



**Patient Demographics Consumer  
Architecture & API Documentation  
Version 0.0.1**

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# 1. Introduction

The Eclipse Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation formed to advance the creation, evolution, promotion, and support of the Eclipse Platform and to cultivate both an open source community and an ecosystem of complementary products, capabilities, and services. Eclipse is an open source community whose projects are focused on providing an extensible development platform and application frameworks for building software.

☞ [www.eclipse.org](http://www.eclipse.org)

The Eclipse Open Healthcare Framework (EOHF) is a project within Eclipse formed for the purpose of expediting healthcare informatics technology. The project is composed of extensible frameworks and tools which emphasize the use of existing and emerging standards in order to encourage interoperable open source infrastructure, thereby lowering integration barriers.

☞ [www.eclipse.org/ohf](http://www.eclipse.org/ohf)

The Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) is an initiative by healthcare professionals and industry to improve the way computer systems in healthcare share information. IHE promotes the coordinated use of established standards such as DICOM and HL7 to address specific clinical needs in support of optimal patient care. Systems developed in accordance with IHE communicate with one another better, are easier to implement, and enable care providers to use information more effectively.

☞ [www.ihe.net](http://www.ihe.net)

The IHE Technical Frameworks are a resource for users, developers and implementers of healthcare imaging and information systems. They define specific implementations of established standards to achieve effective systems integration, facilitate appropriate sharing of medical information and support optimal patient care. They are expanded annually, after a period of public review, and maintained regularly by the IHE Technical Committees through the identification and correction of errata.

☞ [http://www.ihe.net/Technical\\_Framework/index.cfm](http://www.ihe.net/Technical_Framework/index.cfm)

This documentation addresses the alpha release of the Eclipse OHF plugin implementation of the IHE ITI Technical Framework actor Patient Demographics Consumer for the implementation of the ITI-21 Patient Demographics Query Transaction.



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## 2. Getting Started

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### 2.1 Platform Requirements

Verify that the following platform requirements are installed on your workstation, and if not follow the links provided to download and install.

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|--|---|
| Eclipse SDK 3.2                            | <a href="http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/">http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/</a>                           |
| Java JDK 5.0                               | <a href="http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index.jsp">http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index.jsp</a> |
| <Extend this list as your plugin requires> |   |

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### 2.2 Source Files

Information on how to access the Eclipse CVS technology repository is found on the eclipse wiki:

[http://wiki.eclipse.org/index.php/CVS\\_Howto](http://wiki.eclipse.org/index.php/CVS_Howto)

Download from [dev.eclipse.org/technology/org.eclipse.ohf/plugins](http://dev.eclipse.org/technology/org.eclipse.ohf/plugins)

- org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.common.hl7v2.client
- org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer

For details regarding plugin contents, see the README.txt located in the resources/doc folder of each plugin.

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### 2.3 Dependencies

The Patient Demographics Consumer has dependencies on both other OHF plugins and external sources.

#### 2.3.1 Other OHF Plugins

Patient Demographics Consumer plugins are dependent on additional org.eclipse.ohf project plugins. You also need to check-out the following:

- |                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| • org.eclipse.ohf.hl7v2.core       | HL7v2 message object plugins and dependencies     |
| • org.eclipse.ohf.utilities        |   |
| • org.apache.axis                  |   |
| • org.xmlpull.v1                   |   |
| • org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.common.mllp  | Minimum Lower Level Protocol                      |
| • org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.atna.audit   | Auditing for messages sent and responses received |
| • org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.common.hl7v2 | HL7v2 segment, field definitions (temporary)      |
| • org.apache.log4j                 | Debug, warning, and error logging                 |

#### 2.3.2 External Sources

The HL7v2 plugins currently requires a licensed copy of the HL7 access database for the purpose of message object creation and verification. The .mdb file must be placed in the client plugin resources folder under the conf folder.



org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.common.hl7v2.client > resources > conf > hl7\_58.mdb

If you have not yet obtained a copy, refer to <http://www.hl7.org>.

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## 2.4 Resources

The following resources are recommended.

### ***2.4.1 IHE ITI Technical Framework***

Nine IHE IT Infrastructure Integration Profiles are specified as Final Text in the Version 2.0 ITI Technical Framework: Cross-Enterprise Document Sharing (XDS), Patient Identifier Cross-Referencing (PIX), Patient Demographics Query (PDQ), Audit trail and Node Authentication (ATNA), Consistent Time (CT), Enterprise User Authentication (EUA), Retrieve Information for Display (RID), Patient Synchronized Applications (PSA), and Personnel White Pages (PWP).

The IHE ITI Technical Framework can be found on the following website:

[http://www.ihe.net/Technical\\_Framework/index.cfm#IT](http://www.ihe.net/Technical_Framework/index.cfm#IT).

### ***2.4.2 HL7 Standard 2.5***

The Patient Demographics Consumer references standards HL7 version 2.5.

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

### ***2.4.3 Newsgroup***

Any unanswered technical questions may be posted to Eclipse OHF newsgroup. The newsgroup is located at <news://news.eclipse.org/eclipse.technology.ohf>.

You can request a password at: <http://www.eclipse.org/newsgroups/main.html>.



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## 3. API Documentation

The Patient Demographics Consumer client supports three formats for input. The client will accept:

- a raw HL7 message
- an HL7v2 message object
- an ITI-21 Patient Demographics Query message supporting the manual construction of:

QBP^Q22 Patient Demographics Query

Examples for the three types of inputs are found in the org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer plugin.

```
org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer > src_tests > org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer.tests > HL7PdqQuery.java
org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer > src_tests > org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer.tests > MSGPdqQuery.java
org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer > src_tests > org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer.tests > OtherPdqQuery.java
```

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### 3.1 Creating a Patient Demographics Consumer Object

#### 3.1.1 Flow of Execution

The steps necessary to create a Patient Demographics Consumer object:

1. Construct ITI-21 Patient Demographics Query

```
try {
    pdqQuery = new PdqConsumer();
} catch (ClientException e) {
    throw new PdqConsumerException(e);
}
```
2. Construct MLLP (minimum lower level protocol) Destination

```
mllp = new MLLPDestination(host, port, beginChars, endChars, buffer_size);
```
3. Associate MLLP to ITI-21 Patient Demographics Query

```
pdqQuery.setMLLPDestination(mllp);
```

#### 3.1.2 API Details

### Constructor Summary

<b>PdqConsumer</b> () Constructs a PDQ Consumer Client object.
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Method Summary	
java.lang.String	<b>getAuditUser ()</b> Get the message audit user.
int	<b>getMaxVerifyEvent ()</b> Maximum error the message verification allows before submission is blocked.
org.eclipse.ohf.hl7v2.core.message.MessageManager	<b>getMessageManager ()</b>
org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.common.mllp.MLLPDestination	<b>getMLLPDestination ()</b> Returns the MLLP destination with TCP settings.
boolean	<b>isDoAudit ()</b> Returns the doAudit boolean flag.
void	<b>setAuditUser (java.lang.String audituser)</b> Set the user to associate with the message.
void	<b>setDoAudit (boolean doAudit)</b> Set the doAudit boolean flag.
void	<b>setMaxVerifyEvent (int maxVerifyEvent)</b> Maximum error the message verification allows before submission is blocked.
void	<b>setMessageManager (MessageManager globalFactory)</b>
void	<b>setMLLPDestination (org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.common.mllp.MLLPDestination MLLP)</b> Set the MLLP destination with TCP settings.

### 3.2 Creating a ITI-21 Patient Demographics Query Message Object

In the case that your source application is neither capable of creating/receiving raw HL7v2 messages nor creating/receiving HL7v2 message objects, you may use this client to create/receive tailored HL7v2 message objects with a friendly interface for setting and reading the field values.

The following HL7 message types are supported:

QBP^Q22 Patient Demographics Query



### 3.2.1 Flow of Execution

The steps necessary to create a tailored HL7v2 message object:

1. Create Patient Demographics Consumer Message Desired  
`PdqConsumerQuery msg = pdqQuery.createQuery("[patientID]");`
2. Change default settings  
`msg.changeDefaultCharacterSet("UNICODE");`
3. Add optional query values  
`msg.addOptionalQuerySex("F");`
4. If method does not already exist, use method `.addOptionalDemographicSearch(field, value)`.  
`msg.addOptionalDemographicSearch("PID-8", "F");`

The example in line 3 and 4 is equivalent. The Patient Demographics Consumer supports querying data from PID and PD1 segments. Information about the fields, components, and sub-components available in these segments is available in the HL7 Version 2.5 Standard document in Chapter 3 Section 3.4 Message Segments.

### 3.2.2 API Details

#### Method Summary – Create Message

<code>PdqConsumerQuery</code>	<b>createQuery</b> ( <code>java.lang.String patient_id</code> ) Constructs a PDQ Consumer Query message object.
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#### Method Summary – Change Default Settings

<code>void</code>	<b>changeDefaultCharacterSet</b> ( <code>java.lang.String charSet</code> ) Character set used to construct this message.
<code>void</code>	<b>changeDefaultControlID</b> ( <code>java.lang.String control_id</code> ) Unique ID used to link the query message to the response message.
<code>void</code>	<b>changeDefaultProcessEnvironment</b> ( <code>java.lang.String environment</code> ) Environment type from which this message originates.
<code>void</code>	<b>changeDefaultQueryTag</b> ( <code>java.lang.String tag</code> ) The initiating system's value to identify the query.
<code>void</code>	<b>changeDefaultReceivingApplication</b> ( <code>java.lang.String receivingApplication</code> ) The unique identifier for the receiving application.
<code>void</code>	<b>changeDefaultReceivingFacility</b> ( <code>java.lang.String</code>





	receivingFacility) The unique identifier for the receiving facility.
void	<b>changeDefaultSendingApplication</b> (java.lang.String sendingApplication) The unique identifier for the sending application.
void	<b>changeDefaultSendingFacility</b> (java.lang.String sendingFacility) The unique identifier for the sending facility.

## Method Summary – Add Optional Fields

void	<b>addOptionalDemographicSearch</b> (java.lang.String segElement, java.lang.String data) Generic demographic search query.
void	<b>addQueryAddressCity</b> (java.lang.String city) PID-11-3 Patient Address - City
void	<b>addQueryAddressCountry</b> (java.lang.String country) PID-11-6 Patient Address - Country
void	<b>addQueryAddressCountyOrParish</b> (java.lang.String countyOrParish) PID-11-9 Patient Address - County or Parish Code
void	<b>addQueryAddressOtherDesignation</b> (java.lang.String address) PID-11-2 Patient Address - Other Designation
void	<b>addQueryAddressStateOrProvince</b> (java.lang.String stateOrProvince) PID-11-4 Patient Address - State or Province
void	<b>addQueryAddressStreet</b> (java.lang.String address) PID-11-1 Patient Address - Street Address
void	<b>addQueryAddressType</b> (java.lang.String type) PID-11-7 Patient Address - Address Type
void	<b>addQueryAddressZipOrPostalCode</b> (java.lang.String zipOrPostalCode) PID-11-5 Patient Address - Zip or Postal Code
void	<b>addQueryDateOfBirth</b> (java.lang.String dob) PID-7 Date/Time of Birth
void	<b>addQueryPatientID</b> (java.lang.String id_number, java.lang.String assigningAuthorityName, java.lang.String universalID,



	<code>java.lang.String universalIDType)</code> PID-3 Patient ID (internal)
<code>void</code>	<code><b>addQueryPatientNameFirst</b>(java.lang.String firstName)</code> PID-5-2 Patient Name - first name
<code>void</code>	<code><b>addQueryPatientNameLast</b>(java.lang.String lastName)</code> PID-5-1 Patient Name - last name
<code>void</code>	<code><b>addQueryPatientNameMiddle</b>(java.lang.String middleName)</code> PID-5-3 Patient Name - middle name
<code>void</code>	<code><b>addQueryPatientNamePrefix</b>(java.lang.String prefix)</code> PID-5-6 Patient Name - prefix
<code>void</code>	<code><b>addQueryPatientNameSuffix</b>(java.lang.String suffix)</code> PID-5-4 Patient Name - suffix
<code>void</code>	<code><b>addQueryPatientNameTitle</b>(java.lang.String title)</code> PID-5-5 Patient Name - title
<code>void</code>	<code><b>addQueryPhoneBusiness</b>(java.lang.String businessPhone)</code> PID-14 Business Phone
<code>void</code>	<code><b>addQueryPhoneHome</b>(java.lang.String homePhone)</code> PID-13 Home Phone
<code>void</code>	<code><b>addQuerySex</b>(java.lang.String sex)</code> PID-8 Administrative Sex

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## 3.3 Sending the ITI-21 Patient Demographics Query Message

### 3.3.1 Flow of Execution

The steps necessary to send the message:

1. Send message  
`response = pdqQuery.sendHL7(msg, verify);`  
`response = ppdQuery.sendMsg(msg, verify);`  
`response = pdqQuery.sendQuery(msg, verify);`

### 3.3.2 API Details



## Method Summary

PdqConsumerResponse	<code>sendQuery(PdqConsumerQuery msg, boolean verify)</code> Process pdqConsumerQuery Object message with optional intermediate verification.
<code>java.lang.String</code>	<code>sendHL7(java.lang.String rawHL7, boolean verify)</code> Processes HL7 messages with optional intermediate verification.
<code>org.eclipse.ohf.hl7v2.core.message.model.Message</code>	<code>sendMsg(org.eclipse.ohf.hl7v2.core.message.model.Message msg, boolean verify)</code> Process Message Object message with optional intermediate verification.

## 3.4 Reading a ITI-21 Patient Demographics Query Response Message

### 3.4.1 Flow of Execution

The steps necessary to create a tailored HL7v2 message object:

1. Read Response

```
response.getResponseAck(true);
response.getQueryStatus(true);
response.getPatientCount();
```

### 3.4.2 API Details

## Method Summary

<code>java.lang.String</code>	<code>getAddressCity(int index)</code> PID-11-3 Patient Address - City
<code>java.lang.String</code>	<code>getAddressCountry(int index)</code> PID-11-6 Patient Address - Country
<code>java.lang.String</code>	<code>getAddressCountyOrParish(int index)</code> PID-11-9 Patient Address - County or Parish Code
<code>java.lang.String</code>	<code>getAddressOtherDesignation(int index)</code> PID-11-2 Patient Address - Other Designation
<code>java.lang.String</code>	<code>getAddressStateOrProvince(int index)</code>



	PID-11-4 Patient Address - State or Province
java.lang.String	<b>getAddressStreet</b> (int index) PID-11-1 Patient Address - Street Address
java.lang.String	<b>getAddressType</b> (int index) PID-11-7 Patient Address - Address Type
java.lang.String	<b>getAddressZipOrPostalCode</b> (int index) PID-11-5 Patient Address - Zip or Postal Code
java.lang.String	<b>getCharacterSet</b> () MSH-18 Character Set
java.lang.String	<b>getContinuousStyle</b> (boolean expandString) DSC-2 Continuation Style
java.lang.String	<b>getControlID</b> () MSA-2 Message Control ID
java.lang.String	<b>getDateOfBirth</b> (int index) PID-7 Date/Time of Birth
java.lang.String	<b>getErrorCode</b> (boolean expandString) ERR-3 HL7 Error Code
java.lang.String	<b>getErrorSeverity</b> (boolean expandString) ERR-4 Error Severity
int	<b>getPatientCount</b> () The number of patients found in the query.
java.lang.String	<b>getPatientIDAssigningAuthority</b> (int index) PID-3 Patient ID (internal) - assigningAuthority
java.lang.String	<b>getPatientIDNumber</b> (int index) PID-3 Patient ID (internal) - id_number
java.lang.String	<b>getPatientIDUniversalID</b> (int index) PID-3 Patient ID (internal) - universal ID
java.lang.String	<b>getPatientIDUniversalIDType</b> (int index) PID-3 Patient ID (internal) - universal ID Type
java.lang.String	<b>getPatientNameFirst</b> (int index) PID-5-2 Patient Name - first name
java.lang.String	<b>getPatientNameLast</b> (int index) PID-5-1 Patient Name - last name
java.lang.String	<b>getPatientNameMiddle</b> (int index) PID-5-3 Patient Name - middle name



java.lang.String	<b>getPatientNamePrefix</b> (int index) PID-5-6 Patient Name - prefix
java.lang.String	<b>getPatientNameSuffix</b> (int index) PID-5-4 Patient Name - suffix
java.lang.String	<b>getPatientNameTitle</b> (int index) PID-5-5 Patient Name - title
java.lang.String	<b>getPhoneBusiness</b> (int index) PID-14 Business Phone
java.lang.String	<b>getPhoneHome</b> (int index) PID-13 Home Phone
java.lang.String	<b>getProcessEnvironment</b> (boolean expandString) MSH-11 Processing ID
java.lang.String	<b>getQueryName</b> () QPD-1 Query Name
java.lang.String	<b>getQueryStatus</b> (boolean expandString) QAK-2 Query Response Status
java.lang.String	<b>getQueryTag</b> () QPD-2 Query Tag
java.lang.String	<b>getReceivingApplication</b> (java.lang.String receivingApplication) MSH-5 Receiving Application
java.lang.String	<b>getReceivingFacility</b> () MSH-6 Receiving Facility
java.lang.String	<b>getResponseAck</b> (boolean expandString) MSA-1 Acknowledgement Code
java.lang.String	<b>getSendingApplication</b> () MSH-3 Sending Application
java.lang.String	<b>getSendingFacility</b> () MSH-4 Sending Facility
java.lang.String	<b>getSex</b> (int index, boolean expandString) PID-8 Administrative Sex





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## 4. Sample Code

For example implementations, see

```
org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer > src_tests > org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer.tests > HL7PdqQuery.java
org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer > src_tests > org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer.tests > MSGPdQuery.java
org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer > src_tests > org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer.tests > OtherPdqQuery.java
```

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### 4.1 Raw HL7

In the happy circumstance that your source application is fully capable of creating/receiving raw HL7v2 messages, you may use this client as a middle-layer to verify, audit, and communicate with the PIX/PDQ server. Server responses are returned to the caller as raw HL7v2 message strings.

For example implementation, see

```
org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer > src_tests > org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer.tests > HL7PdqQuery.java
```

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### 4.2 HL7v2 Message Object

In the happy circumstance that our source application is capable of creating/receiving HL7v2 message objects, you may use this client as a middle-layer to verify, convert to raw HL7, audit, and communicate with the PIX/PDQ server. Server responses are returned to the caller as HL7v2 message objects.

For example implementation, see

```
org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer > src_tests > org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer.tests > MSGPdQuery.java
```

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### 4.3 ITI-21 Patient Demographics Query Message Object

In the case that your source application is neither capable of creating/receiving raw HL7v2 messages nor creating/receiving HL7v2 message objects, you may use this client to create/receive tailored HL7v2 message objects with a friendly interface for setting and reading the field values.

ITI-21 Patient Demographics Query Message Classes

- PdqConsumerQuery

ITI-21 Patient Demographics Query Server Response Class

- PdqConsumerResponse

For example implementation, see

```
org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer > src_tests > org.eclipse.ohf.ihe.pdq.consumer.tests > OtherPdqQuery.java
```