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Summary	This supplementary specification provides the detailed requirements for handling Returning Patient record transfers.
	The document defines clear rules for A-B-A processing for both Sending systems and Requesting/Receiving systems within the transfer process. It details how amendments, additions and deletions are handled as the record is passed from system to system.
Justification	Without the implementation of these requirements, a significant proportion (~10%) of electronic patient records transferred using GP2GP will not be allowed to be integrated. This is because the technical and clinical safety issues associated with integrating records demand unique identifiers to match elements of the original and returning health care record. This solution is step 2 of 4 towards the gold standard regenerative change solution.
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Glossary of Terms:

The table below contains new terms introduced in this document.

Term	Acronym	Definition
	A-B-A	Indicates that the patient is returning to a practice where they have a previous medical record. This could include A-B-C-D-A, A-B-C-D-B, etc
Globally Unique Identifier	GUID	A globally unique number assigned by a system as an identifier for a data item (e.g. EHRComposition, EHRStatement) held in the system.
Human Generated Change	HGC	Change generated by a user through a user interface (see also MGC).
Machine Generated Change	MGC	Change generated by a computer system (not a user) when processing a record.
Original GUID	-	Used to mean the first GUID identifier assigned to a newly created EHRComposition or EHRStatement either upon creation or when it is first placed into an EHR Extract.

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Term	Acronym	Definition
ReplacementOf GUID	-	A logical GUID attribute of a StatementRef or CompositionRef identified within the ReplacementOf component within the message which is used to identify the Original GUID of the EHRComposition or EHRStatement that has undergone a HGC.

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1. Introduction

A stepwise approach to delivering a "gold standard" Returning Patient solution was endorsed by the Joint GP IT Committee and the GP2GP Programme Board during 2013. This is in response to the difficulties identified (in supplier workshops during 2010/11) in delivering the proposed gold standard regenerative approach at this time.

1.1. Stepwise approach

The stepwise approach can be summarised as:

- 1) Re-activate the patient's existing record on re-registration and the incoming EHR Extract must not be integrated. It may only be "filed as an attachment".
- 2) Choose one of the records by either:
 - a. Integrating the incoming EHR Extract and suppressing the patient's existing record (default), or
 - b. Reactivating the patient's existing record, storing and suppressing the incoming EHR Extract.
- 3) Mandate integration (option 2a) to maximise unbroken chains of transfers.
- 4) Merge existing record and incoming EHR Extract tracking all changes, handling any broken chain heuristics for paper transfers.

Step 1 is the status of GP2GP in R1.1a live estate in England. This specification addresses the requirements for steps 2a and 2b. Step 3 will be taken based on utilisation figures at some point in the future. Step 4 will be addressed when regenerative change can be supported and the risk of broken chains of transfers has significantly reduced. There are a number of requirements included in this document to support step 4 which is generally referred to as the "gold standard" Returning Patient solution.

2. System Requirements for Step 2

The following requirements are specific to implementing step 2 of the stepwise approach.

2.1. Handling the Received EHR Extract

The following requirements apply to handling the received EHR Extract on a R2.2b or later compliant system at the point it is presented to a user for processing. These are in addition to other requirements stated elsewhere in the R2.2 specification.

Req ID	Requirement Text	
AB01	On receipt of the EHR Extract, the Requesting system <i>shall</i> check if the patient is a Returning Patient and therefore in a Returning Patient scenario.	
	If a Returning Patient scenario, the following requirements apply.	
AB02	The Requesting system <i>shall</i> provide the user with the ability to view both the received EHR Extract and any of the patient's previous records including ones that have been archived or suppressed.	
AB02.1	The Requesting system should provide the user with the ability to compare the received EHR Extract and any of the patient's previous records including ones that have been archived or suppressed.	
AB02.2	The Requesting system <i>shall</i> provide the user with the ability to copy content added to the returning patient's record since the record last left the practice. The Requesting system <i>must</i> only permit copying from the patient's suppressed record to the patient's active current record where the user has chosen to Store and suppress the received EHR Extract and reactivate the patient's previous record as described in AB03.1 option 1.	
	This facility shall be available indefinitely after integration or suppression of the incoming EHR Extract.	
	Note that the supplier <i>must</i> implement this in cooperation with the Authority's GP2GP interoperability team.	
AB02.3	The Requesting system <i>shall</i> , when copying content added to a returning patient's record since the patient's record last left the practice, copy additions to the patient's record based on comparing date of the addition with date of the record leaving the practice.	
AB02.4	The Requesting system <i>may</i> , when copying content added to a returning patient's record since the patient's record last left the practice, copy modifications to the patient's record based on replacement semantics described in GS01 to GS16. This <i>must</i> only be possible where the EHR Extract ID of the received EHR Extract matches the EHR Extract ID of the EHR Extract originally sent then the patient left the practice.	

Req ID	Requirement Text
AB03	The Requesting system <i>shall</i> provide the user with the options to: 1) Reject the received EHR Extract because it is for the wrong patient or is the wrong record – Response code 17 2) Integrate the received EHR Extract 3) Defer until a later time If option 1 is selected, the Requesting system <i>shall</i> send an Application Acknowledgement containing the response code for option 1. For the avoidance of doubt, the Requesting system <i>shall not</i> provide any other options to the user.
AB03.1	If the user selected to integrate in AB03 (option 2), the Requesting system <i>shall</i> provide the user with further options to: 1) Store and suppress the received EHR Extract and reactivate the patient's previous record – Response code 15 2) Integrate the received EHR Extract and suppress the patient's previous record – Successful GP2GP transfer outcome. 3) Defer until a later time If option 1 is selected, the Requesting system <i>shall</i> send an Application Acknowledgement containing the response code for option 1. If option 2 is selected, the Requesting system <i>shall</i> send an Application Acknowledgement without a response code. For the avoidance of doubt, the Requesting system <i>shall not</i> provide any other options to the user.
AB04	If the Requesting system fails to complete the user's chosen option in AB03/AB03.1, it shall send an Application Acknowledgement containing response code 11.
AB04.1	The Requesting system should automatically log the issue and notify the supplier.
AB04.2	The Requesting system <i>shall</i> inform the user of the issue and what they <i>should</i> do to resolve it. This shall be either: - If AB04.1 has been provided, inform the user of this If AB04.2 has not been provided, inform the user to contact the supplier with their contact details and appropriate information to identify the fault and transfer.

3. System Requirements to support Step 4

The following requirements apply to support a future Step 4 of the stepwise approach to the Returning Patient solution. This is known as the "gold standard" solution.

3.1. Handling the Received EHR Extract

The following requirements apply to handling the received EHR Extract on a R2.2b or later compliant system at the point it is presented to a user for processing. These are in addition to other requirements stated elsewhere in the R2.2 specification.

Req ID	Requirement Text
AB05	The Requesting system shall store the ID of the EHR Extract for future use in the "gold standard" regenerative change Returning Patient solution.
	See the GP2GP R2.2 Requirements Specification S44, S45
AB06	The Requesting system <i>shall</i> store the ID and ReplacementOf ID of each statement in the EHR Extract for future use in the "gold standard" regenerative change Returning Patient solution. See the GP2GP R2.2 Requirements Specification S93

3.2. Tracking Changes and Generating the EHR Extract

The following requirements apply to generating the EHR Extract for a R2.2b or later system and are in addition to other requirements stated elsewhere.

Req ID	Requirement Text
GS01	All requirements in this section shall only apply to patient records that have previously been the subject of a GP2GP Transfer, i.e. the record originated from an EHR Extract that was integrated into the patient's record previously.
GS02	A data item imported into the system with an existing 'ReplacementOf' GUID shall not have that GUID changed or deleted, i.e. it shall be perpetuated throughout the existence of that data item.
GS03	An EHR Extract imported into the system <i>shall</i> have its ID preserved (under requirement AB05) and any future export of a new EHR Extract <i>shall</i> re-use this ID.
	If an Extract ID doesn't already exist, the Sending system shall generate a new GUID, store it and populate the Extract ID of the EHR Extract message with it.

Req ID	Requirement Text
GS04	A new data item added to a record shall either have a GUID assigned to it on creation or when a subsequent EHR Extract is created. It shall not have the 'ReplacementOf' GUID populated at any time.
	If a GUID is added when the item is created and has never been included in an Extract since that time, there is no need to change it if the item is changed or deleted.
GS05	If an existing data item is changed as a result of a Human Generated Change (HGC), one or more times, the system shall ensure that when the data item is included in a subsequent EHR Extract that:
	 The 'ReplacementOf' GUID contains the GUID the item had when it was originally imported from the previous received EHR Extract (stored under requirement AB06) unless a ReplacementOf GUID is already present, and The 'GUID' field contains a new GUID assigned by the system. Note that it is not necessary to keep assigning or changing GUIDs if multiple changes are made to the item – it is only necessary to have a single new GUID generated when the data item is included in the next EHR Extract, and The data item's attributes in the EHR Extract are the current values and that previous values (before a change was made) are not included.
GS06	If an existing data item is changed as a result of a Machine Generated Change (MGC) the system shall not change the GUID and shall not change the ReplacementOf GUID.
GS07	The GP system shall utilise the DCE GUID format only for the generation of GUIDs
GS08	If any part of an EhrComposition is edited by the end user (HGC) the system shall allocate a new GUID to the Composition and, if there is no ReplacementOf element, copy the original GUID to a new ReplacementOf element.
GS09	If any part of an EhrStatement is changed or deleted the parent EhrComposition <i>shall</i> also be marked as changed, i.e. given a new GUID and, if there is no ReplacementOf element, copy the original GUID to a new ReplacementOf element.
	Where nested CompoundStatements are present it is not necessary to update each ancestor CompoundStatement – it is only necessary to update the parent EhrComposition.
GS10	If an EhrStatement is deleted it shall be replaced by an EhrEmpty statement type with a new GUID and its ReplacementOf value being that of the original EhrStatement that was deleted.
	Note that if a CompoundStatement is deleted all child EhrStatements shall also be regarded as deleted. Note also that it is not possible to nest EhrEmpty components.

Req ID	Requirement Text
GS11	If an EhrComposition is deleted on the system each of its child EhrStatements <i>shall</i> be individually marked as deleted (using the EhrEmpty statement) and the statusCode of the EhrComposition <i>shall</i> be set to 'NULLIFIED'.

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GS14	If the subject of a Link Set is deleted (e.g. a problem is deleted) the EhrEmpty statement shall be used to convey the deletion.	
GS15	If a member of a Link Set is deleted:	
	 the member element (e.g. EhrStatement) shall be marked as deleted in the usual way (i.e. EhrEmpty used on any subsequent extract) and the ID of the removed item shall be removed from the set and the LinkSet statement processed as an edit (i.e. new GUID and if blank, ReplacementIOf GUID Set) 	
GS16	If a link is deleted but the member element has not been deleted, the LinkSet Statement shall be updated as an edit.	