



# Advancing Nursing Terminology

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# National Interoperability Standards

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# Draft 2017 Interoperability Standards Advisory

Includes nursing

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### Introduction

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## Interoperability Need: Representing Nursing Assessments

Type	Standard/Implementation Specification	Standards Process Maturity	Implementation Maturity	Adoption Level	Federally Required	Cost	Test Tool Availability
Standard for observations	LOINC  ®	Final	Production	Feedback requested	No	Free	N/A
Standard for observation values	SNOMED CT®	Final	Production	Feedback requested	No	Free	N/A

Limitations, Dependencies, and Preconditions for Consideration:	Applicable Value Set(s) and Starter Set(s):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessments are represented as question/answer (name/value) pairs. They are not represented in other terminologies.</li> <li>LOINC® should be used for the assessment/observation questions and SNOMED CT® for the assessment/observation answers (value sets, choice lists).</li> <li>See <a href="#">LOINC projects</a> in the Interoperability Proving Ground.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback requested</li> </ul>

## Interoperability Need: Representing Nursing Interventions

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## Interoperability Need: Representing Outcomes for Nursing

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## Interoperability Need: Representing Patient Problems for Nursing

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# NLM Nursing Resources for Standards and Interoperability

- NLM a web page developed to:
  - » Describe use of SNOMED CT and LOINC in implementing Meaningful Use relevant to the nursing community,
  - » Information about nursing terminologies,
  - » National and international collaboration efforts to harmonize nursing terminologies and facilitate interoperability,
  - » Demonstration of the UMLS to extract synonymy between SNOMED CT, LOINC, and nursing terminologies,
  - » Links to additional resources relevant for nursing clinical documentation purposes.



## Nursing Resources for Standards and Interoperability

Target Audience: nurses, nursing students, nursing informaticists, and those exploring nursing terminologies for systems development or integration purposes. Discover:

- The role of SNOMED CT and LOINC in implementing Meaningful Use (MU) in the United States (US).
- International collaboration to harmonize nursing terminologies and facilitate interoperability.
- How to find Concept Unique Identifiers (CUIs) and extract synonymy from the Unified Medical Language System (UMLS) Metathesaurus between SNOMED CT and other nursing terminologies such as CCC, ICNP, NANDA-I, NIC, NOC, The Omaha System, and PNDS (see 'Other Nursing Terminologies' tab below).
- Additional resources for nursing clinical documentation purposes.

[About SNOMED CT](#)

[About LOINC](#)

[Other Nursing Terminologies](#)

### About SNOMED CT

SNOMED Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT) is a standardized terminology used for clinical documentation in electronic health information systems. The [International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation \(IHTSDO\)](#) owns, maintains, and distributes SNOMED CT. The National Library of Medicine, the United States National Release Center for the IHTSDO, provides access to SNOMED at no cost for use within the US. SNOMED CT is the most comprehensive, multilingual clinical healthcare terminology in the world. The terminology covers a wide range of clinical specialties, disciplines and requirements. This range of coverage allows for wider sharing and reuse of structured clinical information. With over 2 million components in SNOMED CT, domains such as nursing are generally well-covered with concepts specific for nursing diagnoses, interventions, and patient outcomes.

### Leveraging UMLS Synonymy to Extract Nursing Terms from SNOMED CT

The video below demonstrates how to use the Metathesaurus to find CUIs and extract concept-level synonyms between SNOMED CT and other nursing terminologies.



### Leveraging UMLS Synonymy to Extract Nursing Terms from SNOMED CT

[https://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/Snomed/nursing\\_terminology\\_resources.html](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/Snomed/nursing_terminology_resources.html)



# Position Statement

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## **Inclusion of Recognized Terminologies Supporting Nursing Practice within Electronic Health Records and Other Health Information Technology Solutions**

### **Purpose:**

- Support for the use of recognized terminologies supporting nursing practice
- Promote integration of terminologies into information technology solutions
- Facilitate interoperability between different concepts, nomenclatures, and information systems

<http://nursingworld.org/MainMenuCategories/Policy-Advocacy/Positions-and-Resolutions/ANAPositionStatements/Position-Statements-Alphabetically/Inclusion-of-Recognized-Terminologies-within-EHRs.html>



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### Inclusion of Recognized Terminologies Supporting Nursing Practice within Electronic Health Records and Other Health Information Technology Solutions

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# Perspective

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Standard terminologies and structures for nursing

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Interface Terminologies	Minimum Data Sets	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clinical Care Classification (CCC) System</li> <li>2. International Classification for Nursing Practice (ICNP)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nursing Minimum Data Set (NMDS)</li> <li>2. Nursing Management Minimum Data Set (NMMDS)</li> </ol>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. North American Nursing Diagnosis Association International (NANDA-I)</li> <li>4. Nursing Interventions Classification System (NIC)</li> <li>5. Nursing Outcomes Classification (NOC)</li> <li>6. Omaha System</li> <li>7. Perioperative Nursing Data Set (PNDS)</li> <li>8. ABC Codes</li> </ol>	<th data-bbox="1000 605 1765 648">Reference Terminologies</th> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC)</li> <li>2. SNOMED Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT)</li> </ol>	Reference Terminologies

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Problems

Solutions

Terminologies







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# Standardizing Nursing Data Utilizing Terminologies

Translating Proprietary Codes to Standardized Terminology Codes

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# Within Cerner's EHR, a few of my mantras in relationship to patient care discrete questions...

- Questions should be fully defined
- Questions should not be duplicated (or captured in multiple ways that could cause duplicates)
  - » Shared cross venue and discipline when meaning is identical
- Related data must be “married” in the system
  - » O2 Saturation should not be separated from
    - Oxygen delivery method
    - Oxygen L/Min
    - FiO2
- Use the EHR as intended (including the data model)
  - » Lab example - Potassium, Body Fluid...
- Precision of the meaning of each data element important and becoming more and more important

# Currently supported nursing terminologies/structures

- **Electronic Health Record**
  - » LOINC & SNOMED
    - Questions & Answers
  - » SNOMED, IMO, and more
    - Nursing Problems
  - » FHIR
- **Population Health & Big Data**
  - » UMLS Vocabularies + More
  - » Utilize standard terminologies to standardize & normalize data from multiple sources including multiple EHRs, claims, pharmacies and more
    - Data standardization - The process of mapping proprietary or unrecognized code values to codes from an industry-standard nomenclature.
    - Data normalization - The process by which standardized attributes are categorized or rolled up into meaningful groupings, such as for display purposes, rules processing, or analytics reporting.

# How are we increasing use of standard terminologies

- **Electronic Health Record**
  - » Ongoing content development
  - » Participating in industry discussions/workgroups to determine necessary development
  - » FHIR use cases driving increased mappings
- **Population Health & Big Data**
  - » Use cases growing daily driving increased amount of mappings that exist between data sources and standard terminologies
- **Cross Platform**
  - » Longitudinal patient-centered plan of care
  - » Terminologists submitting many requests to SNOMED for patient specific interventions & outcomes
    - Instead of: “Teach patient how to...”, shift to: “Learn how to...”

# Vision for greater integration

- “Apples” = “Apples” is not good enough
  - » When an exact match is not available between a standard terminology and a proprietary code (such as an EHR “question”), is it always OK to use a less specific code?
- For the most part... it can't be “nursing vocabularies”
  - » Vocabularies and structures supporting interoperability and big data initiatives must be interdisciplinary
  - » Should nursing define the nutrition risk assessment questions, or should we collaborate with the nutrition experts to determine the questions
- Nursing must have input across many disciplines, and many disciplines need to have input for nursing

# Challenges

- Lack of all necessary standard terminology codes
- Risk of losing context, and health data has layers of context
- Lack of terminology expertise
- Lack of understanding related to importance of terminologies
- Legacy data
- “Duplicates” exist within LOINC (and they need to exist)
  - » Pre versus Post coordination
  - » Slightly different wording of questions
- Copyright challenges
  - »
  - » Not available within LOINC because of additional copyrights
- Standard Terminologies are an “afterthought” when developing assessment tools/scales



# Vital Signs – FHIR Profile - 1

build.fhir.org/observation-vitalsigns.html

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## 10.1.18 Formal View of Profile Content

**Vital Signs Profile** : Link to the formal definition views for the vital signs listed in this table.

- The table below represents a minimum set of vital sign concepts, the required codes ("magic values"), and UCUM units of measure codes used for representing vital signs observations. These are *extensible* bindings and require that when a system supports any of these vital signs concepts, they must represent them using these codes. In addition, if you have a blood pressure observation, you must have both a systolic and a diastolic component, though one or both may have dataAbsentReason instead of a value.
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Profile Name	"Magic Value" (LOINC)	LOINC Name and Comments	UCUM Unit Code	Examples
<a href="#">Vital Signs Panel</a>	85353-1	<i>Vital signs, weight, height, head circumference, oxygen saturation and BMI panel</i> - It represent a panel of vital signs listed in this table. All members of the panel are optional and note that querying for the panel may miss individual results that are not part of the actual panel. When used, Observation.valueQuantity is not present; instead, related links (with type=has-member) reference the vital signs observations (e.g. respiratory rate, heart rate, BP, etc.). This code replaces the deprecated code 8716-3 - <i>Vital signs</i> which is used in the Argonaut Data Query Implementation Guide.	-	<a href="#">Vital Signs Panel Example</a>
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<a href="#">Heart rate</a>	8867-4	<i>Heart rate</i> - To supplement this vital sign observation, 8887-2 - <i>Heart rate device type</i> MAY be used as an additional observation.	/min	<a href="#">Heart Rate Example</a>
<a href="#">Oxygen saturation</a>	59408-5	<i>Oxygen saturation in Arterial blood by Pulse oximetry</i> - This code replaces the deprecated code 2710-2 - <i>Deprecated Oxygen saturation in Capillary blood by Oximetry</i> which had been listed in C-CDA.	%	<a href="#">Oxygen Saturation Example</a>
<a href="#">Body temperature</a>	8310-5	<i>Body temperature</i> - To supplement this vital sign observation, 8327-9 - <i>Body temperature measurement site</i> (oral, forehead, rectal, etc.) and 8326-1 - <i>Type of body temperature device</i> MAY be used as additional observations	Cel, [degF]	<a href="#">Body Temperature Example</a>

Vital Signs Profile on FHIR (Current Build)

<http://build.fhir.org/observation-vitalsigns.html#vitals-table>

# Challenges - 1

- Pre and Post Coordination

» Translate “Oral Temperature” to “Body Temperature” + “Body Site”?

## 8331-1 Oral temperature

### NAME

Fully-Specified Name:	<b>Component</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>System</b>	<b>Scale</b>	<b>Method</b>
	Body temperature	Temp	Pt	Mouth	Qn	
Long Common Name:	Oral temperature					
Shortname:						

## 35095-9 Body temperature panel

### BASIC ATTRIBUTES

Class/Type:  
 First Released in  
 Version:  
 Last Updated in Version:  
 Status:

### PANEL HIERARCHY ([view this panel in the LForms viewer](#))

LOINC#	LOINC Name
<a href="#">35095-9</a>	Body temperature panel
<a href="#">8310-5</a>	Body temperature
<a href="#">8326-1</a>	Type of Body temperature device
<a href="#">8327-9</a>	Body temperature measurement site
<a href="#">9849-1</a>	Body temperature device Institution inventory number
<a href="#">9850-9</a>	Body temperature device Vendor model number
<a href="#">9851-7</a>	Body temperature device Vendor serial number

# Vital Signs – FHIR Profile - 2

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# Challenges

- Have we really agreed on what vital signs are?
  - » Do we really agree on the basics, like what is a “heart rate” that should be mapped to LOINC 8867-4 that is part of the FHIR profile for Vital Signs LOINC 85353-1?

## 8867-4 Heart rate

### NAME

Fully-Specified Name:	<b>Component</b>	<b>Property Time</b>	<b>System</b>	<b>Scale</b>	<b>Method</b>
	Heart rate	NRat Pt	XXX	Qn	
Long Common Name:	Heart rate				
Shortname:	Heart rate				

### EXAMPLE UNITS

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Source Type</b>
/MIN	REGENSTRIEF
bpm	REGENSTRIEF
{beats}/min	EXAMPLE UCUM UNITS

### UNITS AND RANGE

<b>Range</b>	<b>Units Type</b>
/min:[60,100]	

If a heart rate is a measurement of how many beats per minute the heart contracts, and stored as a numeric value with a units of measure = beats per minute, then is it always a heart rate that should be coded to LOINC 8867-4?

# LOINC – Heart Rate

**LOINC** from Regenstrief

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LOINC	LongName	Component	Property	Timing	System	Scale	Method	exUCUMunits	exUnits	Lforms
<a href="#">76476-1</a>	Heart rate by Transthoracic impedance	Heart rate	NRat	Pt	Heart	Qn	Impedance.trans thoracic	{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">8889-8</a>	Heart rate by Pulse oximetry	Heart rate	NRat	Pt	Capillary bed	Qn	Pulse oximetry	{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">8867-4</a>	Heart rate	Heart rate	NRat	Pt	XXX	Qn		{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">76282-3</a>	Heart rate.beat-to-beat by EKG	Heart rate.beat-to-beat	NRat	Pt	Heart	Qn	EKG	{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">80404-7</a>	R-R interval.standard deviation (Heart rate variability)	RR interval.standard deviation	Time	Pt	Heart	Qn		ms	ms	
<a href="#">8890-6</a>	Heart rate Cardiac apex by Auscultation	Heart rate	NRat	Pt	Cardiac apex	Qn	Auscultation	{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">8891-4</a>	Heart rate Cardiac apex by palpation	Heart rate	NRat	Pt	Cardiac apex	Qn	Palpation	{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">60978-4</a>	Heart rate Intra arterial line by Invasive	Heart rate	NRat	Pt	Intra arterial line	Qn	Invasive	{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">8893-0</a>	Heart rate Peripheral artery by palpation	Heart rate	NRat	Pt	Peripheral artery	Qn	Palpation	{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">8892-2</a>	Heart rate Peripheral artery by US.doppler	Heart rate	NRat	Pt	Peripheral artery	Qn	US.doppler	{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">40442-6</a>	Heart rate --post exercise	Heart rate^post exercise	NRat	Pt	XXX	Qn		{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">67129-7</a>	Heart rate Peripheral artery by palpation --resting	Heart rate^resting	NRat	Pt	Peripheral artery	Qn	Palpation	{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">40443-4</a>	Heart rate --resting	Heart rate^resting	NRat	Pt	XXX	Qn		{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">55283-6</a>	Fetal Heart rate	Heart rate	NRat	Pt	^Fetus	Qn		{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">57068-9</a>	Fetal Heart rate by Auscultation	Heart rate	NRat	Pt	^Fetus	Qn	Auscultation	{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">11948-7</a>	Fetal Heart rate US	Heart rate	NRat	Pt	^Fetus	Qn	US.measured	{beats}/min	beats/min	
<a href="#">73795-7</a>	Heart rate Blood Postductal Pulse oximetry	Heart rate	NRat	Pt	Bld.postductal	Qn	Pulse oximetry	/min	/min	

Search for "heart disease" at LOINC—  
<https://search.loinc.org/searchLOINC/search.zul?query=heart+disease>

Which heart rates do nurses “allow” to land as a vital signs’ “heart rate” in the EHR? What about all the other heart rates?

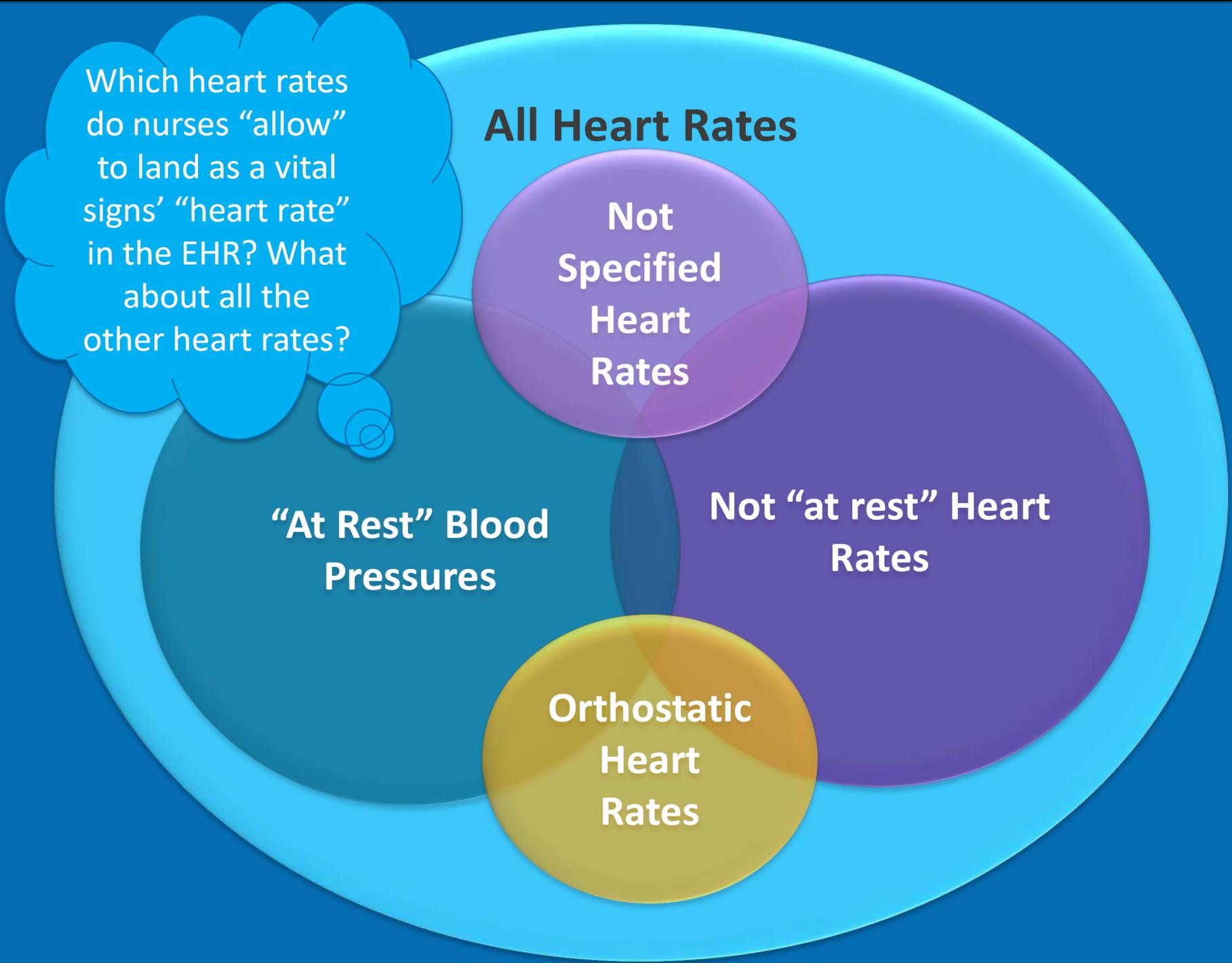
## All Heart Rates

Not Specified Heart Rates

“At Rest” Blood Pressures

Not “at rest” Heart Rates

Orthostatic Heart Rates



EHR “Questions” mapped to LOINC 8867-4 = Heart Rate

Heart Rate Pre Transfusion & Heart Rate Post Transfusion Reaction

Heart Rate Pre Procedure & Heart Rate Post Procedure

Pulse Rate

Pulse

Pulse Rate Pretreatment RT & Pulse Rate Posttreatment RT

Croup Pulse Rate (beats/minute)

Heart Rate – Anesthesia

Heart Rate - Surgery

Heart Rate Monitored

Heart Rate Monitored, Cuff

Heart Rate-Remote Monitoring

Heart Rate, Apnea

Heart Rate – Pulse Ox

Heart Rate

ED Heart/Pulse Rate

Heart Rate ABD (Apnea/Bradycardia/Desat Episodes)

Rate (BPM)

RVAD Heart Rate

LVAD Heart Rate

Heart Rate-VAD

Dialysis Pulse Rate

RC Pretrial Heart Rate & RC Posttrial Heart Rate

Pre Capping Heart Rate & Post Capping Heart Rate

When an exact code doesn't exist, the acceptable practice is to map to the less specific.

LOINC 8867-4 is the most generic “heart rate”.

Are these appropriate to represent as the “Vital Signs” heart rate?

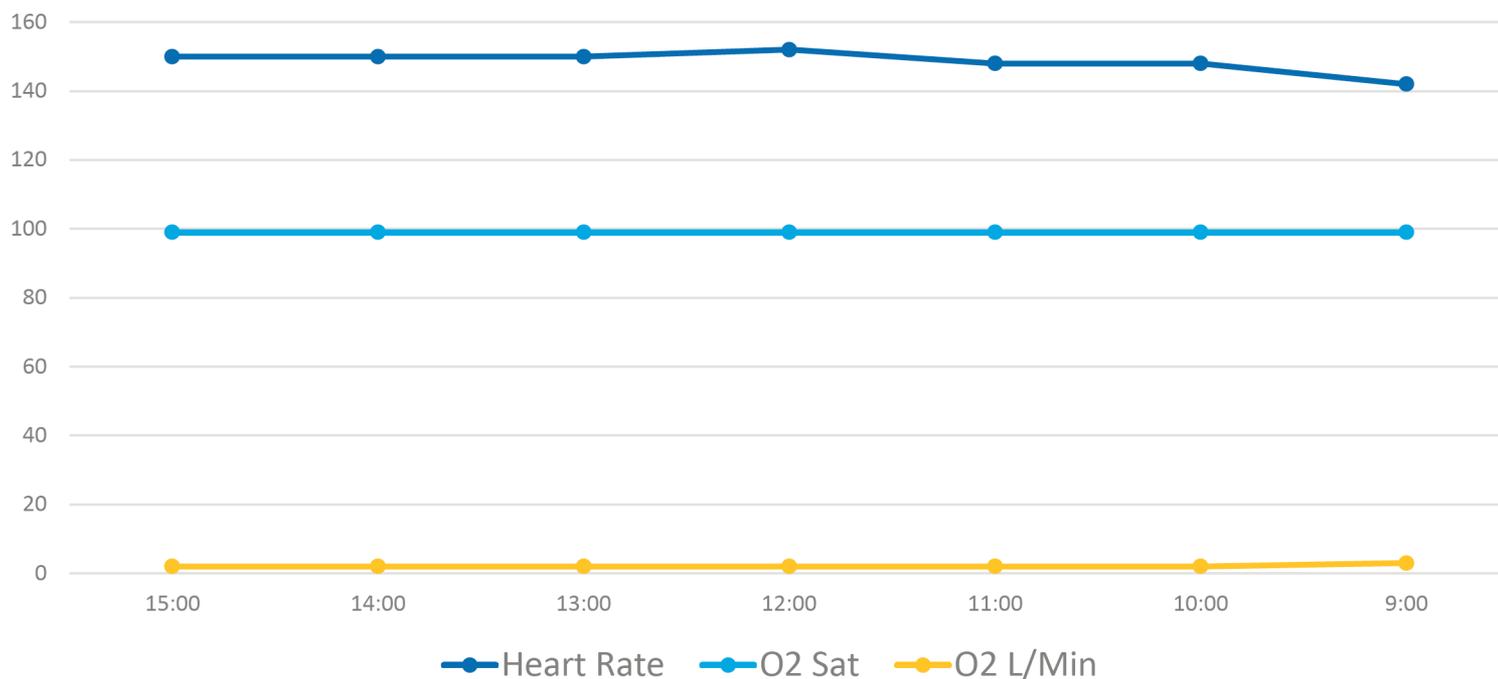
Or, is it better to stop picking and choosing heart rates that are considered “Vital Signs”?

Do we even agree that clinicians are picking and choosing which heart rates make it to “Vital Signs” in EHRs today?

# Example “heart rates” NICU patient

Vital Signs							
Time	15:00	14:00	13:00	12:00	11:00	10:00	9:00
Heart Rate	150	150	150	152	148	148	142
O2 Sat	99	99	99	99	99	99	99
O2 L/Min	2	2	2	2	2	2	3

Vital Signs - Heart Rate, O2 Sat, O2 L/Min

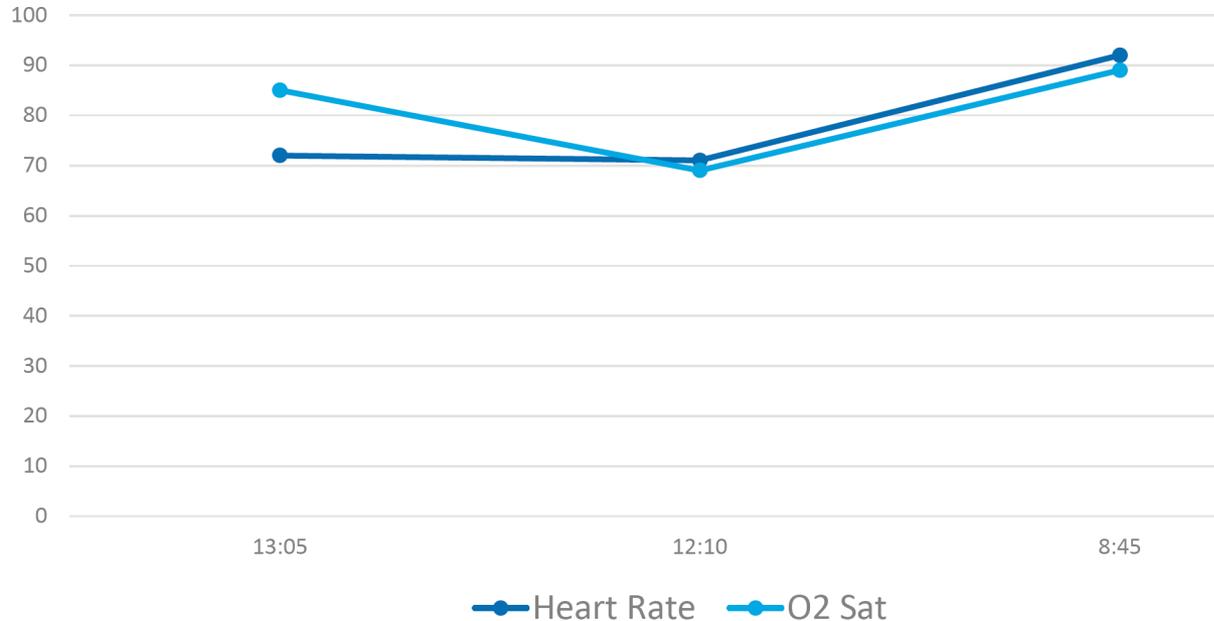




# Example “heart rates” NICU patient, continued

Apnea/Bradycardia Events			
Time	13:05	12:10	8:45
Heart Rate	72	71	92
O2 Sat	85	69	89
O2 L/Min			
Event Type	Bradycardia	Bradycardia	Apnea, Bradycardia

Apnea, Bradycardia Events

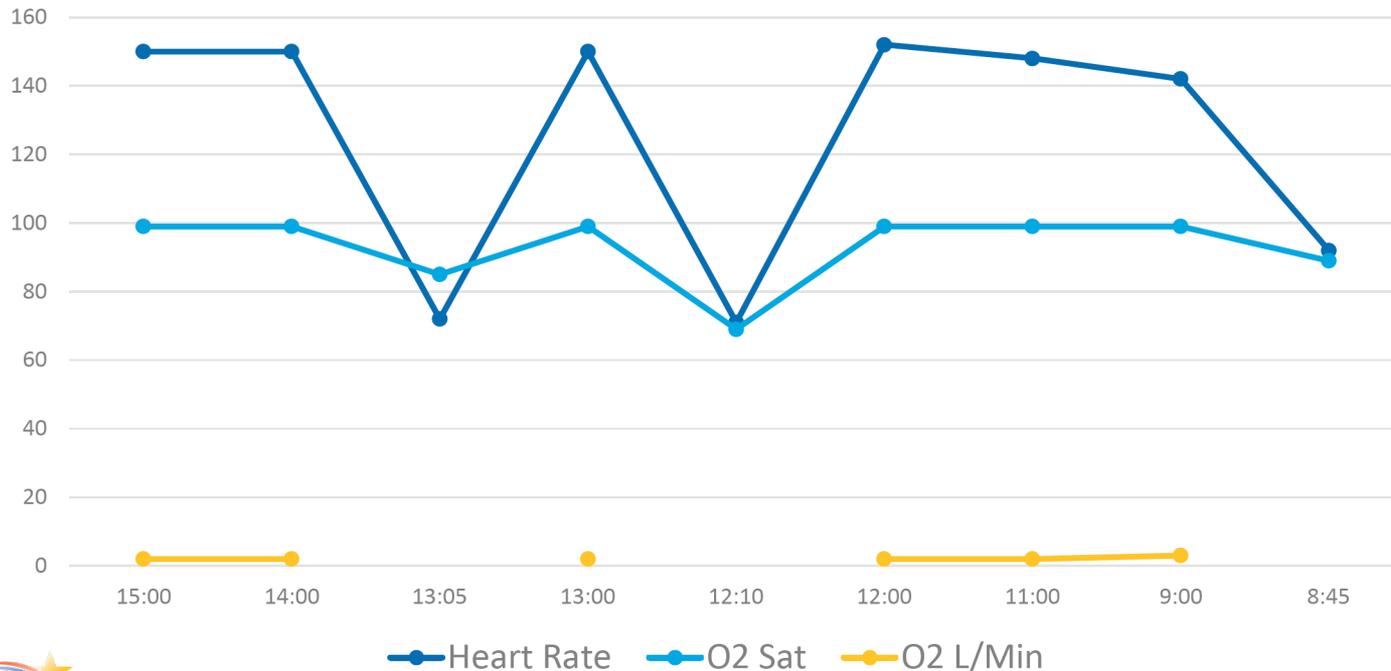


# Example “heart rates” NICU patient, continued

Combined Vital Signs + Apnea/Bradycardia Events

Time	15:00	14:00	13:05	13:00	12:10	12:00	11:00	9:00	8:45
Heart Rate	150	150	72	150	71	152	148	142	92
O2 Sat	99	99	85	99	69	99	99	99	89
O2 L/Min	2	2		2		2	2	3	
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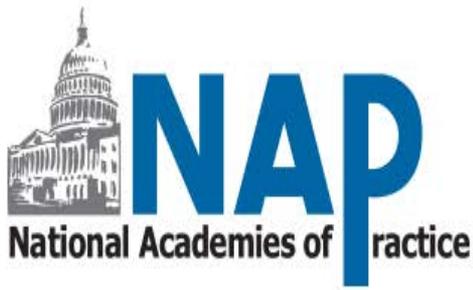
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# Who We Are

- NAP is a nonprofit organization founded in 1981 to advise governmental bodies on our healthcare system. Distinguished practitioners and scholars are elected by their peers from fourteen different health professions to join the only interprofessional group of healthcare practitioners and scholars dedicated to supporting affordable, accessible, coordinated quality healthcare for all.



# 14 Academies

- Audiology
  - Dentistry
  - Medicine
  - Nursing
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Optometry
  - Osteopathic Medicine
  - Pharmacy
  - Physical Therapy
  - Podiatric Medicine
  - Psychology
  - Social Work
  - Speech-Language Pathology
  - Veterinary Medicine
- Medicine [www.napractice.org](http://www.napractice.org)



# Annual Meetings & Forums

2018 April 13-14 Atlanta, GA

2019 March 8-9 Washington, DC

Themes focusing on:

- Leveraging technology
- Collaborative teams
- Advocacy for quality healthcare
- Relationship-centered care





# Practice Interoperability

- Semantic interoperability & beyond
- SNOMED CT & LOINC
- Design thinking & polarity thinking





# Highlights

12 Academies responded  
Education (42.4%) Clinical Practice (39%)

22 EHR systems utilized  
EHR used an average of 12.33 years



# 1=Never and 5=Always

EHR support my individual profession = 3.36

EHR supports interprofessional team integration= 2.93

EHR supports evidence-based practice = 3.20

EHR supports transitions of care = 3.12



# NAP ONC Shared Work Group

- ONC key stakeholder group
- Joint advocacy for interprofessional integration and health IT
- Address and make recommendations for:
  - *Interprofessional Practice Model with shared documentation, terminologies & views of patient data*
  - *Design recommendations to address documentation & reimbursement issues*
  - *Engage CMS with revenue neutral possibilities across multiple stakeholders*



# Our Challenge

Individual and Community Resilience (Nemeth & Oliver, 2017)

**To be firmly grounded in the present, while learning from the past, so we can see ourselves in the future.**

# Interoperability Use Case

Susan Matney, PhD, RNC-OB, FAAN, FACMI

# Current Situation

- Each setting uses a unique terminology to represent pressure injuries
  - » Some standardization of codes is now occurring, but...
  - » Data is not consistent setting to setting, or even vendor to vendor
- This means that:
  - » Tracking and trending Peter's data across settings is impossible
  - » Clinicians do not have the comprehensive view of the single patient's history
  - » We cannot automate evidence based practice and personalize care
  - » Sharing executable software across settings is impossible
  - » There are unmet needs for health care applications and decision support
  - » It is "organization-centric care" not patient-centered care

# Peter Pepper

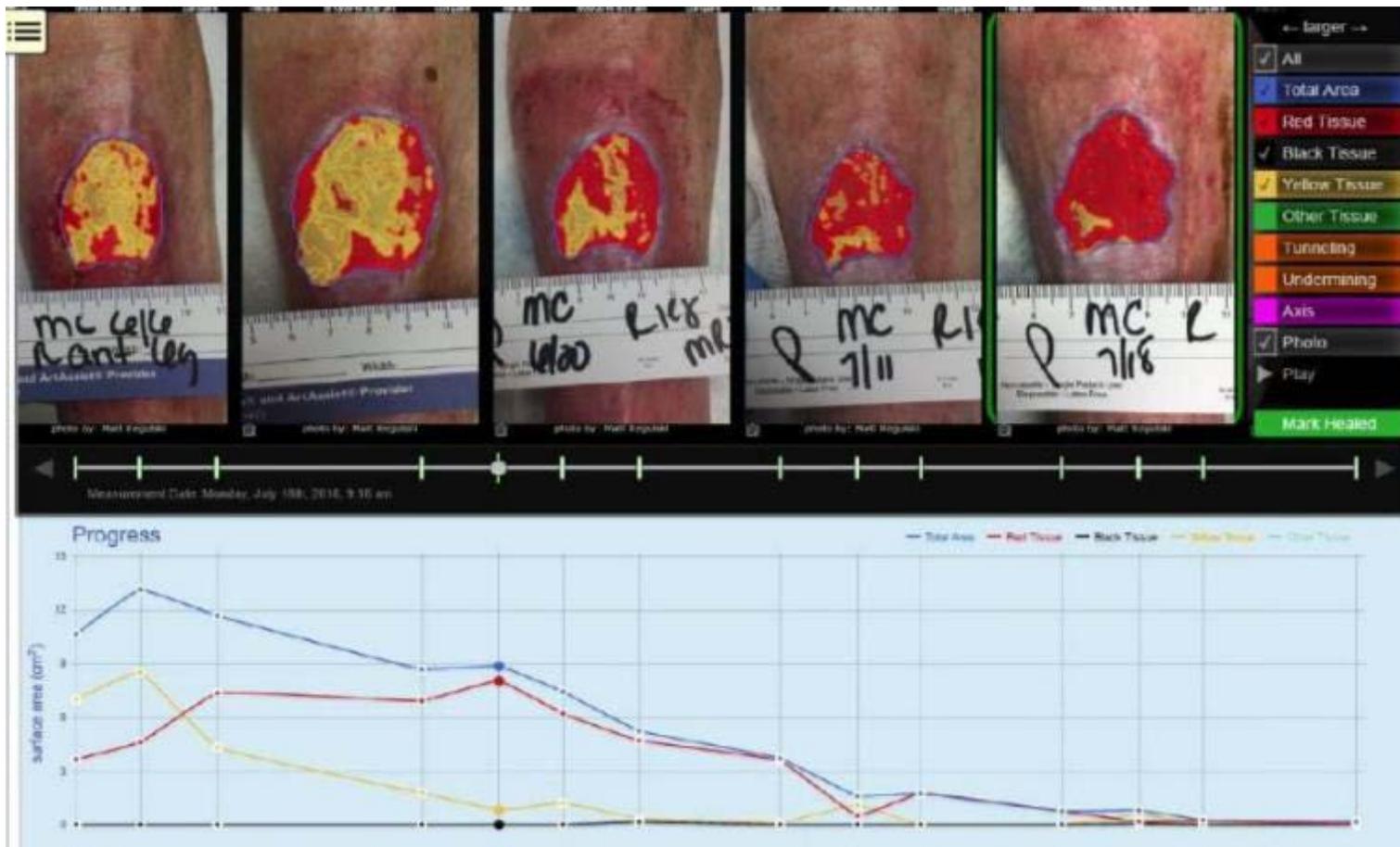
- 40 year old male military veteran
  - » 5 years post lumbar spinal cord injury (obtained from a blast In Afghanistan)
  - » Stage IV Pressure Injury
  - » Chronic Pain
  - » Chronic Depression



Peter Pepper is wheelchair bound and has no feeling from the waist down. He is admitted today for treatment of a stage four pressure injury with tunneling. The wound is 3 cm X 4 cm and 3 cm deep. There is a 3 cm tunnel in the two o'clock direction. The edge of the wound is boggy.

Free photo obtained from: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/bcgovphotos/21039219486>

# Goal = Interoperable Wound Data





# Skin Assessment LOINC Panel (partial)

## 72284-3 Skin assessment panel

**PANEL HIERARCHY** ([view this panel in the LForms viewer](#))

<b>LOINC#</b>	<b>LOINC Name</b>
<u>72284-3</u>	Skin assessment panel
<u>72369-2</u>	Body site identification panel
<u>39111-0</u>	Body site
<u>39112-8</u>	Body location qualifier
<u>20228-3</u>	Anatomic part Laterality
<u>39107-8</u>	Color of Skin
<u>39129-2</u>	Moisture of Skin
<u>39106-0</u>	Temperature of Skin
<u>39109-4</u>	Turgor [Interpretation] of Skin
<u>80344-5</u>	Skin integrity
<u>80345-2</u>	Pressure points examined [Anatomy] of Skin
<u>80347-8</u>	Mucous membrane integrity of Mucous membrane
<u>80343-7</u>	Skin assessment [Interpretation]

# Wound Assessment LOINC Panel (partial)

39135-9

## Wound assessment panel

PANEL HIERARCHY ([view this panel in the LForms viewer](#))

LOINC#	LOINC Name
<a href="#">39135-9</a>	Wound assessment panel
<a href="#">81666-0</a>	Wound number [Identifier]
<a href="#">81664-5</a>	Drain number [Identifier]
<a href="#">72300-7</a>	Skin alteration of Wound
<a href="#">72369-2</a>	Body site identification
<a href="#">39111-0</a>	Body site
<a href="#">39112-8</a>	Body location qualification
<a href="#">20228-3</a>	Anatomic part Lateral
<a href="#">72301-5</a>	Description of Periwound
<a href="#">72527-5</a>	Pressure ulcer stage Number
<a href="#">72372-6</a>	Wound bed and edge

Reset: Wound anatomic location reference set

Number of members **63**

**Term**

- Gingival structure (body structure)
- Mucous membrane structure (body structure)
- Nail structure (body structure)
- Skin of eye region (body structure)
- Skin of finger (body structure)
- Skin of lumbar region (body structure)
- Skin of occipital region (body structure)

# Encoding The Patient Story

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Value	3 centimeters	SNOMED CT	258672001	centimeter (qualifier value))
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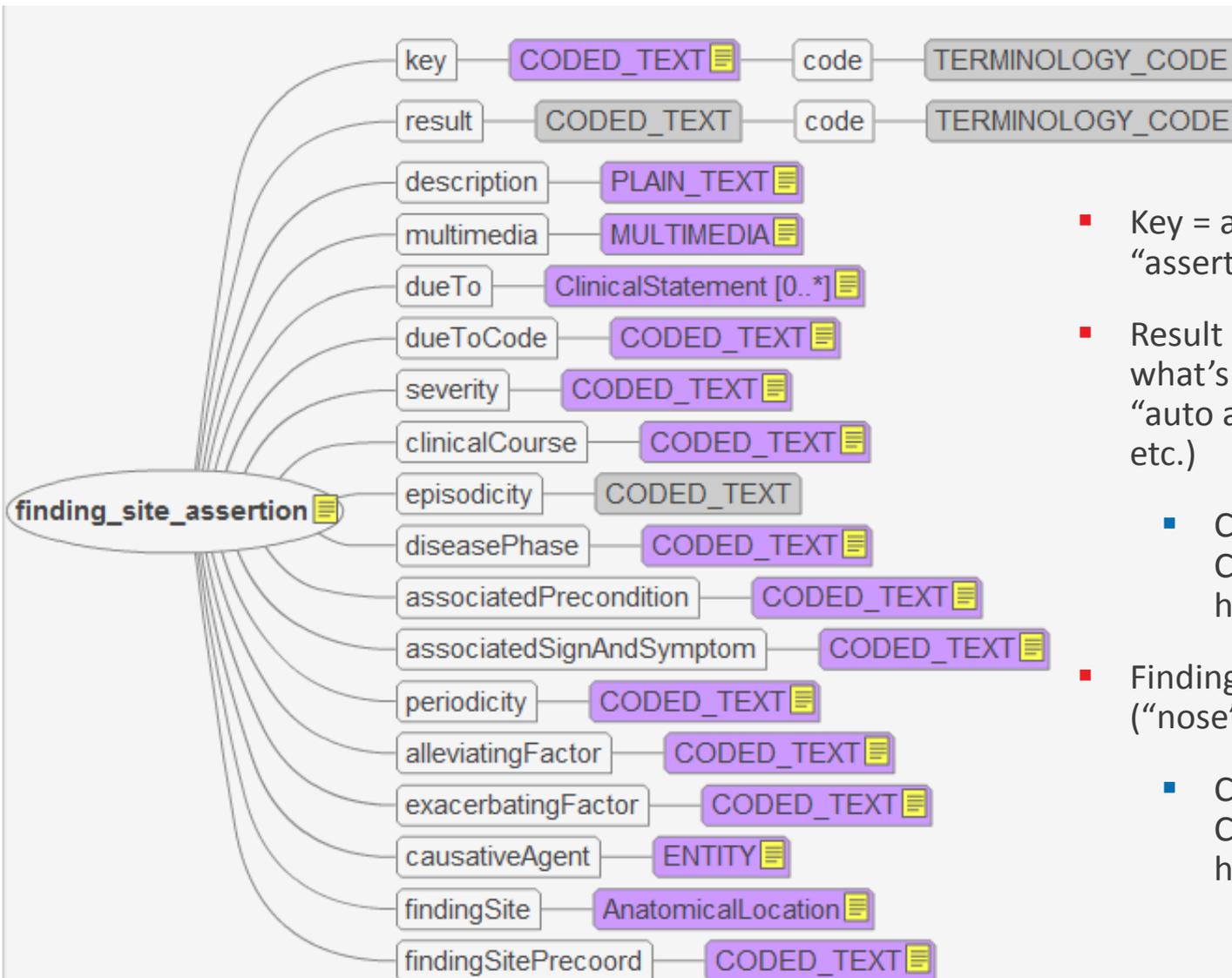
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Question	Periwound Condition	LOINC	72301-5	Description of Periwound
Value	Boggy	SNOMED CT	449737008	Boggy periwound skin (finding)

# Solution = Terminology AND Structure

- Common model used to represent pressure injuries across settings
  - » Clinical Information Modeling Initiative (CIMI) Model
  - » Standard terminology bindings
- Model developed from the bottom-up using domain experts
- FHIR Profiles developed off of CIMI model
- This means that:
  - » Sharing is easy
  - » Tracking and trending Peter's data across settings is possible
  - » Sharing executable software across settings is possible
  - » Quality measures are easy to retrieve and consistent across settings
  - » Software costs are lower

# Assertion (Nursing Diagnosis)



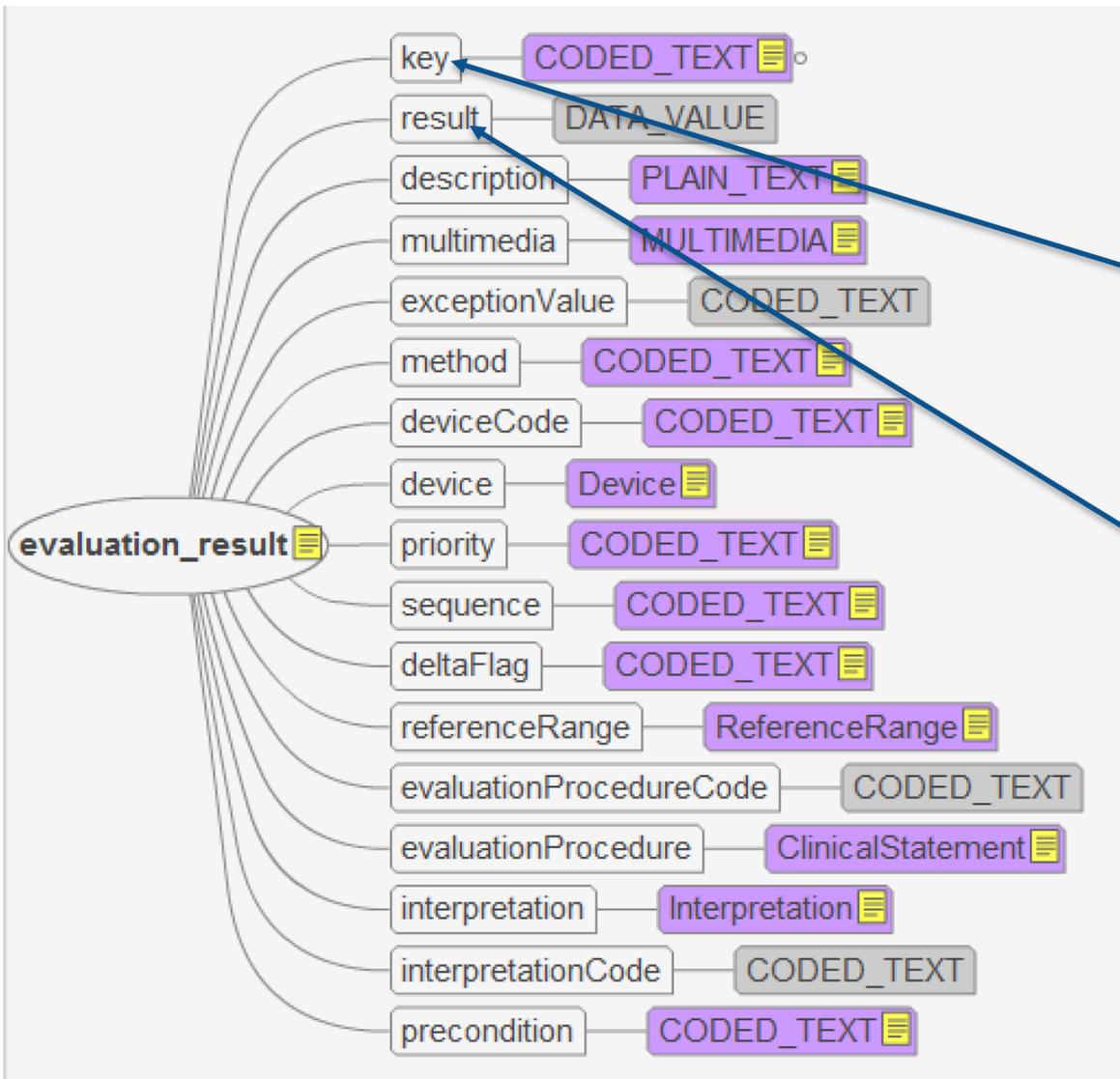
- Key = a code meaning “assertion”
- Result = a code representing what’s being asserted (“rash”, “auto accident”, “hypertrophy”, etc.)
  - Concepts from SNOMED CT “Clinical Finding” hierarchy
- Finding site for the assertion (“nose”, “elbow”)
  - Concepts from SNOMED CT “Body Location” hierarchy

# Assertion Examples

<b>Finding Site Assertion String</b>	<b>Syntax</b>
The patient has a stage two pressure injury on the right ischial tuberosity	WoundAssert key: Assertion Result: Pressure ulcer stage 2 (disorder) bodylocation: <b>Skin structure</b> of ischial tuberosity body side: Right (qualifier value) Context: Confirmed present (qualifier value)



# Evaluation Result (Assessments)



■ Key = the item being observed

- Concepts from LOINC

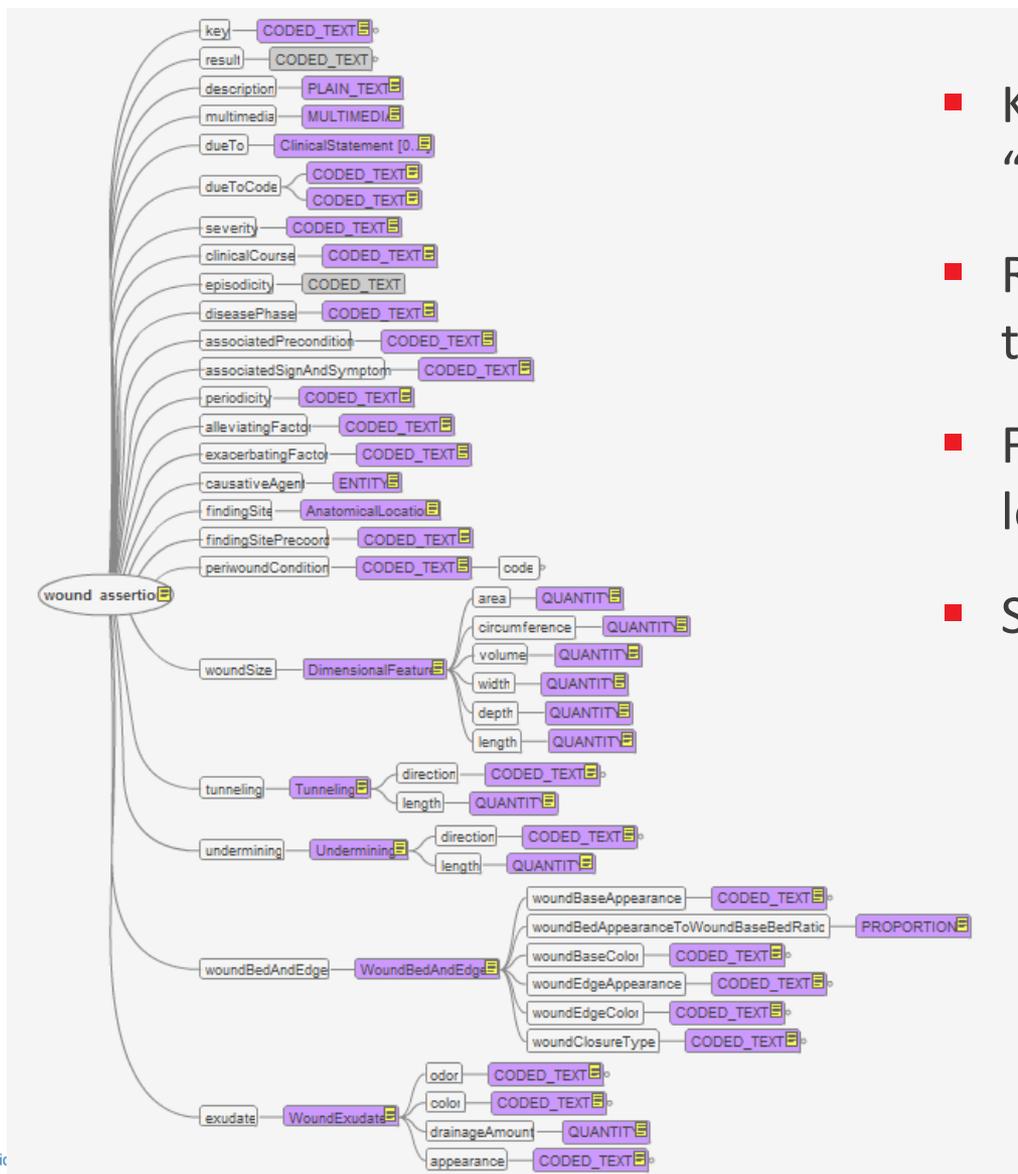
■ Result = the result of the observation

- If coded; Concepts from SNOMED CT

# Evaluation Result Examples

<b>Physical Evaluation String</b>	<b>Syntax</b>
The patient's skin turgor is friable	SkinTurgorEval key: Skin turgor (observable entity) result: Fragile skin (finding) evaluationProcedure: Inspection (procedure) Context: Confirmed present (qualifier value)

# Wound Assertion CIMI Model



- Key = a code meaning “assertion”
- Result = a code from wound type value set
- Finding site = code from wound locations value set
- Subgroupings
  - woundSize
  - Tunneling
  - Undermining
  - Wound Bed and Edge
  - Exudate

# Final Thoughts

- Nursing Process Data is being encoded with SNOMED CT and LOINC
- Models Developed to support
  - » Nursing Problems
  - » Interventions (Procedures)
  - » Assessment Items
  - » Outcomes
- Collaboration occurring across the nation
- How models will be implemented in systems is vender specific
- Much work to do!!



Thank You!

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