Value Set Harmonization Technical Expert Panel

TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL MEMBERS

James Case, DVM, PhD

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Dr. Case received his MS in Genetics from Stanford University and both his D.V.M. and Ph.D. (Comparative Pathology) from UC Davis. He served as Professor of Clinical Diagnostic Informatics with the California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System at UC Davis from 1986 until 2010. In 1995, his efforts were focused on the development of national veterinary data standards. He has been heavily involved in standards development organizations and currently serves as a member of the Laboratory LOINC committee, co-chair of the Health Level Seven vocabulary work group, Director at large for HL7 and a member of the IHTSDO SNOMED Content Committee. He joined the NLM in January 2010, where his primary role has been the development and maintenance of the US extension to SNOMED CT and addition of US content into the International release of SNOMED CT. He is the first veterinarian to be elected to the American College of Medical Informatics.

Lynn Choromanski, PhD, RN-BC

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Dr. Choromanski received her doctoral degree from the University of Minnesota. She is currently employed as a nursing informatics specialist at Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare. Dr. Choromanski is responsible for maintaining and expanding the use of clinical information systems. She sits on the Minnesota e-Health Initiative as an expert in Health Information Technology. Dr. Choromanski served as community faculty teaching informatics at the graduate and undergraduate level. She is the chairperson of the Nursing Informatics standing committee for the HIMSS Minnesota Chapter. Dr. Choromanski was awarded Nurse of the Year in Leadership from the Minnesota March of Dimes.

Kendra Hanley, MS

Project Manager, AMA-convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement
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Kendra Hanley, MS, is Project Manager, Performance Improvement, at the AMA-convened PCPI®. She has over 10 years of experience working in healthcare quality improvement. She oversees all aspects of specifications development and maintenance for quality measures developed by the PCPI.

Given that one of her primary roles is to provide strategic direction as it relates to the format and implementation of these specifications, in particular for Electronic Health Record systems and eMeasures, she has a thorough understanding of performance improvement and measure specification methodologies. Ms. Hanley has a Master of Science Degree in Health Systems Management from Rush University in Chicago.

Rachael Howe, BSN, RN
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Rachael has been a nurse since 2007. She worked on the floor in the neuro ICU for 3 years and with Alzhiemers patients for 2 years. Currently work at 3M HIS on the Healthcare Data Dictionary team working with standard terminologies. Main focus is interoperability and standardization of health care data. Has worked with various standardization projects that utilize SNOMED CT, LOINC, ICD9 and ICD10

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Catherine Ivory is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, with a secondary faculty appointment in the Department of Biomedical Informatics at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Ivory holds national certification as an informatics nurse with particular interest and expertise in standard terminologies and data harmonization.

Jason Jones, PhD
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Jason Jones, PhD is Executive Director of Clinical Intelligence and Decision Support in Kaiser Permanente (KP). In this role, he is focused upon building tools and capacity for organizational decision making and point of care decision support involving predictive analytics. Organizational decision making includes identifying areas of opportunity and how improvement will be measured (pneumonia versus heart failure; admission rate versus antibiotic selection). Providing point of care decision support by leveraging predictive analytics is a rapidly evolving capability within KP (would this patient benefit from hospital admission right now or should I order this diagnostic test?).

Russell Leftwich, MD
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Russell Leftwich has over 2 decades in internal medicine practice as Clinical Assistant Professor at Vanderbilt University. He presently serves as Chief Medical Informatics Officer for the Tennessee Office of eHealth. He is Co-chair of the Health Level 7 Patient Care Workgroup and Learning Health Systems Workgroup, leads in both the ONC S&I Framework Transitions of Care and Longitudinal Coordination of Care Initiatives. Dr. Leftwich is SME for HL7 Allergy/Intolerance Model project and ONC Federal Agencies Summit on Terminology for Materials in Adverse Reactions. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and in the sub-specialty of Clinical Informatics of the American Board of Medical Specialties.

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Dr. Lesh is a healthcare consultant with MITRE with more than 30 years of healthcare experience in a variety of positions and settings. Kathy is certified in nursing informatics, is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality, has an MS in Nursing from the University of Illinois at Chicago, an EdM in Human Resource Education from Boston University, and a PhD in Human Services from Capella University. Her dissertation topic was Quality and Electronic Health Records in Community Health Centers. She is a member of the American Nurses Association, AMIA Nursing Informatics Work Group, and the National Association for Healthcare Quality.

Caroline Macumber, MS, PMP
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Caroline Macumber, MS, PMP is a Vice President responsible for Product Development and Operations at Apelon, Inc. Carol is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) with a M.S. degree in Biomedical Engineering. Carol has over ten years of experience leading IT and consulting projects for The National Committee for Quality Assurance, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the National Center for Health Statistics, Canada Health Infoway and many other federal and commercial clients. Carol is an elected member of the IHTSDO Technical Committee and an active member in the HL7 Vocabulary Work Group.

Priscilla Mark-Wilson, MSN, MPH, MBA, PMP
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Priscilla Mark-Wilson currently serves as a Senior Manager at GDIT on the Arkansas Health Care Payment Improvement Initiative. She recently served as the PM/SME for the development of an eCQM calculation and reporting module for the Indian Health Service 2014 CEHRT for their MU program. Prior to that, she helped to develop an ICD-10 conversion toolkit (NAV-10) and service offering. Ms. Mark-Wilson has over 10 years of experience in direct service delivery, providing nursing care in a wide variety of settings. She also served as an Assistant Program Chief for the Maternal Health and Family Planning Program in Maryland's Prince George's County where she oversaw the implementation of the program which administered direct clinical and counseling services at four clinics spread across the county. Ms. Mark-Wilson holds master's degrees in Nursing, Public Health and Business Administration from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Nick Mattison, PMP
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Nick attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison focusing on Pharmacy and Biology, after graduation he worked for the University of Wisconsin Hospital as a narcotics manager. His passion for healthcare continued as he worked with Epic Systems implementing EMRs for healthcare systems across the country. Nick implemented order set management systems and continuing medical education (CME) programs for healthcare organizations with ProVation Medical (Wolters Kluwer). Nick's experience with inpatient care includes pediatric orthopedics, inpatient trauma hospitals and integrated delivery systems.

Nick joined HealthPartners in July of 2014 as the Director of Data Analytics, managing quality data projects and publicly reported measures.

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Ms. McNiff is the Vice President, Quality and Patient Safety at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. In this role, Ms. McNiff oversees staff teams focused on clinical quality innovation; patient safety; process improvement engineering; quality research and analytics; risk management; and compliance/regulatory programs. Ms. McNiff's own work focuses primarily on value of cancer care, performance measurement, and improvement science. She serves on national committees and expert panels, including for the American Society of Clinical Oncology, and has served as a member and submitter for multiple NQF committees and workgroups. Ms. McNiff publishes regularly in peer-reviewed journals. Ms. McNiff's professional experience includes health services and quality research; health information technology; health policy; and administration. Immediately prior to her role at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Ms. McNiff spent nearly a decade leading quality initiatives and quality-related policy at the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Ms. McNiff received her Master's in Public Health from the George Washington University.

Deborah Sita, BSN, MHA
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Deborah Sita is responsible for the development and maintenance of all nursing and ancillary therapy content for McKesson, and developed the ARRA nursing content for Stage 1 and Stage 2 (FY2014 and FY2015). She has extensive knowledge of the eCQMs, VSAC, QDM, and the utilization of value sets and measure logic. Deborah Sita assisted in the development of a Clinical Terminology Manager tool to support eCQMs within McKesson. She is responsible for updates of regulatory content based on a review of clinical guidelines and regulatory updates (JC, NPSG, CDC, etc). Deborah Sita is a primary resource for engineers in developing software features and functionality that promote the best workflow for clinicians. She provides customer facing support and training around eCQMs, MU objectives and regulatory requirements.

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Shelly Spiro is Executive Director of Pharmacy HIT Collaborative an organization of the major national pharmacy associations and associate members focused on advocating and educating key stakeholders regarding the meaningful use of health IT and the inclusion of pharmacists within a technology-enabled integrated health care system including the support national quality initiatives. Spiro is active in national pharmacy associations, standards development organizations (NCPDP, HL7 and X12) and is a leader in Pharmacy HIT. She has authored several articles and is a national speaker on topics relating to various professional pharmacy, HIT systems and electronic prescribing.

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Allison L. Weathers, M.D. is Associate Chief Medical Information Officer and Associate Professor in the Department of Neurological Sciences at Rush University Medical Center. She serves as a lead physician for the implementation and optimization of the EHR, including Rush's participation in the Meaningful Use incentive program. She leads the implementation of quality and HIT initiatives in the inpatient and ambulatory settings, participates in HIT and quality related research, and lectures nation-wide on related topics. She is a practicing academic general neurologist and an active member of the American Academy of Neurology, serving on the Practice Management and Technology Subcommittee.