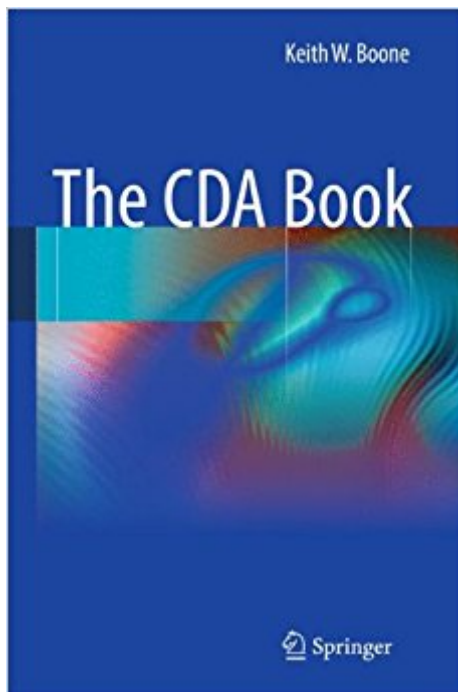


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# The CDA TM Book



## Synopsis

The CDA book provides clear and easy to use guidance to implement the standard, with numerous examples covering many of the nuances of the standard. Readers can learn not only how to implement healthcare IT using the CDA standard, but to "speak" in the language of the standard, and to understand its idioms.

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Clinical documentation is used throughout healthcare to describe care provided to a patient, communicate essential information between healthcare providers and maintain medical records. The CDA Book describes the HL7 Clinical Document Architecture Release 2.0 standard, a standard format for clinical documentation. It is thus intended for Healthcare Informaticists and IT developers, analysts and architects developing Healthcare applications working with all types of clinical documents. "The Clinical Document Architecture (CDA) is a common container for assembly of structured and unstructured information that does not require creating numerous standards for individual document types. What has been missing to date is the educational materials to make CDA accessible to everyone. This book contains the documentation, samples, and guidance needed to successfully implement CDA in real world applications. It will accelerate adoption of CDA as a means to exchange structured data elements that not only capture the thought process of the encounter for care coordination but also can be stored as individual data elements for population health, research, and decision support." John D. Halamka MD, Chief Information Officer at Harvard Medical School

Keith W. Boone has been involved in the development of Health Level 7 standards including the HL7 Clinical Document Architecture since 2004. He co-chaired the HL7 Structured Documents working group from 2007 to 2010, which is the home of CDA in Health Level 7 International. He is presently a member at large of the HL7 Board. Keith also co-chairs the Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) Patient Care Coordination (PCC) planning committee which develops CDA Implementation Guides (which IHE calls profiles) for use internationally. He co-chaired the technical committee of that group from 2006 to 2009. He also co-chaired the ANSI/HITSP Care Management and Health Records (CMHR) domain technical committee which developed the ANSI/HITSP C32 Summary Documents using CCD and the ANSI/HITSP C83 CDA Document Content Module specifications, and the Data Architecture tiger team which developed the ANSI/HITSP C152 Data Dictionary specification. He also participates in other standards organizations, including the US Technical Advisory Group to ISO TC-215, ASTM and Continua. Mr. Boone is a Standards Architect for GE Healthcare, where he is currently employed, and represents GE Healthcare to numerous standard organizations. He was introduced to IHE profiles and HL7 standards while working as a Chief Engineer at Dictaphone Corporation where he took on the role of leading that organization's efforts in standards. Before he developed an interest in the HL7 Clinical Document Architecture, Keith was a Software Architect for eBusiness Technologies, an XML technology company. There he was introduced to standards development, and worked alongside many of the co-chairs and developers of the XML specifications, including XML, XML Namespaces, XSLT, and XPath.

As I was first looking to learn about CDA, I quickly saw that the resources were limited to help me learn. So I picked up a copy of this book and found it quite helpful. Keith Boone is a well-respected expert in this space... he's an active part of creating and evolving HL7 and related standards, active on many forums and projects related to CDA, runs a very respected blog on healthcare interoperability topics, etc. So, a book from Keith is about as "authoritative" as it gets - and it's very nice that he was able to take the time to produce this book for the (growing) CDA implementer community. The book itself is good, but not great. Tends more towards "reference" than "tutorial". Could use a lot more examples (this is true of everything "out there" on CDA and C-CDA today, in my view) and practical guidance. As other reviewers have noted, there are a lot of typos (and/or grammatical issues) that a good several hour proof-reading session by an editor would have caught. I counted over 50 such issues. Few are substantive, just a minor annoyance as you read (depends how sensitive you are to

that stuff - I am more sensitive than most). Keith maintains an "errata" area for the book on his blog, but it's minimal relative to the actual number of issues I found. I think the main issue in covering CDA in book format is that the world of CDA is continually evolving. Today, the primary implementation guide derived from CDA (and required for Meaningful Use 2014 Edition) is Consolidated CDA (C-CDA) which is not explicitly addressed in this book. CDA R3 is also on the horizon (some references to it in the book). So, for this book to sustain value, it will need to be updated regularly. Bottom line - I think this book is a very much a "should have" for someone new to CDA who wants to get deeply into it and/or as an on-the-shelf reference for those working with CDA and looking for some "additional authoritative color" beyond the spec itself. A new edition that corrects the typos, adds examples and more "practical tutorial", and adds material for C-CDA would get "five stars" from me...

I found useful information on the first page I turned to. There are some minor typos, but those don't interfere with the information transfer. I have spent many long hours studying the CDA schema, and developing CCD/CDA messages over the last 5 years. This book puts it all into an organized context that works for me, and fills in some gaps that I had not bumped into before. I recommend it highly for anyone working on Meaningful Use / Clinical Decision Support.

If you follow Keith Boone's blogs and writings you know that he is one of the authorities in Healthcare interoperability. The book dives deep into the structure of CDA and provides very good background information to help both beginner and seasoned readers. You will still need the CDA specifications if you are planning to implement the architecture. Overall I give the book very good rating and recommend it to those that are interested in CDA and healthcare interoperability. Jeff Brandt[...]

Well, first I must say that the book is full of excellent information. If you want to use CDA, this is a great book for that. However, there are tons of typos and misspellings, it's as if it was never proofread. Sometimes it's kind of distracting (small annoyance style), other times it can be hard to understand what the author means. I can look past it though and give a good review based on CDA-related content.

Great book. I think more detailed examples to illustrate the various concepts introduced in this book would have been very helpful for me to easily grasp these concepts. Overall this is a great book to

have.

Recommended. Good exposition from expert in the field.

Required reading for the serious C-CDA developer.

Wish it was longer!

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