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**RE: Support for Average Blood Pressure inclusion in draft USCDI v4**

Dear Dr. Tripathi,

The Public Health Informatics Institute (PHII) would like to thank you for recognizing the vital functionality of the average blood pressure data element and adding it to the draft USCDI v4. We strongly urge ONC to adopt this data element into the final USCDI v4 as it is critical to the storage and sharing of accurate blood pressure measurement and essential in driving clinical decisions.

In addition, we propose removing the term *mean value* from the definition of average blood pressure because it is often confused with the term *mean arterial pressure*. Instead, we recommend changing the definition to “The **average/arithmetic mean** of two or more blood pressure readings in a specified time period.”

Thank you again for moving this forward and your consideration on updating the definition.

Sincerely,



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