE Q	DT	R	Name	Example
1	SI	0	Set ID – OBX	OBX Set Id must start at 1 and reset for each OBR e.g. OBR 1 OBX 1 OBX 2 OBR 2 OBX 1 OBX 2
2	ID	С	Value Type	This indicates the value type of the Observation Value in OBX.5HI7 Table 0125E.g. (not exhaustive)CECoded EntryDTDateEDEncapsulated DataFTFormatted Text (Display)NMNumericRPReference PointerSNStructured NumericSTString Data.TMTimeTSTime Stamp (Date & Time)TXText Data (Display)
3	CE	R	Observation Identifier	CE data type MUST be adhered to. CE.1 = Identifier CE.2 = Text CE.3 = Name of Coding System e.g. SCT, LN, L



SE Q	DT	R	Name	Example
				<pre> 29893-5^HIV 1 Ab^LN 11214006^Reactive^SCT The use of well-known health coding systems rather than local codes is encouraged and can be discussed during implementation. If local (laboratory specific) codes are used then these must be correctly identified with "L" for Local ECHO^TTE^L </pre>
4	ST	С	Observation Sub-ID	Allows grouping of OBXs see 7.4.2.4 for example Ignored
5	varie s	C	Observation Value	The content can vary but must be correctly identified in OBX.2 as the value type e.g. CE, TX, ED see Tbl 0125 Coded Entry (CE) Value OBX 1 CE ObsId^ObsText^ObsSys ValueCode^ValueDescription^Valu eCodingSystem F 20220101131415 Date (DT) Value - YYYY[MM[DD]] OBX 2 DT ObsId^ObsText^ObsSys 20220101 F 2022010113 1415 Embedded documents Source systems must use the ED value type OBX 2 ED ObsId^ObsText^ObsSys SourceR^AP^PDF^Base64^JASD eDasd== F 20220101131415 Formatted Text (FT) Value (including HL7 Escape Sequences) OBX 3 FT ObsId^ObsText^ObsSys Formatted\.br\Text\.br\ F 20220101131415 Numeric (NM) Value This should be used for pure numerical values only OBX 2 NM 5497^CD4 COUNT^DCT 999 cells/mm3 10 1500 L F 20050217204000 Reference Pointer (RP) Value OBX 10 RP DOC^Document^L http://documents.example.com/docu ment123.pdf Structured Numeric (SN) Value Please note the importance of SN value type: a Troponin result <10000 would require a SN type where the first component is the comparator <, >, >= OBX 2 SN 5497^CD4 COUNT^DCT <^10 cells/mm3 10-1500 L F 20050217204000



SE Q	DT	R	Name	Example
				<^10000 will be displayed as <10000
				String Data (ST) Value
				OBX 6 ST ObsId^ObsText^ObsSys String Data F 20220101131415
				Time (TM) Value HH[MM[SS[.S[S[S]]]]]][+/-ZZZZ]
				OBX 7 TM ObsId^ObsText^ObsSys 141516.1234+0001 F 202 20101131415
				Timestamp (TS) Value YYYY[MM[DD[HH[MM[SS[.S[S[S]]]]]]]]]+/-ZZZZ]
				OBX 8 TS ObsId^ObsText^ObsSys 20220101141516.1234+0001 F 20220101131415
				Text Data (ST) Value String data meant for user display, may include leading spaces
				OBX 9 TX ObsId^ObsText^ObsSys Text Data F 20220101131415
6	CE	0	Units	
7	ST	0	References Range	
8	IS	0	Abnormal Flags	
9	NM	0	Probability	
10	ID	0	Nature of Abnormal Test	
11	ID	R	Observation Result Status	This value MUST be valid according to HL7 2.5.1 table 0085: Observation result status codes interpretation
				C - Record coming over is a correction and thus replaces a final result D - Deletes the OBX record
				F - Final results; Can only be changed with a corrected result.
				N - Not asked; used to affirmatively document that the observation
				identified in the OBX was not sought when the universal service ID in
				OBR-4 implies that it would be sought.
				O - Order detail description only (no result) P - Preliminary results
				R - Results entered not verified
				S - Partial results
				X - Results cannot be obtained for this observation
				U - Results status change to final without retransmitting results already sent as 'preliminary.' E.g., radiology changes status from preliminary to final
				W - Post original as wrong, e.g., transmitted for wrong patient
12	TS	0	Effective Date of	
			Reference Range	
			Values	



SE Q	DT	R	Name	Example
13	ST	0	User Defined Access Checks	
14	TS	0	Date/Time of the Observation	For imaging services and procedures this should be provided This field is required in two circumstances: The first is when the observations reported beneath one report header (OBR) have different dates/times. This could occur in the case of queries, timed test sequences, or clearance studies where one
				measurement within a battery may have a different time than another measurement. The second is needed in the case of OBX segments that are being sent by the placer to the filler, in which case the date of the observation being transmitted is likely to have no relation to the date of the requested observation.
15	CE	0	Producer's Reference	
16	XCN	0	Responsible Observer	
17	CE	0	Observation Method	
18	EI	0	Equipment Instance Identifier	
19	TS	0	Date/Time of the Analysis	
20			Reserved for harmonization with V2.6	
21			Reserved for harmonization with V2.6	
22			Reserved for harmonization with V2.6	
23	XON	0	Performing Organization Name	
24	XAD	0	Performing Organization Address	
25	XCN	0	Performing Organization Medical Director	

6.9 SPM – Specimen

The SPM segment is required where a specimen is submitted to a diagnostic service for analysis.

SEQ	DT	R	Name	Example
1	SI	0	Set ID – SPM	1, 2, 3, 4, etc
2	EIP	0	Specimen ID	2.2 Episode Number
3	EIP	0	Specimen Parent IDs	



4	CWE	R	Specimen Type	Code^Description^CodeSystem
4			specifien type	e.g.
				119325001^Skin specimen^SNM3
5	CWE	0	Specimen Type Modifier	
6	CWE	0	Specimen Additives	e.g.
_	0.4/5			FO^Fluoride Oxalate^AcmeLab
7	CWE	0	Specimen Collection Method	
8	CWE	0	Specimen Source Site	Code^Description^CodeSystem
				e.g.
				299706009^Bone structure of wrist and/or hand (body structure)^SNM3
9	CWE	0	Specimen Source Site Modifier	Code^Description^CodeSystem
				e.g
				7771000^Left^SNM3
10	CWE	0	Specimen Collection Site	
11	CWE	0	Specimen Role	
12	CQ	0	Specimen Collection Amount	
13	NM	с	Grouped Specimen Count	
14	ST	0	Specimen Description	
15	CWE	0	Specimen Handling Code	
16	CWE	0	Specimen Risk Code	
17	DR	R	Specimen Collection Date/Time	CCYYMMDDhhmmss
18	TS	R	Specimen Received Date/Time	CCYYMMDDhhmmss
19	TS	0	Specimen Expiration Date/Time	
20	ID	0	Specimen Availability	
21	CWE	0	Specimen Reject Reason	
22	CWE	0	Specimen Quality	
23	CWE	0	Specimen Appropriateness	
24	CWE	0	Specimen Condition	
25	CQ	0	Specimen Current Quantity	
26	NM	0	Number of Specimen Containers	
27	CWE	0	Container Type	Code^Description^CodeSystem
				e.g.
				PT^Purple Top^AcmeLab
28	CWE	0	Container Condition	



29 CWE O Specimen Child Role	29	CWE O	i Specimen Child Role
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6.10 TQ1 – Timing Quantity

The TQ1 segment must be included to indicate a non-routine priority and, optionally, the date/time that services were requested.

SEQ	DT	OPT	Name	Example		
1	SI	0	Set ID - TQ1			
2	CQ	0	Quantity			
3	RPT	0	Repeat Pattern			
4	ТМ	0	Explicit Time			
5	CQ	0	Relative Time and Units			
6	CQ	0	Service Duration			
7	TS	0	Start date/time	Optional from request indicating the earliest date/time services should be started		
8	TS	0	End date/time			ng the latest date/time services should be licate an expected date for a report e.g.,
9	CWE	С	Priority	e.g. TQ1 190 9.1 Values from		^^^Urgent
				Value	Description	Comment
				S	Stat	With highest priority
				А	ASAP	Fill after S orders
				R	Routine	Default
				Р	Preop	
				С	Callback	
				Т	Timing critical	A request implying that it is critical to come as close as possible to the requested time, e.g., for a trough antimicrobial level.
				TS <integer></integer>		Timing critical within <integer> seconds.</integer>
				TM <integer></integer>		Timing critical within <integer> minutes.</integer>
				TH <integer></integer>		Timing critical within <integer> hours.</integer>
				TD <integer></integer>		Timing critical within <integer> days.</integer>
				TW <integer></integer>		Timing critical within <integer> weeks.</integer>
				TL <integer></integer>	ļ	Timing critical within <integer> months.</integer>
				PRN	As needed	
				9.9 Original Text		
10	тх	0	Condition text			



11	ΤХ	0	Text instruction
12	ID	С	Conjunction
13	CQ	0	Occurrence duration
14	NM	0	Total occurrence's

7 Complete ORU_R01 Message Examples

These are provided for understanding – it is important not to simply copy these as templates, but to understand the importance individual field meanings from the segment tables provide in previous sections

7.1 Text based report

Note the formatting, such as whitespace, will be preserved where OBX Type is TX

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MSH|^~\&|ACMELab^2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.5.999^ISO|CAV^7A4BV^L|cymru.nhs.uk^2.16.840.1.113883.2.
1.8.1.5.200^ISO|NHSWales^RQFW3^L|20190514102527+0200||ORU^R01^ORU R01|5051095-201905141025|T|2.5.1
| | | AL
PID|||403281375^^^154^PI~5189214567^^^NHS^NH||Bloggs^Joe^^^Mr||20010328|M|||A B M U Health
PV1||U||||||CAR
ORC|MC||||||||||7A3C7MPAT^^^wales.nhs.uk&7A3&HL7^^^^MH Pathology Dept,
OBR|1||8005372251-1-M0007|M0007^Urine MC\T\S|||201805240000|||^ABM: Dean
Allen||||201805240000|^^Dr J A Chess|^Chess^J^^^^Dr||||||201805240000|||F
TQ1||||||201805240000|201805240000|R^^^^^ Routine
OBX|1|TX|^Report Line 1||Specimen received: Mid Stream Urine|||||F|||201805240000
OBX|3|TX|^Report Line 3||Accession Number(s) U18S999001A||||||F|||201805240000
OBX|4|TX|^Report Line 4||White Blood Cell Count 10-99 x10\S\6/L||||||F||201805240000
OBX 5 TX ^ Report Line 5 || Red Blood Cell Count >= 100 x10 \S \6/L || || || F || 201805240000
OBX|6|TX|^Report Line 6||||||||F|||201805240000
OBX|7|TX|^Report Line 7||>= 10\S\8 cfu/L Escherichia coli (ECOL)|||||||F|||201805240000
OBX|8|TX|^Report Line 8||||||||F|||201805240000
OBX|9|TX|^Report Line 9|| Antibiotic/Culture: ECOL||||||F||201805240000
OBX|11|TX|^Report Line 11|| Nitrofurantoin S||||||F|||201805240000
OBX|11|1A| Report Line 12|| Trimethoprim
                                        S||||||F||201805240000
OBX|13|TX|^Report Line 13|| Amoxicillin
                                        R|||||F||201805240000
SPM|1|^8005372251||MMSU^Mid Stream Urine^ACME|||||||||||201805240000|201805240000
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7.2 Example Pathology result

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MSH|^~\&|ACMELab^2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.5.999^ISO|CAV^7A4BV^L|cymru.nhs.uk^2.16.840.1.113883.2.
1.8.1.5.200^ISO|NHSWales^RQFW3^L|20190514102527+0200||ORU^R01^ORU R01|5051095-201905141025|T|2.5.1
| | | AL
PID|||403281375^^^154^PI~5189214567^^^NHS^NH||Bloggs^Joe^^^Mr||20010328|M|||A B M U Health
PV1||0|||||||CAR
ORC|OR|||||||||||7A3C7MPAT^^^wales.nhs.uk&7A3&L,M,N^^^^MH Pathology Dept,
OBR|1||914694928301|B3051^HbA1c (IFCC traceable)|||201803091500|||^ABM: Angharad
Shore||||201803091500|^^Dr Andar Gunneberg|^Gunneberg^Andar^^^Dr|||||201803091500|||C
NTE|1||For monitoring known diabetic patients, please follow NICE guidelines. If not a known
diabetic and the patient is asymptomatic, a second confirmatory sample is required within 2 weeks
(WEDS Guidance). HbAlc is unreliable for diagnostic and monitoring purposes in the context of
several conditions, including some haemoglobinopathies, abnormal haemoglobin levels, chronic renal
failure, recent transfusion, pregnancy, or alcoholism.
OBX|1|NM|B3553^HbA1c (IFCC traceable)||49|mmol/mol|<48|H|||C|||201803091500
OBR|2||914694928301|B0001^Full blood count||201803091500|||^ABM: Carl Owen|||201803091500|^^Dr
Andar Gunneberg|^Gunneberg^Andar^^^Dr|||||201803091500|||F
TQ1|||||201803091400|201803091500|S^^^^^^Urgent
OBX|1|NM|B0300^White blood cell (WBC) count||3.5|x10\S\9/L|4.0-11.0|L|||F|||201803091500
OBX|2|NM|B0307^Haemoglobin (Hb)||200|g/L|130-180|H|||F||201803091500
OBX|3|NM|B0314^Platelet (PLT) count||500|x10\S\9/L|150-400|H|||F|||201803091500
OBX|4|NM|B0306^Red blood cell (RBC) count||6.00|x10\S\12/L|4.50-6.00|N|||F||201803091500
OBX|5|NM|B0308^Haematocrit (Hct)||0.60|L/L|0.40-0.52|H|||F||201803091500
OBX|6|NM|B0309^Mean cell volume (MCV)||120|fL|80-100|H|||F|||201803091500
OBX|7|NM|B0310^Mean cell haemoglobin (MCH)||34.0|pg|27.0-33.0|H|||F||201803091500
SPM|1|^9146949283||BLOO^Blood^ACME||||||||||||201803091400|201803091500
```

7.3 Embedded Documents

Documents formats such as Word and PDF will need to be base64 encoded. During implementation, if PDFs are found to be larger than the OBX.5 size limit, which is 32K, suppliers may need to break up the base64 string across OBXs. For example:

OBX|1|ED|DOC^Document^L||^application^pdf^Base64^...first 30k chunk OBX|2|ED|DOC^Document^L||^application^pdf^Base64^...second 30k chunk : OBX|n|ED|DOC^Document^L||^application^pdf^Base64^...last chunk

The processor will know to put the 32k chunks back together.

For large documents we use a pointer approach; implementers will need to agree the technical approach with DHCW teams. For example:

OBX|1|RP|DOC^Document^L||http://documents.example.com/document123.pdf

7.4 Example Mixed Content

The authority will accept mixed content within messages, for example, a particular OBX may contain data points of NM datatype, the next OBX may contain an ED type that contains a PDF.

It will be implementation specific as to whether both are provided or required.

8 Acknowledge Messages

It is recommended that Provider systems receive Acknowledgement messages. This is means that the sending system knows that the message has been received, validated, and stored safely (but not processed). This is also the signal that the sending system can progress on to the next message.



8.1 Example Ack messages

The behaviour of the sender and receiver when receiving ACKs may differ dependent on the original message content. This behaviour will be agreed upon implementation. The authority broadly follows the HL7 standard for acknowledgments.

AA = Application Accept AE = Application Error AR = Application Reject

When a message is received and successfully stored the receiving system will return an acknowledge message with the ACK segment echoing the original ORUs control Id (MSH.10)

8.1.1 AA - Success

To ensure data integrity, only when the ACK message type with MSA.1 = AA is received should the sender progress on to the next message e.g.

```
MSH|^~\&|7edit||7edit||20180627162905||ACK|MSG-20180627-162905-0668|P|2.5.1
MSA|AA|CTL01234567890123|OK
```

8.1.2 AE - Unsuccessful – Application Error

An Application Error response tends to be due to a technical glitch. **Senders should attempt to resend the message after an agreed period** - e.g., 1 minute.

```
MSH|^~\&|7edit||7edit||20180628091548||ACK|MSG-20180628-091548-0505|P|2.5.1
MSA|AE|CTL123456789123|Application Error - unable to stored message database down
```

8.1.3 AR - Unsuccessful – Application Reject

The following example shows where simple date-of-birth validation check rejects the message. The sender **should not resend the message** but queue it for intervention by support personnel.

```
MSH|^~\&|7edit||7edit||20180628091548||ACK|MSG-20180628-091548-0505|P|2.5.1
MSA|AR|CTL123456789123|Application Reject - Validation fail, DOB empty
```

9 Environments

Suppliers will be provided with an Application OID



10 References

Туре	Location
HL7 2.x	www.hl7.org
NHS Wales: DSCN	https://dhcw.nhs.wales/information-services/information-standards/data-standar
Core Data	ds/data-standards-files/data-standard-change-notices-docs/dscns-2022/20220524
Standards	-dscn-2022-16-core-reference-data-standards-title-d0-3pdf/

11 Definitions

Term	Definition	
DHCW	Digital Health and Care Wales	
	About us - Digital Health and Care Wales	
HL7	Health Level Seven International	
	About Health Level Seven International HL7 International	
Read codes	Read Codes - NHS Digital	
OPCS	OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures (datadictionary.nhs.uk)	
SNOMED CT	SNOMED - Home SNOMED International	
LOINC	Home – LOINC	



Appendix A – Using ORU to Publish PDF Reports

The following table describes the **minimum** fields to meet the NHS Wales Informatics Service standards. OIDs will be agreed as part of on-boarding process. The fields here are all **mandatory**

Required segments

Field	HL7 Fieldname	Example Values
MSH.1	Field Separator	
MSH.1	Encoding Characters	^~\&
MSH.2	Sending Application	ACMECARD^2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.5.111^ISO
MSH.4	Sending Facility	CAV^7A4BV^L
MSH.5	Receiving Application	INSE^2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.5.200^ISO
MSH.6	Receiving Facility	cymru.nhs.uk^RQFW3^L
MSH.7	Date/Time Of Message	20170126143602
MSH.9	Message Type	ORU^R01^ORU R01
MSH.10	Message Control ID	2017012614360280000
MSH.11	Processing ID	P
MSH.12	Version ID	2.5.1
MSH.13	Accept Acknowledgment	AL
101511.15	Туре	
	Турс	
PID.1	Set ID-PID	1
PID.3	Patient Identifier List	M21300019^^2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.3.126^MR
		~9999999998^^^NHS^NH
PID.5	Patient Name	Bloggs^Joe^^Mr
PID.7	Date/Time of Birth	20010328
PID.8	Administrative Sex	
PID.11	Patient Address [2.A.85]	Street^Other^Town^County^Postcode
PID.13	Phone Number - Home	01656 123123^PRN^PH~07927655295^ORN^CP
		^NET^X.400^abc@home.com~01656 123123
		~01656123123^PRN^PH
		^^^abc@home.com~01656123123^PRN^PH
PID.32	Identity Reliability Code	01
	•	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
PV1.1	Set ID - PV1	1
PV1.3	Assigned Patient Location	AAAAAAAAGreendale Surgery^W95023
PV1.8	Referring Doctor	1234567^Jones^Indiana^^^Dr^^^GMC
PV1.10	Hospital Service	311
	-	1
OBR.1	Set ID - OBR	1
OBR.2	Placer Order Number	287018^^150^L
OBR.3	Filler Order Number	287018^^255^ISO
OBR.4	Universal Service Identifier	CXR^Chest Xray^RCR National Procedure Codes
OBR.7	Observation Date/Time	20170126135745
OB6.16	Ordering Provider	1234567^Jones^Indiana^^^Dr^^^GMC
OBR.22	Results Rpt/Status Chng -	20170126135745
	Date/Time	
OBX.1	Set ID – OBX	1
OBX.2	Value Type	ED
OBX.3	Observation Identifier	MOLT^MOL TEST NAME^L
OBX.5	Observation Value	MOL^IM^PDF^Base64^JVBERIOX
OBX.11	Observation Result Status	F
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OBX.1	Set ID – OBX	2
OBX.2	Value Type	RP
OBX.3	Observation Identifier	MOLT^MOL TEST NAME^L
OBX.5	Observation Value	http://documents.example.com/document123.pdf
OBX.11	Observation Result Status	F

Example message

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MSH|^~\&|ACMELab^2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.5.999^ISO|CAV^7A4BV^L|cymru.nhs.uk^2.16.840.1.113883.2. 1.8.1.5.200^ISO|NHSWales^RQFW3^L|20190514102527+0200||ORU^R01^ORU_R01|5051095-201905141025|T|2.5.1 |||AL

PID|1||0123456789^^^NHS^NH~LOCAL0001^^2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.3.999^PI||Doe^John^^^Mr||19800101 |M|||23 Short Street^Long Road^Any Town^Sunny County^CF25 6BF

PV1|1|N|^^^^^^The Riversdale Practice^W991234|||||1234567^Jones^Indiana^^^Dr^^GMC&&ISO||311 OBR|1||190000041:27491|MOLT^MOL TEST NAME^L^MOLT^MOL TEST

NAME^L^NA|||20190514102000+0200|||SCC|0||20190514102000+0200||AGDOCTOC^ANNADOC^GDOC^^^^^ DN||

OBX|1|ED|MOLT^MOL TEST NAME^L^^^^NA||MOL^IM^PDF^Base64^JVBERi0x...||||||F

OBX|2|RP|MOLT^MOL TEST NAME^L^^^^NA||http://documents.example.com/document123.pdf||||||F



Segment	Name	Usage	Cardinalit y
MSH	Message Header	R	, [11]
[{SFT}]	Software Segment	0	[0*]
{	PATIENT_RESULT Begin	R	[1*]
[PATIENT Begin	0	[01]
PID	Patient Identification	R	[11]
[PD1]	Additional Demographics	0	[01]
[{NTE}]	Notes and Comments for PID	0	[0*]
[{NK1}]	Next of Kin/Associated Parties	0	[0*]
[VISIT Begin	0	[01]
PV1	Patient Visit	R	[11]
[PV2]	Patient Visit – Additional	0	[01]
	Information		
]	VISIT End		
]	PATIENT End		
{	ORDER_OBSERVATION Begin	R	[1*]
[ORC]	Order Common	0	[01]
OBR	Observation Request	R	[11]
[{NTE}]	Notes and Comments for OBR	0	[0*]
[{	TIMING_QTY Begin	0	
TQ1	Timing/Quantity	R	[11]
	Timing/Quantity Order Sequence	0	[0*]
[{TQ2}]			
}]	TIMING_QTY End		
[CTD]	Contact Data	0	[01]
[{	OBSERVATION Begin	R	[1*]
OBX	Observation related to OBR	R	[11]
[{NTE}]	Notes and Comments	0	[0*]
}]	OBSERVATION End		
[{FT1}]	Financial Transaction	0	[0*]
[{CT1}]	Clinical Trial Identification	0	[0*]
[{	SPECIMEN Begin	0	[0*]
SPM	Specimen Information related to OBR	R	[11]
[{OBX}]	Observation related to Specimen	0	[0*]
}]	SPECIMEN End		
}	ORDER_OBSERVATION End		
}	PATIENT_RESULT End		
	Continuation Pointer	0	[01]

Appendix B – ORU^R01^ORU_R01 Abstract Message Syntax



Appendix C – Full example

The following example provides a mixture of observation types and contains embedded documents as base64 strings and specific types such as Numeric values with reference ranges.



PID|||403281375-^^154^PI~5189214567^^^NHS^NH||Bloggs^Joe^^^Mr||20010328|M|||A B M U Health Board^One Talbot Gateway^Baglan^Neath port talbot^SA12 7BR|||||||||||||||||||||||||||||01 PV1||0|^^^^^Greendale Surgery^W95023||||ABC123^Foster^G^^^Mr^^L^^^DN|CAR ORC|OR||||||||||||A3C7MPAT^^^wales.nhs.uk&7A3&L,M,N^^^^MH Pathology Dept, OBR|1||914694928301|B3051^HbA1c (IFCC traceable)|||201803091500|||^ABM: Sian Jones||||201803091500|^^Dr Jones | ^ Jones ^ Indiana ^ ^ ^ Dr | | | | | 201803091500 | | F NTE|1||For monitoring known diabetic patients, please follow NICE guidelines. If not a known diabetic and the patient is asymptomatic, a second confirmatory sample is required within 2 weeks (WEDS Guidance). HbAlc is unreliable for diagnostic and monitoring purposes in the context of several conditions, including some haemoglobinopathies, abnormal haemoglobin levels, chronic renal failure, recent transfusion, pregnancy, or alcoholism. OBX|1|NM|B3553^HbA1c (IFCC traceable)||49|mmo1/mo1|<48|H|||C|||201803091500 OBR|2||914694928301|B0001^Full blood count|||201803091500|||^ABM: Sian Jones||||201803091500|^^Dr Jones Indiana | ^ Jones ^ Indiana ^ ^ Dr | | | | | 201803091500 | | F TQ1|||||201803091400|201803091500|S^^^^^^Urgent OBX|1|NM|B0300^White blood cell (WBC) count||3.5|x10\S\9/L|4.0-11.0|L|||F|||201803091500 OBX|2|SN|B0307⁺Haemoglobin (Hb)||<¹⁴⁹|g/L|130-180|H|||F||201803091500 OBX|3|NM|B0314^Platelet (PLT) count||500|x10\S\9/L|150-400|H|||F||201803091500 OBX|4|NM|B0306^Red blood cell (RBC) count||6.00|x10\S\12/L|4.50-6.00|N|||F|||201803091500 OEX|6|CE|B0309^Mean cell volume (MCV)||NA^Not assayed^ACME|fL|80-100|N|||F|||201803091500 SPM|1|^9146949283||BLOO^Blood^ACME|||||||||||201803091400|201803091500 OBR|3||287018^7A4BV|CATH^Cardiac Catheter Report^L||20181109123851|||||||||||||||20181109124818|||R||1^^20181109123851 OBX|1|ED|CATH^Cardiac Catheter Report^L|1|255^AP^pdf^Base64^JVBERi0xLjQKJcOkw7zDtsOfCjIqMCBvYmoKPDw...EyNDk0IDAwMDAwIG4qCnRyYWlsZXIKPDwvU216ZS||||||F OBX|2|ED|CATH^Cardiac Catheter Report^L|1|255^AP^pdf^Base64^AxNi9Sb290IDE0IDAqUqovSW5mbyAxNSAwIFIKL01EIFsqPE...KPj4Kc3RhcnR4cmVmCjEyNzq3CiUlRU9GCq==|||||||F OBR|4||A28701^7A4BV|Appointment^AppointmentLetter^L^||20181109123851||||||||||||20181109124818|||R||1^^20181109123851 OBX|1|ED|Appointment^Appointment Letter^L||251^AP^pdf^Base64^JVBERi0xLjQKJcOkw7zDtsOfCjIqMCBvYm...VmCjEyNzq3CiUlRU9GCq==||||||F OBR|5||190000041:27491|MOLT^MOL TEST NAME^L^MOLT^MOL TEST NAME^L^NA|||20190514102000+0200|||ACME|0|||20190514102000+0200||1234567^JONES^INDIANA^^^DR^^^GMC^^^^DN||||||20190514102417+0200||DMOL|F||^^^^^R|||| ACME&USER&SUPER||ACME|||||||||||||||190000041^MOL^L OBX|1|TX|INTER^INTERPRETATION^L^^^NA|MOLT|rwtu||||||F||20190514102417+0200||ACME||20190514102417+0200|||^^^^^^MyLAB NTE|1|L|Interpreted by: ACME Super User, Signed on 05/14/2019 at 10:24|RE^Remark^HL70364^ELSG^^L^2.5.1^NA OBX/2/TX/RESTE^Reason for testing^L^^^NA/MOLT/erw/////F//20190514102417+0200//ACME//20190514102417+0200////^^AMyLAB OBX|3|TX|TMETH^Test Methodology^L^^^^NA|MOLT|sfjg||||||F||20190514102417+0200||ACME||20190514102417+0200||||^^^^^MyLAB OBX|4|TX|RESUM^Result summary^L^^^NA|MOLT|tyityu|||||F||20190514102417+0200||ACME||20190514102417+0200|||^^^^^^MyLAB OBX|5|TX|PATPH^Patient phenotype^L^^^NA|MOLT|ghfjg||||||F||20190514102417+0200||ACME||20190514102417+0200||||^^^^^MyLAB OBX|6|TX|FOLL^Follow-up^L^^^NA|MOLT|yue|||||F||20190514102417+0200||ACME||20190514102417+0200|||^^^^^MyLAB OBX/7/TX/MDS^Multi-disciplinary summary^L^^^NA/MOLT/tyu/////F//20190514102417+0200//ACME//20190514102417+0200////^^^AMyLAB OBX|8|TX|RESLT^Result^L^^^NA|MOLT|dhihd|||||F||20190514102417+0200||ACME||20190514102417+0200|||^^^^^MyLAB OBX|9|ST|GRFALN1^AlphaNumeric Generic Result Field 1^L^^^NA|MOLT|234dfsqsq||||||F|||20190514102335+0200||ACME|||20190514102417+0200||||^^^^^^MyLAB OBX|10|ED|MOLT^MOL TEST NAME^L^^^NA||MOL^IM^PDF^Base64^JVBERi0xLjMKJeLjz9MKMiAwIG9iago8PC...||||||F|||20190514102335+0200||ACME|||20190514102417+0200||||^^^^^^MyLAB OBX|11|RP|MOLT^MOL TEST NAME^L^^^NA||http://documents.example.com/document123.pdf||||||F||20190514102335+0200||ACME||20190514102417+0200||||^^^^^^MyLAB

MSH|^~\&|ACMELab^2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.5.999^ISO|CAV^7A4BV^L|cymru.nhs.uk^2.16.840.1.113883.2.1.8.1.5.200^ISO|NHSWales^RQFW3^L|20190514102527+02

00||ORU^R01^ORU R01|5051095-201905141025|T|2.5.1|||AL