

# FHIM MDA Implementation Modeling Process Guide

Developing Standard-specific  
Implementation Guide for Health IT



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# FHIM Implementation

- Model-driven approach
  - The model is the basis for generating
    - Ballot documentation
    - Software libraries for creating/parsing, validating constraints
    - Reference implementation (i.e.
- Modeling implementation guides based on interoperability use cases
  - One IG model may be used to create multiple Platform-specific IG artifacts
    - NIEM-based IEPD
    - CDA R2 IG

# Implementation Guide Models based on FHIM

**Implementation Guide Model:** containing the use cases for interoperability and a profile model:

## 1. Use Case Package

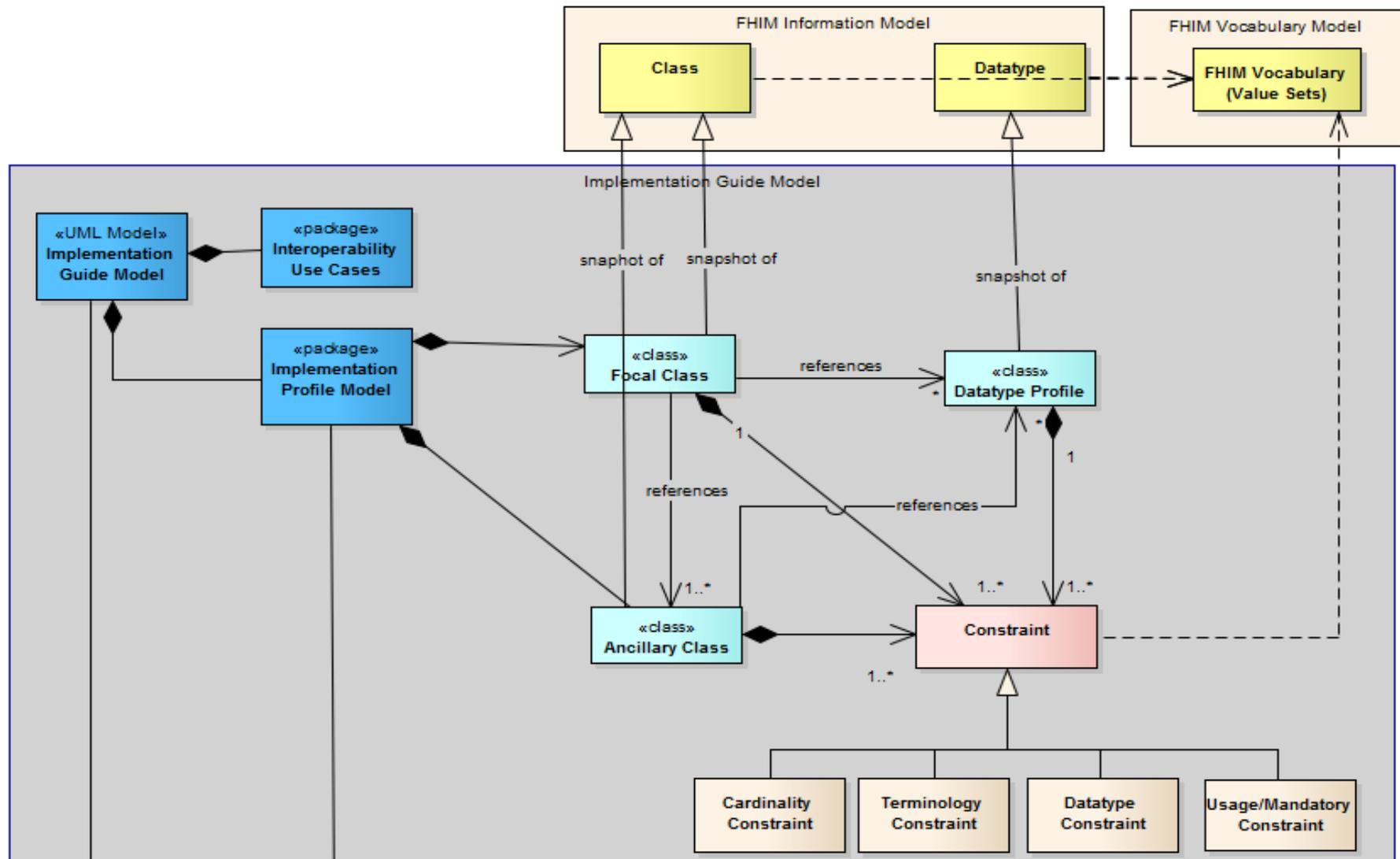
- Interoperability Use case descriptions including pre- and post-conditions for information exchanges.
  - The use case may identify a specific type of business objects that are involved in the exchange (e.g. Patient, Encounter, Sample, Order, and Observation Result).
- Identified human and system actors involved in information exchanges. The systems actors may represent specific types of system. An EHR system may play one or more roles in an interoperability use case

# Implementation Guide Models based on FHIM - continued

**Implementation Guide Model:** containing the use cases for interoperability and a profile model:

## 2. Implementation Profile Model Package

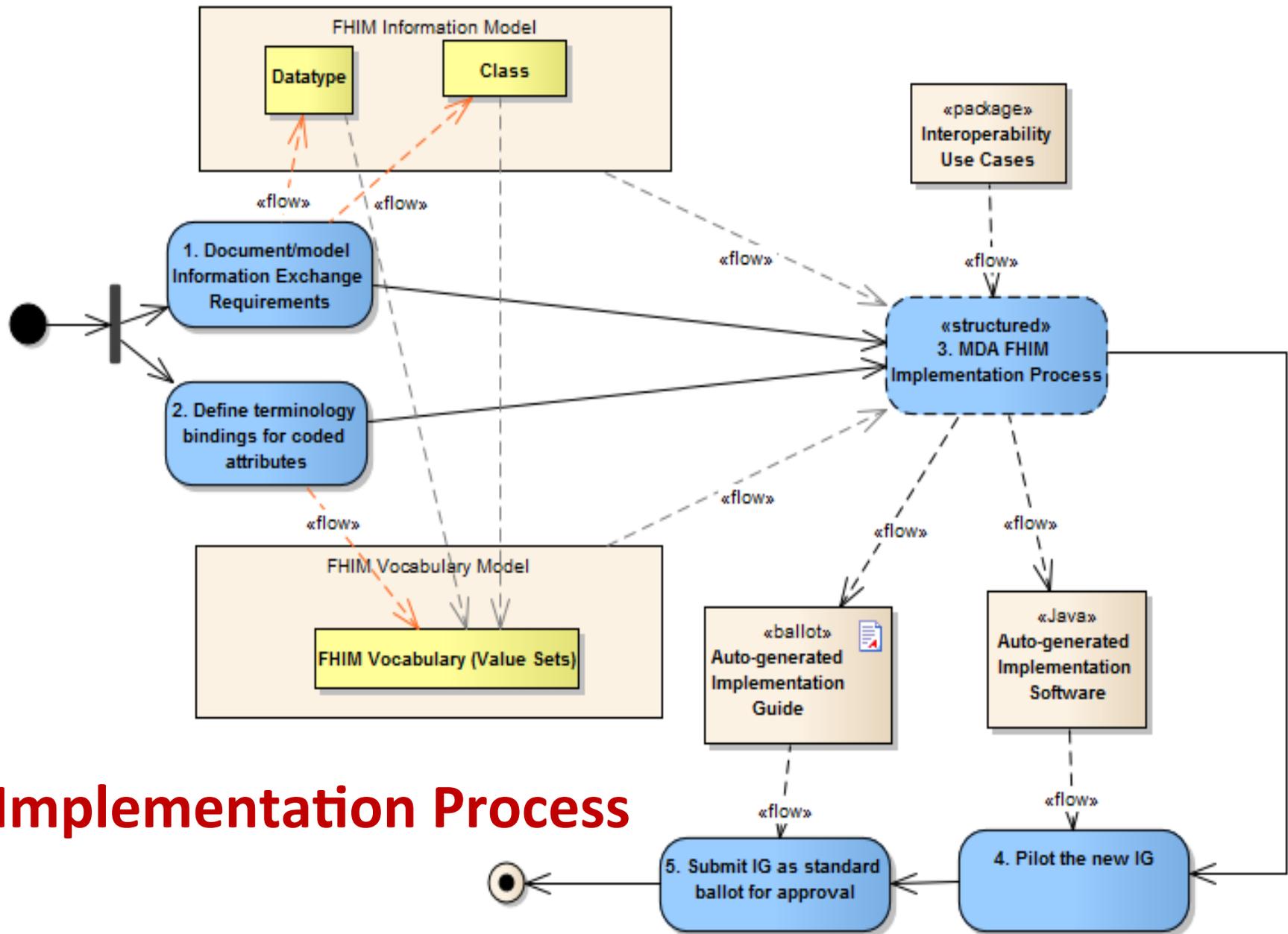
- Snapshots/copies of FHIM classes including:
  - Focal class(es) corresponding to the focal objects that are the subject of interoperability (e.g. Patient, Encounter, Sample, Order, Observation Result). Related classes that supply context to the focal objects (e.g. target records, author, custodian, ordering provider, etc.)
  - Including PSM-specific annotations for code generation. This tooling guidance should be added to the original FHIM classes and reused
- Constraints applied to the classes, associations and attributes in the model including:
  - Semantic clarifications
  - Cardinality constraints for associations and attributes
  - Usage/mandatory constraints for associations and attributes
  - Terminology and fixed value constraints (these constraints apply to attributes only)



# Implementation Guide Modeling Artifacts

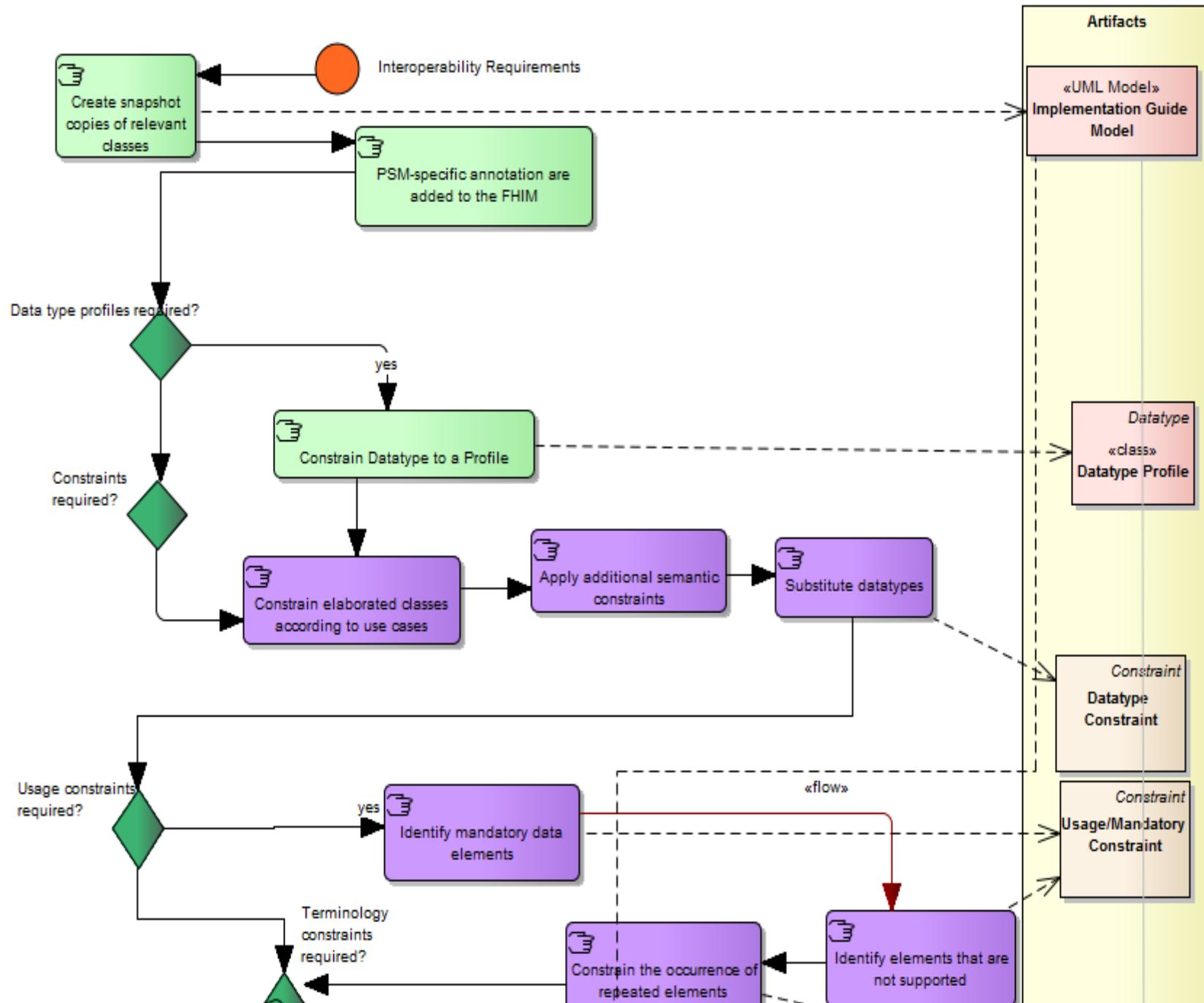
# IG models

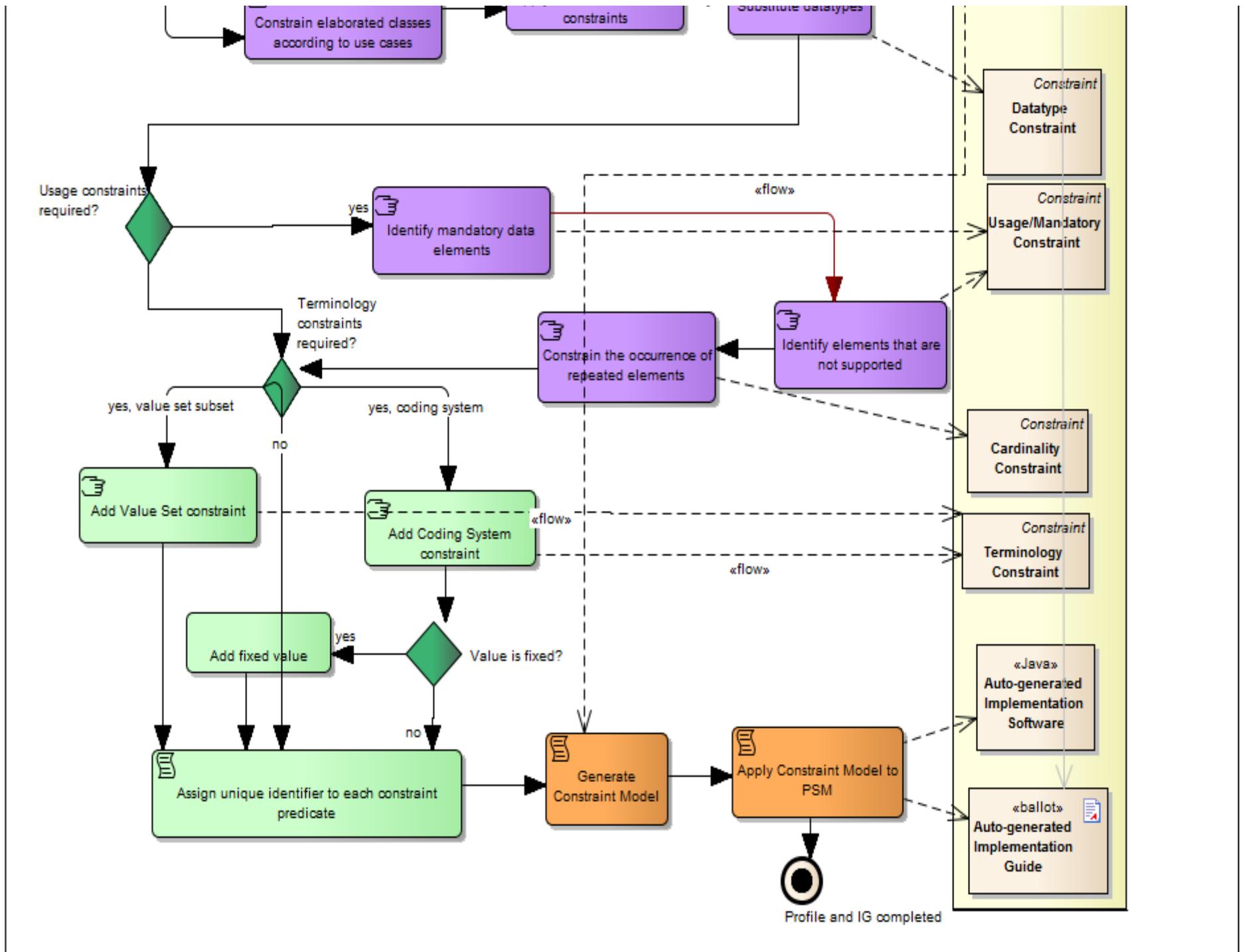
- Isolate the data required to implement one or more specific interoperability use cases
- Identify the constraints applied to FHIM
- Refers to the FHIM vocabulary
  - Value sets
  - Identified coding system



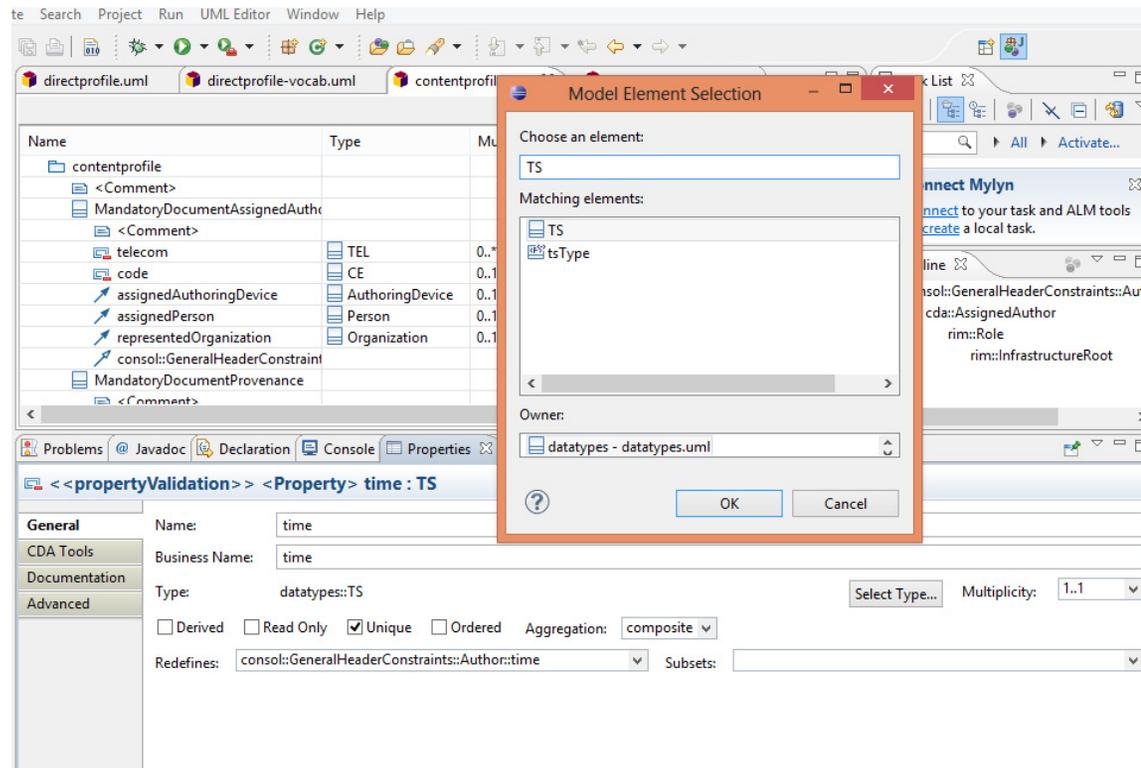
# Implementation Process

Business Process Implementation Process

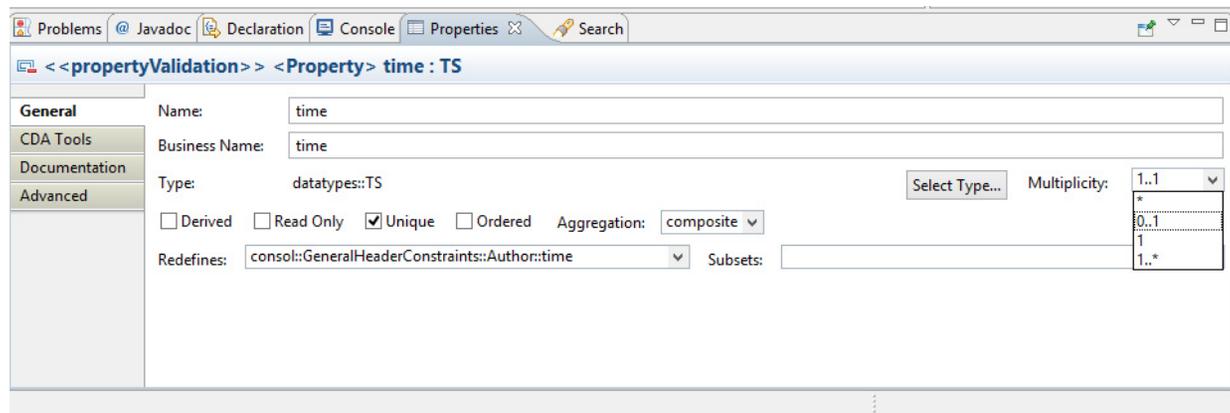




# Data type constraint



# Cardinality constraints



# Data element usage and terminology constraints

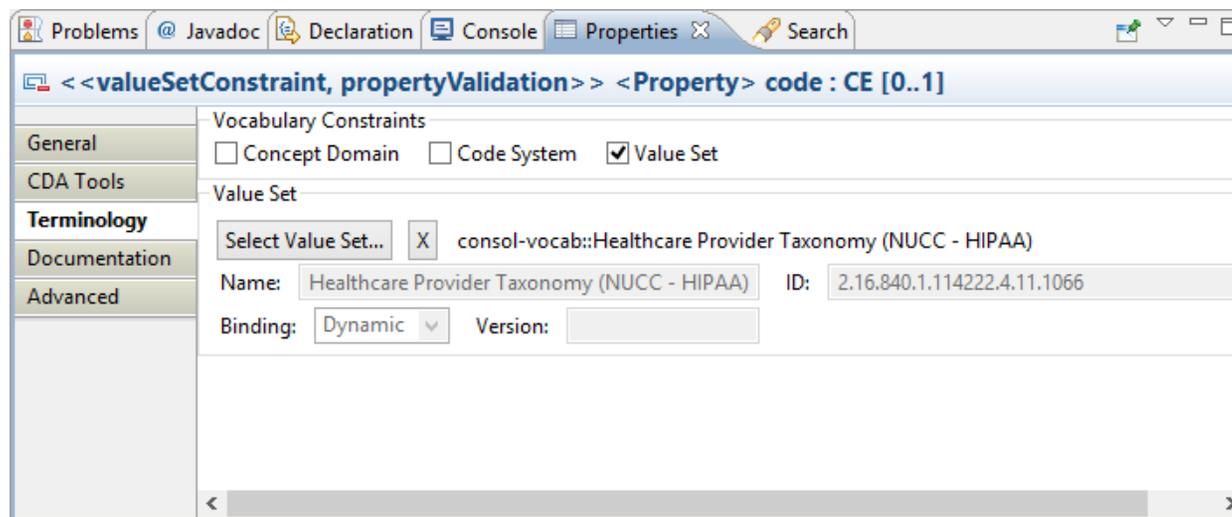
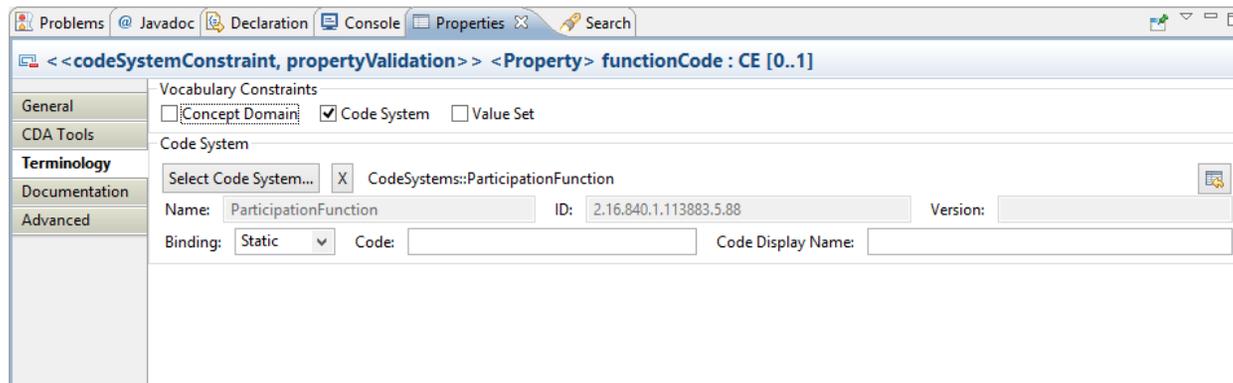
The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE's Properties window for a `<<valueSetConstraint, propertyValidation>>` property named `code` of type `CE` with cardinality `[0..1]`. The window is divided into several sections:

- General:** Shows the Conformance Rule: `{CONTENTPROFILE Mandatory Document Assigned Author SHALL contain zero or one [0..1] code (CONF:16787), where the @code SHOULD be selected from ValueSet Healthcare Provider Taxonomy (NUCC - HIPAA) 2.16.840.1.114222.4.11.1066 DYNAMIC (CONF:16788)}`
- Property Validation (multiplicity, type):** Shows Severity: `SHALL` and Rule ID(s): `CONF:16787`. The `Mandatory` checkbox is unchecked.
- Terminology Validation:** Shows Severity: `SHOULD` and Rule ID(s): `CONF:16788`.

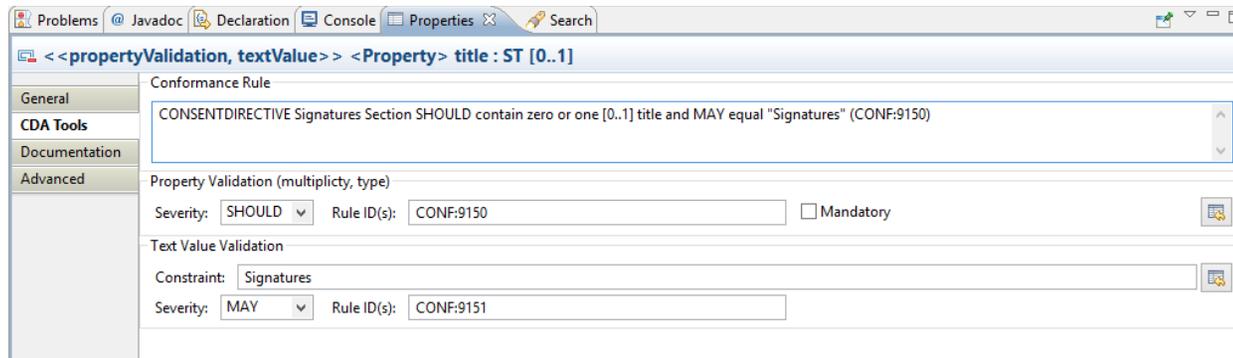
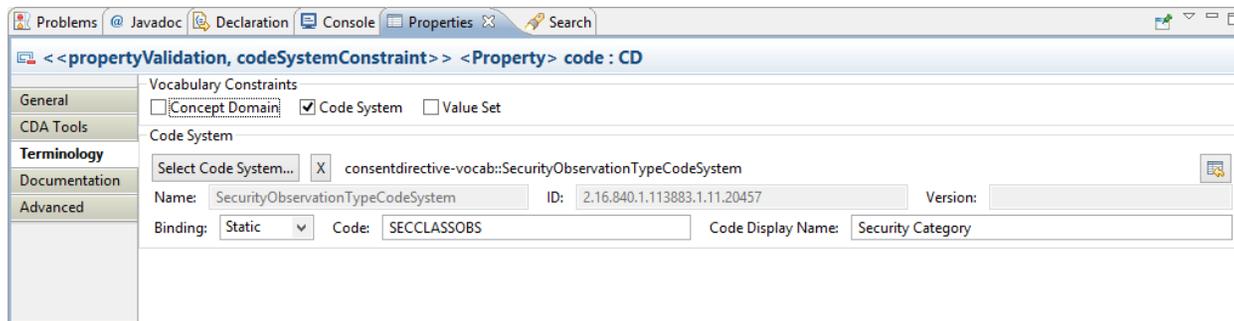
The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE's Properties window for a `<<propertyValidation>>` property named `time` of type `TS`. The window is divided into several sections:

- General:** Shows the Conformance Rule: `CONTENTPROFILE Mandatory Document Provenance SHALL contain exactly one [1..1] time (CONF:16791)`
- Property Validation (multiplicity, type):** Shows Severity: `SHALL` and Rule ID(s): `CONF:16791`. The `Mandatory` checkbox is checked.

# Code system vs. Value Set constraints



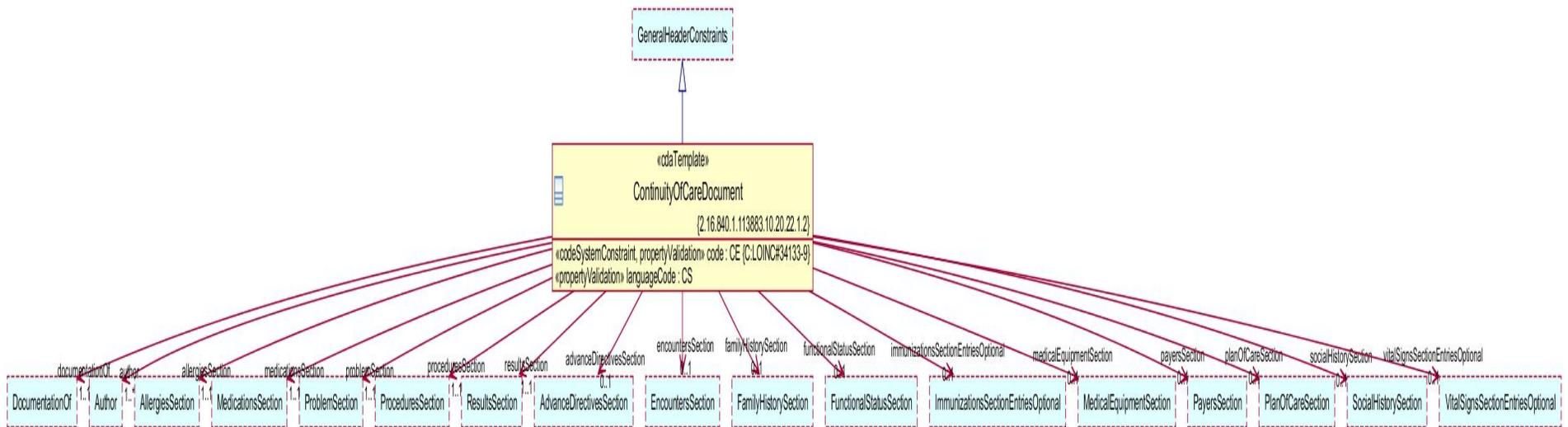
# Fixed value constraints



# Unique Identifiers

| Name                       | Type | Multiplicity | Annotation                    | Value |
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# CDA PSM Overview



# CDA R2 Metamodel

- CDA templates
  - Header
  - Section
  - Clinical templates
    - Observation
    - Problems
- Immunization example in Appendix A

## Appendix A: C-CDA Specifics

The HL7 Clinical Document Architecture ([HL7 CDA](#)) PSM consists of a Clinical Document Structure, a Section and one or more Clinical Statement Template(s) for each use case. The PIM to PSM transformation supports the following annotations to generate the CDA PSM and ultimately the CDA IG. The PSM structure is based on the MDHT implementation of CDA (see [MDHT](#))

| Name                                | Purpose   | Example                                      | Use      | UML Element |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|----------|-------------|
| <a href="#">cdadocumenttype</a>     | This tells the transformation what clinical document definition to start with | <a href="#">GeneralHeaderConstraints</a>     | Required | Use Case    |
| <a href="#">cdadocumentname</a>     | The name of the clinical document within the IG                               | <a href="#">ImmunizationExchangeDocument</a> | Required | Use Case    |
| <a href="#">cdadocumenttemplate</a> | A template ID for the document  | 1111-2222-3333-4444                          | Optional | Use Case    |
| <a href="#">cdasectiontype</a>      | This tells the transformation what section type to use within the document    | <a href="#">ImmunizationsSection</a>         | Required | Use Case    |
| <a href="#">cdasectionname</a>      | The name of the section within the IG   | <a href="#">ImmunizationsExchangeSection</a> | Required | Use Case    |
| <a href="#">cdasectiontemplate</a>  | A template ID for the section   | 1111-2222-3333-4444                          | Optional | Use Case    |
| <a href="#">cda</a>                 | This tells the transformation   | <a href="#">ImmunizationActivity</a>         | Required | Class       |

# NIEM PSM Exar

## Appendix B

- Exchange module
- Constraint module
- Extension module

