



### **IRON MOUNTAIN**

# IGHEALTHRATE

A HEALTHCARE INFORMATION GOVERNANCE MATURITY ASSESSMENT TOOL



# INTRODUCTION

IRON MOUNTAIN'S HEALTHCARE INFORMATION GOVERNANCE (HCIG) ADVISORY SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE AND TAILORED APPROACH TO INFORMATION GOVERNANCE (IG) THAT ENSURES DATA PRIVACY AND INTEGRITY, SECURING INFORMATION ACROSS ITS LIFECYCLE AND YOUR ECOSYSTEM AND ENABLING ACCESS TO PATIENT RECORDS ACCORDING TO BEST-PRACTICE INFORMATION GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES – ALL COST-EFFECTIVELY.

IG is an approach to managing information through processes, roles, controls and metrics to collect, organize, utilize and secure data. This includes managing information throughout its lifecycle and supporting the healthcare organization's strategy, operations, regulatory, legal, risk and environmental requirements.

Iron Mountain has expanded our Information
Management and Governance solution portfolio
with the acquisition of the American Health
Information Management (AHIMA) IG program.
AHIMAs information governance framework, model
and maturity assessment tool − IGHealthRate™
− is the industry's only purpose-built healthcare

enterprise IG program that leverages an assessment capability and measurement platform for information governance adoption and maturity.

With a growing number of healthcare organizations initiating data and information governance programs, **IGHealthRate™** supports healthcareaware and framework-driven IG program development via a thoughtfully designed, webbased solution.

The following guide provides a demonstration of **IGHealthRate**™.

## IGHEALTHRATE™ EXPLAINED

Welcome to IGHealthRate™! As your organization begins exposure to the IGHealthRate™ assessment tool with your assigned Iron Mountain IG Advisor, you will benefit from Iron Mountain Information Governance principles and framework as a best practice. These best practices will allow your organization to benefit from the tool more efficiently and effectively. Our goal is to develop an IG focus that accelerates your digital health goals and objectives.

To start understanding your current state of IG maturity – including Enterprise Information Management, Data Governance and IT Governance policies/practices – your Iron Mountain IG Advisor will facilitate a 1 day workshop with your organization to gather input from key stakeholders.

**IGHealthRate™** assesses and scores your organization using 10 IG organizational competencies. Each competency includes several key markers that identify critical requirements that are required to achieve IG maturity. IGHealthRate™ permits an organization to focus on areas it deems important – for example specific competencies, a particular department of the organization or even a specific process or procedure. Your IG Advisor will work with you to create a pathway of progressive performance criteria to guide your organization toward the achievement of a mature IG state (i.e., Level 5 maturity).



#### ASSESSING AND RATING IG MATURITY

**IGHealthRate**<sup>™</sup> allows the organization to create a baseline assessment based on their existing practices/ policies across spectrums of data governance, IT governance and Enterprise IM and defines a current state maturity rating (on a 5 rating scale).

#### Level 1: At Risk

This level indicates an environment where information governance concerns, requirements, and opportunities are not addressed at all, are addressed minimally, or are addressed in an ad hoc manner. Organizations that identify primarily with these descriptions should be concerned that their programs will not meet legal or regulatory scrutiny, may not effectively serve the business needs of the organization, and may impede patient care and service delivery.

#### Level 2: Aware

This level indicates that an organization is in the early stages of information governance. The approach is siloed at the business unit level. Organizations that identify primarily with these descriptions should be concerned that their programs will not meet legal or regulatory scrutiny, may not effectively serve the business needs of the organization, and may impede patient care and service delivery. There is also an increased risk for adverse outcomes and privacy breach.

#### **Level 3: Aspirational**

This level indicates a program where the essential requirements that must be addressed to meet the organization's legal, regulatory, and business requirements are present in basic form. This approach is characterized by defined policies and procedures and the implementation of processes specifically intended to improve information governance. Organizations that identify primarily with Level 3 descriptions still may be missing significant opportunities for streamlining business, improving the care experience, and controlling costs, but they have the key basic components of a sound program in place and are likely to be at least minimally compliant with legal, operational, and other responsibilities.

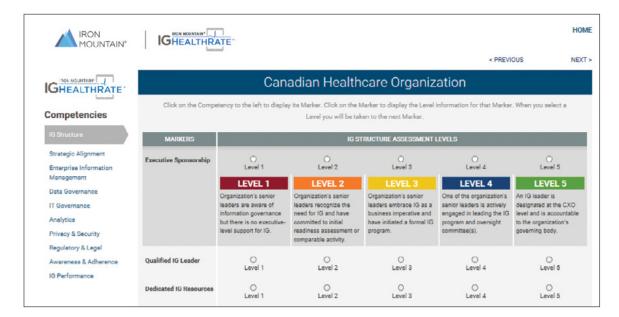
#### Level 4: Aligned

This level describes an organization that has established a proactive information governance program throughout its operations. Information governance issues and considerations are routinely integrated into business decisions. The organization is compliant with good practice and easily meets its legal and regulatory requirements. The organization that identifies primarily with these descriptions should begin to pursue the additional business and productivity benefits it could achieve by increasing enterprise-wide information availability, mining its information for a better understanding of patients' and consumers' needs, and otherwise transforming its organization through increased use of their information.

#### Level 5: Actualized

This level describes an organization that has integrated information governance into its overall infrastructure and business processes to such an extent that compliance with program requirements and legal, regulatory, and other responsibilities are routine. This organization has recognized that effective information governance plays a critical role in patient outcomes and consumer services and cost containment, competitive advantage, and patient and consumer service, and it has successfully implemented strategies and tools to achieve these gains on an integrated basis. This organization is a leader in building and sustaining vibrant, secure, and ensuring information is trustworthy and actionable across the medical ecosystem.

#### EXHIBIT 2: IGHEALTHRATE™ COMPETENCIES AND SELF-ASSESSMENT



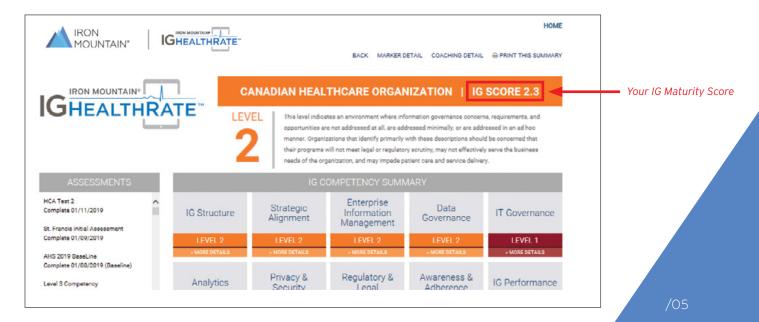
At the end of the workshop, after going through all 10 competencies and self-rating against the key indicators of IG maturity, the **IGHealthRate™** tool will produce your organization's IG maturity score as a baseline.

#### UNDERSTANDING YOUR IG MATURITY SCORE

Your IG baseline rating is an important step to ensuring your organization benefits from its commitment to managing its information as a valued strategic asset. Why? Because understand the gaps required to advancing your maturity state is most critical to achieving your digital health strategic vision and objectives.

**IIGHealthRate™** will specify the gaps in current practices for a mature IG organization. Iron Mountain's IG Advisor will work with your organization to prioritize tackling these gaps. They will deliver recommendations in an IG implementation plan and roadmap to accelerate your success.

**EXHIBIT 3: SCORING YOUR IG MATURITY STATE** 



#### ACCELERATING YOUR IG MATURITY

**IGHealthRate™** provides a comparison of your organization's IG rating against peers in your region for each competency. Intended to help your organization understand where gaps exist in comparison to your peers. Your IG Advisor will leverage this input to inform your organization as well source key recommendations in the IG implementation plan and roadmap.

COMPARE YOUR PROGRESS

Current Baseline Peer

Grant Peer

Strategic Alignment Enterprise Information Management

Data Governance IT Governance Analytics Privacy & Security Regulatory & Legal Awareness & IG Performance Adherence

EXHIBIT 4: IGHEALTHRATE™ WILL PROVIDE A PEER COMPARISON AGAINST EACH IG COMPETENCY

#### **COACHING IG MATURITY**

**IGHealthRate™** provides coaching and recommendations to advance your IG competency maturity. Your IG Advisor will work with you to customize and adopt these recommendations with the IG implementation plan and roadmap.

#### IGHEALTHRATE™ COACHING



#### WHAT YOU WILL GAIN

With IGHealthRate™, your organization will have a manageable plan of action that you can deliver to key IG stakeholders to accelerate achieving your digital health strategies & objectives supported by critical IG metrics and targets. Iron Mountain will work and oversee your progress as well as reassess your IG maturity with IGHealthRate™ as required over time. Our goal is to be your trusted advisor in achieving your strategic digital health initiatives while helping you advance your journey to enterprise IG.

#### **HOW TO GET STARTED?**

Click on **Contact us** button on the **IGHealthRate™** page.





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