



# Health Information Technology Advisory Committee Adopted Standards Task Force 2022 Virtual Meeting

**Meeting Notes | August 23, 2022, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET**

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## Executive Summary

The focus of the Adopted Standards Task Force 2022 (AS TF) meeting was to review the draft dispositions document and ONC Standards. There were no public comments submitted verbally, but there was a discussion held via the chat feature in Zoom Webinar.

## Agenda

10:30 a.m.	Call to Order/Roll Call
10:35 a.m.	ONC Standards Review – Hospital Associated Infections Reports, OpenID Connect Core, RFC5646, Tags for Identifying Languages, Review Draft Dispositions
11:50 a.m.	Public Comment
11:55 a.m.	Next Steps
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn

## Call to Order

Mike Berry, Director, Designated Federal Officer, Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC), called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. and welcomed members and the public to the meeting of the AS TF 2022.

## Roll Call

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

**Steve (Ike) Eichner, Texas Department of State Health Services, Co-Chair**

**Hans Buitendijk, ORACLE Cerner, Co-Chair**

Jeff Danford, Altera Digital Health

Rajesh Godavarthi, MCG Health, part of the Hearst Health network

Jim Jirjis, HCA Healthcare

John Kilbourne, Department of Veterans Health Affairs (VA)

Hung S. Luu, Children's Health

Clem McDonald, National Library of Medicine

Deven McGraw, Invitae

Alexis Snyder, Individual

Fillipe Southerland, Yardi Systems, Inc.

Ram Sriram, National Institute of Standards and Technology

Raymonde Uy, National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC)

### MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Eliel Oliveira, Dell Medical School, University of Texas at Austin

Vassil Peytchev, Epic



Samantha Pitts, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
Debi Willis, PatientLink Enterprises, Inc.

## ONC STAFF

Mike Berry, Designated Federal Officer  
Liz Turi, Task Force Co-Lead  
Scott Bohon, Task Force Co-Lead

## Key Specific Points of Discussion

### TOPIC: CALL TO ORDER AND CO-CHAIR REMARKS

Steve Eichner and Hans Buitendijk, AS TF 2022 co-chairs, welcomed everyone. Hans discussed the standards the TF was scheduled to review and the timeline for the TF's upcoming work. TF members were encouraged to use red-line text when editing the draft disposition working document. The TF aims to complete its work by the end of August 2022, after which it will submit a report to the HITAC for its consideration and transmittal to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT. The co-chairs thanked the ONC team for their support.

### TOPIC: ONC STANDARDS REVIEW – GROUP 6 AND DRAFT DISPOSITIONS

The co-chairs briefly shared the AS TF 2022 charge and related 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act (the Cures Act) Requirement that the charge fulfills. These included:

- Beginning 5 years after the date of enactment [December 13, 2016] of the 21st Century Cures Act and every 3 years thereafter, the National Coordinator shall convene stakeholders to review the existing set of adopted standards and implementation specifications and make recommendations with respect to whether to-
  - (A) maintain the use of such standards and implementation specifications; or
  - (B) phase out such standards and implementation specifications.

#### [Reference: 42 U.S. Code § 300jj–13 - Setting priorities for standards adoption](#)

- Charge: Review the existing set of ONC adopted standards and implementation specifications and make recommendations to maintain or phase out such standards and implementation specifications, as required by 42 U.S. Code § 300jj–13 (Setting Priorities for Standards Adoption). The current set of ONC adopted standards and implementation specifications are maintained on the [ONC Standards Hub](#).
- This charge does not seek recommendations for new standards and implementation specifications for ONC to adopt through rulemaking.

The AS TF reviewed the following standards:

- HL7® Implementation Guide for CDA® Release 2 – Level 3: Healthcare Associated Infection Reports
- OpenID Connect Core 1.0 incorporating errata set 1
- RFC 5646, “Tags for Identifying Languages,” September 2009

Steve reviewed the draft dispositions document, which included an introduction (approach and summary), recommendations for all the standards the TF reviewed (Data Scope and Vocabulary Standards, General Data Access Standards, Care Coordination Standards, Public Health Exchange Standards, Clinical Quality Measure Reporting Standards, Privacy / Security Standards, Accessibility Standards, Certification Process Standards), and Alphabetized Standards List. He explained that he highlighted several areas that require clarification in the language used, and the TF's dispositions document was updated during the discussion. The co-chairs thanked TF members who reviewed the document and added changes and comments. TF members reviewed the full draft AS TF draft disposition document, which included



dispositions/recommendations and rationale for ONC's standards. TF members shared feedback on the document, including minimal wordsmithing and more substantive changes.

#### DISCUSSION:

- The TF reviewed the HL7® Implementation Guide for CDA® Release 2 - Level 3: Healthcare Associated Infection Reports standard. Hans reviewed comments from TF members on the draft disposition document and the TF's draft recommendation.
  - TF members confirmed that the statements made in the disposition document aligned with their previous conversations regarding the standard.
- The TF reviewed the OpenID Connect Core 1.0 incorporating errata set 1.
  - Raj shared feedback on the standard he supported maintaining, as there is no more current version of the standard.
  - The TF agreed to recommend that the current version should be maintained.
- The TF reviewed the RFC 5646, "Tags for Identifying Languages," September 2009 standard.
  - Hans reviewed TF members' comments on the draft disposition document. Vassil shared a comment that BCP 47 should be referenced, and Clem commented that there are two standards – one shorter and one longer. Are they the same?
  - Hans commented that there is no more current standard that could replace RFC 5646, though there is another standard, RFC 4647, that applies to matching language tags. Steve suggested that this is an opportunity for greater alignment with the United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) Version 3 (v3)
  - The TF contemplated various options and agreed to recommend maintaining the existing standard, as there is no more current version. Hans suggested adding a note that ONC could consider and review whether there is a need to include BCP 47 and point directly to the registry for more clarity on other related language codes. The TF also noted that there is a need to align with USCDI v3.
- The TF reviewed the draft disposition and rationale for the ICD-10 CM Encounter Diagnosis standard.
  - Steve and Hans discussed the reference to the CD-10 CM version in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act (the Cures Act). Clem commented that there has been no confirmation that there will be another version of ICD-10 and added that ICD-11 is coming soon, which could replace it. The TF discussed the future of the standard, and the co-chairs clarified the language of the rationale to reflect Clem's comment.
  - The TF recommended that ONC phase out and replace the reference to the ICD-10-PCS 2020 version and consider the then most current version of the ICD-10-PCS code system or the more current ICD PCS version during the next relevant regulatory update.
- The co-chairs discussed the formatting of the disposition and rationale used to make recommendations regarding the RxNorm, September 8, 2015 Full Release Update standard.
  - Hans offered to review the document to ensure the consistent and correct use of terms that come from HL7.
- The co-chairs discussed the disposition and rationale of the HL7 Standard Code Set CVX – Vaccines Administered, updates through August 17, 2015.
  - Clem commented that there is likely another code set that applies to vaccine administration. Hans responded that the other would be additional to, not instead, the code set referenced.
  - The TF discussed whether to mention the other code sets and updated the rationale text.



- The co-chairs discussed the disposition and rationale of the Public Health Data Standards Consortium Source of Payment Typology Code Set Version 5.0 (October 2011).
  - The co-chairs discussed the standard, who uses it and how, and the language of the rationale. They added a recommendation that addresses that there has been a structural change that needs to be considered as to readiness by the community.
- The co-chairs discussed the disposition and rationale of the National Drug Code (NDC) Directory – Vaccine Linker, updates through August 17, 2015 standard. Steve stated that the recommendation would suggest replacing the standard with a more current version.
  - Clem commented that the NDC is going to clean up/retire parts of the code, and Hans suggested that this type of update falls under the regular version update process. Jeff voiced his agreement.
  - The TF updated the language of the rationale to indicate that any potential replacement available could be considered for adoption during the next regulatory update.
- The co-chairs discussed the disposition and rationale of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity, Statistical Policy Directive No. 15, as revised, October 30, 1997.
  - The TF agreed to recommend that ONC maintain or phase out the standard with replacement, and the specific language depends on OMB's future publication. They are still working on revisions to the standard.
  - The TF's recommendation depends on whether OMB references a revision upon publication.
- The co-chairs discussed the disposition of the HL7 SMART Application Launch Framework Implementation Guide Release 1.0.0.
  - The TF agreed to recommend that ONC phase out the standard with replacement.
- The co-chairs discussed the disposition and rationale of the Direct Project ONC Applicability Statement for Secure Health Transport, Version 1.2 August 2015.
  - Steve commented that this is the only place that the TF calls for American National Standards Institute (ANSI) approval. Hans commented that the need for ANSI approval was referenced in this particular standard because the standard is moving from a non-ANSI-approved version to Version 1.3, which is approved by ANSI and is already available in the ONC Standards Version Advancement Process (SVAP).
- The co-chairs discussed the disposition and rationale of the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard, Implementation Guide, Version 2017071.
  - Steve commented that the last sentence of the rationale only applies to Version 2017071. He noted that PDMP only recently became a federal requirement and offered to add explanatory language reflecting this fact to the rationale.
- The co-chairs discussed the disposition and rationale of the HL7 Version 2.5.1 Implementation Guide (IG), Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) to Public Health, Release 1 (US Realm).
  - Steve commented that this is a major lift area that impacts a wide range of systems beyond certified technology. Hans added that the way the IG is written allows for the preadoption of subsets and explained that the opportunity to not adopt everything (but to pre-adopt portions) in the IG creates an advantage.
- The co-chairs discussed the disposition and rationale of the Electronic Laboratory Reporting 2.5.1 Clarification Document for Electronic Health Record (EHR) Certification.
  - Steve commented that this standard must be maintained until such time as a more current ELR version is not adopted that addresses the errata. Then, if the predecessor is retired, the errata do not need to be maintained.
- The co-chairs discussed the disposition and rationale of the HL7 IG for CDA Release 2: Reporting to Public Health Cancer Registries from Ambulatory Healthcare Providers, Release 1, DSTU Release 1.1, April 2015.



- Steve and Hans agreed to reach out to Sanjeev Tandon at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to confirm whether this standard should be maintained.
- The co-chairs discussed the disposition and rationale of the HL7 IG: Data Segmentation for Privacy (DS4P), Release 1.
  - Steve suggested that this standard should be phased out, but Hans responded that it is unclear whether there is a newer version being created. He advocated for maintaining the standard but noted that it is connected to other standards.
- The co-chairs discussed the disposition and rationale of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0, Level A Conformance.
  - ONC team members explained that they reached out to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), and OCR confirmed that they do not have any work underway that would change the TF's recommendation. TF members agreed that it was consistent to continue to point to OCR to indicate the need for continued alignment.
- The co-chairs discussed the disposition and rationale of the ISO/IEC 17025E – General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories, (Third Edition), November 2017.
  - The TF agreed to maintain the standard unless a newer version becomes available.

## Action Items and Next Steps

Homework for this work:

- Continue to refine the draft final dispositions in the Google Document.
  - Please review and provide comments or suggestions on the current wording in the Google Document. For version control, you will not be able to edit the document but can add your comments with your name.
  - Please note sections that are highlighted as they will need the most attention.
  - This document will be locked at noon ET, Friday, August 26, 2022, for transfer into the final document.
- Once the report contents have been transferred to the HITAC Report Template, we will distribute it for review and feedback.
- If anyone has questions, please reach out to the co-chairs or the ONC program team by email.

## Public Comment

Mike Berry opened the meeting for public comments:

### QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED VERBALLY

There were no public comments received verbally.

### QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED VIA ZOOM WEBINAR CHAT

Mike Berry (ONC): Welcome to the Adopted Standards Task Force. We will be starting shortly. Please remember to select "Everyone" when using the Zoom chat feature. Thanks!

Patrice Kuppe: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-approvals-and-databases/proposed-rule-revising-national-drug-code-format>

Raymonde Uy: will review these in the next few days. thanks everyone!

### QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED VIA EMAIL

There were no public comments received via email.



## **Resources**

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## **Meeting Schedule and Adjournment**

Steve and Hans thanked all AS TF members, ONC staff, and contractors for their participation and support. The co-chairs summarized key achievements from the current meeting and shared a list of upcoming AS TF meetings. ONC informed TF members that the draft document will be locked the morning of Monday, August 29, and then transitioned to the official template document. A final presentation by the AS TF and vote will occur at the September 14, 2022, HITAC meeting.

The meeting of the AS TF scheduled for August 31, 2022, was canceled. The next meeting of the TF will be held on September 6, 2022, to review the slide deck and incorporate any final adjustments to the Task Force Report. The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m. E.T.