

# FHIR R5

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## Common Questions

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# Where is the spec?

<http://hl7.org/fhir/>



So R5 is now the “current” spec

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# What changed?

## Check out


<http://hl7.org/fhir>

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## 2.1.12 Differences from Release 4

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This is an automatically generated list of all the structural differences between FHIR R4 and this version. The following possible changes are checked when preparing this list (and others throughout the specification):

- Addition or deletion of elements, or name change to elements
- Changes to minimum and maximum cardinality
- Changes to allowed types
- Changes to bindings for Extensible/Required bindings, and changes to codes if it's a required binding on a code

# What is enhanced?

Credit: Richard Kavanagh published this in LinkedIn and we loved it!

<https://tinyurl.com/rkfhir>

This release is mostly about maturation of existing resources, correction of technical issues, and modest expansion

	R5	R4	R3	R2		R5	R4	R3	R2		R5	R4	R3	R2
1 Account	2	2	2		53 EnrollmentRequest	0	0	0	0	106 OperationOutcome	N	N	5	2
2 ActivityDefinition	4	2	2		54 EnrollmentResponse	0	0	0	0	107 Organization	5	3	3	1
3 ActorDefinition	1				55 EpisodeOfCare	2	2	2	1	108 OrganizationAffiliation	1	0		
4 AdministrableProductDefinition	2				56 EventDefinition	0	0			109 PackagedProductDefinition	2			
5 AdverseEvent	2	0	0		57 Evidence	1	0			110 Parameters	N	N	5	1
6 AllergyIntolerance	3	3	3	1	58 EvidenceReport	0				111 Patient	N	N	5	3
7 Appointment	3	3	3	1	59 EvidenceVariable	1	0			112 PaymentNotice	4	2	2	0
8 AppointmentResponse	3	3	3	1	60 ExampleScenario	1	0			113 PaymentReconciliation	4	2	2	0
9 ArtifactAssessment	1				61 ExplanationOfBenefit	2	2	2	0	114 Permission	0			
10 AuditEvent	4	3	3	2	62 FamilyMemberHistory	2	2	2	1	115 Person	4	2	2	1
11 Basic	3	1	1	1	63 Flag	1	1	1	1	116 PlanDefinition	4	2	2	
12 Binary	N	N	5	1	64 FormularyItem	0				117 Practitioner	5	3	3	1
13 BiologicallyDerivedProduct	2	0			65 GenomicStudy	0				118 PractitionerRole	4	2	2	
14 BiologicallyDerivedProductDispense	0				66 Goal	2	2	2	1	119 Procedure	4	3	3	1
15 BodyStructure	1	1			67 GraphDefinition	2	1	0		120 Provenance	4	3	3	1
16 Bundle	N	N	5	2	68 Group	3	1	1	1	121 Questionnaire	5	3	3	2
17 CapabilityStatement	N	N	5		69 GuidanceResponse	2	2	2		122 QuestionnaireResponse	5	3	3	2
18 CarePlan	2	2	2	1	70 HealthcareService	4	2	2	1	123 RegulatedAuthorization	2			
19 CareTeam	2	2	2		71 ImagingSelection	1				124 RelatedPerson	5	2	2	1
20 ChargeItem	1	0	0		72 ImagingStudy	4	3	3	2	125 RequestOrchestration	4			
21 ChargeItemDefinition	1	0			73 Immunization	5	3	3	1	126 Requirements	1			
22 Citation	1				74 ImmunizationEvaluation	1	0			127 ResearchStudy	0	1	0	
23 Claim	2	2	2	0	75 ImmunizationRecommendation	1	1	1	1	128 ResearchSubject	0	1	0	
24 ClaimResponse	2	2	2	0	76 ImplementationGuide	4	1	1	0	129 RiskAssessment	2	1	1	0
25 ClinicalImpression	1	0	0	0	77 Ingredient	2				130 Schedule	3	3	3	1
26 ClinicalUseDefinition	2				78 InsurancePlan	0	0			131 SearchParameter	5	3	3	1
27 CodeSystem	N	N	5		79 InventoryItem	0				132 ServiceRequest	4	2		
28 Communication	2	2	2	1	80 InventoryReport	0				133 Slot	3	3	3	1
29 CommunicationRequest	2	2	2	1	81 Invoice	0	0			134 Specimen	2	2	2	1
30 CompartmentDefinition	3	1	1		82 Library	4	2	2		135 SpecimenDefinition	1	0		
31 Composition	4	2	2	2	83 Linkage	0	0	0		136 StructureDefinition	N	N	5	2
32 ConceptMap	3	3	3	2	84 List	4	1	1	1	137 StructureMap	4	2	2	
33 Condition	5	3	3	2	85 Location	5	3	3	1	138 Subscription	3	3	3	1
34 ConditionDefinition	0				86 ManufacturedItemDefinition	2				139 SubscriptionStatus	2			
35 Consent	2	2	1		87 Measure	4	2	2		140 SubscriptionTopic	2			
36 Contract	1	1	1	0	88 MeasureReport	4	2	2		141 Substance	2	2	2	1
37 Coverage	4	2	2	0	89 Medication	4	3	3	1	142 SubstanceDefinition	1			
38 CoverageEligibilityRequest	4	2			90 MedicationAdministration	2	2	2	1	143 SubstanceNucleicAcid	0			
39 CoverageEligibilityResponse	4	2			91 MedicationDispense	2	2	2	1	144 SubstancePolymer	0	0		
40 DetectedIssue	2	1	1	1	92 MedicationKnowledge	1	0			145 SubstanceProtein	0	0		
41 Device	2	2	2	1	93 MedicationRequest	4	3	3		146 SubstanceReferenceInformation	0	0		
42 DeviceAssociation	0				94 MedicationStatement	4	3	3	1	147 SubstanceSourceMaterial	0	0		
43 DeviceDefinition	1	0			95 MedicinalProductDefinition	3				148 SupplyDelivery	1	1	1	0
44 DeviceDispense	0				96 MessageDefinition	1	1	0		149 SupplyRequest	1	1	1	0
45 DeviceMetric	1	1	1	1	97 MessageHeader	4	4	3	2	150 Task	3	2	2	
46 DeviceRequest	1	1	0		98 MolecularSequence	1	1			151 TerminologyCapabilities	1	0		
47 DeviceUsage	1				99 NamingSystem	4	1	1	1	152 TestPlan	0			
48 DiagnosticReport	3	3	3	3	100 NutritionIntake	1				153 TestReport	1	0	0	
49 DocumentReference	4	3	3	2	101 NutritionOrder	2	2	2	1	154 TestScript	4	2	2	0
50 Encounter	4	2	2	1	102 NutritionProduct	1				155 Transport	1			
51 EncounterHistory	0				103 Observation	N	N	5	3	156 ValueSet	N	N	5	3
52 Endpoint	2	2	2		104 ObservationDefinition	1	0			157 VerificationResult	1	0		
					105 OperationDefinition	N	N	4	1	158 VisionPrescription	3	2	1	0

# What is new?

## New Resources

New Resources	Domain
<a href="#">MedicinalProductDefinition</a>	Biomedical Research and Regulation
<a href="#">SubstanceDefinition</a>	Biomedical Research and Regulation
<a href="#">SubstancePolymer</a>	Biomedical Research and Regulation
<a href="#">SubstanceProtein</a>	Biomedical Research and Regulation
<a href="#">SubstanceReferenceInformation</a>	Biomedical Research and Regulation
<a href="#">SubstanceSourceMaterial</a>	Biomedical Research and Regulation
<a href="#">ArtifactAssessment</a>	Clinical Decision Support
<a href="#">EvidenceReport</a>	Clinical Decision Support
<a href="#">GenomicStudy</a>	Clinical Genomics
<a href="#">Citation</a>	Clinical Reasoning
<a href="#">ConditionDefinition</a>	Clinical Reasoning
<a href="#">ActorDefinition</a>	Infrastructure
<a href="#">MetadataResource</a>	Infrastructure
<a href="#">Requirements</a>	Infrastructure
<a href="#">SubscriptionStatus</a>	Infrastructure
<a href="#">Ingredient</a>	Medication Definition
<a href="#">BiologicallyDerivedProductDispense</a>	Orders And Observations
<a href="#">DeviceDispense</a>	Orders And Observations
<a href="#">InventoryReport</a>	Orders And Observations
<a href="#">NutritionProduct</a>	Orders And Observations
<a href="#">Transport</a>	Orders And Observations
<a href="#">EncounterHistory</a>	Patient Administration
<a href="#">Permission</a>	Security

## New Sections

Check out the Exchange section in documentation for a discussion and flowchart on how to combine and transport resources

## Subscriptions

Preadopted in R4B

New Resources and improved exchange paradigm

# How to transform from R4 to R5

Check out the diff page.

There are also computable transforms available.

The mapping uses the FHIR Mapping Language

# What if I need to start a new project?

Tricky question.

At least **know the changes**, in case you need to update your product for a new standard (R5 or beyond) in the future