



The Office of the National Coordinator for
Health Information Technology
Health IT Advisory Committee

HITAC Task Force Establishment

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Task Force Establishment

ONC has established the following task forces to provide draft recommendations to the HITAC

- 1. Information Blocking.** In addition to the information blocking policies, this will also include the “information blocking,” “assurances,” and “communications” conditions and maintenance of certification requirements as well as policies for enforcement of all the conditions and maintenance of certification requirements.
- 2. Conditions and Maintenance of Certification Requirements.** This includes the “API,” “real world testing,” and “attestations” conditions and maintenance of certification requirements. It will also include the following: updates to the 2015 Edition health IT certification criteria; changes to the ONC Health IT Certification Program; and deregulatory actions.
- 3. Health IT for the Care Continuum.** This will include: ONC recommendations and policies that support pediatric care and practice settings; 2015 edition certification criteria that support multiple care and practice settings; and an “opioid” request for information.
- 4. U.S. Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) Standard.** This will focus on the draft USCDI v1 data classes and data elements and the USCDI promotion model.

ONC Task Force Support

Task Force	ONC Leads
Information Blocking	Mark Knee, Morris Landau, and Penelope Hughes
Conditions and Maintenance of Certification Requirements	Kate Tipping and Christopher Monk
Health IT for the Care Continuum	Stephanie Lee and Zoe Barber
U.S. Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) Standard	Stacy Perchem and Adam Wong

- **Additional Support**

- Lauren Richie (DFO)
- Cassandra Hadley, Program Analyst
- ONC Subject Matter Experts: Lauren Wu, LaVerne Perlie, Matthew Rahn, Johnny Bender, Caroline Coy, Al Taylor, Alex Kontur, and Samantha Meklir
- Accel Solutions (logistics support)

Information Blocking Task Force Charge

- **Overarching Charge:** Provide recommendations on policies related to information blocking; the “information blocking,” “assurances,” and “communications” conditions and maintenance of certification requirements; and the enforcement of all the conditions and maintenance of certification requirements.
- **Specific Charges:** Provide recommendations on the following topics:
 - Information Blocking:
 - ONC definitions/interpretations of certain statutory terms and provisions, including the price information request for information
 - Seven exceptions to the information blocking definition, and any additional exceptions (request for information)
 - Complaint process
 - Disincentives for health care providers (request for information)
 - “Information blocking,” “assurances,” and “communications” conditions and maintenance of certification requirements
 - Enforcement of all the conditions and maintenance of certification requirements

Conditions of Certification Task Force Charge

- **Overarching Charge:** Provide recommendations on the API,” “real world testing,” and “attestations” conditions and maintenance of certification requirements; updates to most 2015 Edition health IT certification criteria; changes to the ONC Health IT Certification Program; and deregulatory actions.
- **Specific Charge:** Provide recommendations on the following:
 - “API,” “real world testing,” and “attestations” conditions and maintenance of certification requirements
 - Updates to the 2015 Edition certification criteria: “Standardized API for patient and population services,” “electronic health information export,” “electronic prescribing,” “clinical quality measures – export,” and privacy and security-related *attestation* criteria (“encrypt authentication credentials;” and “multi-factor authentication”)
 - Modifications to the ONC Health IT Certification Program (Program)
 - Deregulatory actions related to certification criteria and Program requirements

Health IT for the Care Continuum Task Force Charge

- **Overarching Charge:** Provide recommendations on ONC's approach, recommendations, and identified 2015 Edition certification criteria to support pediatric care and practice settings; related criteria to support multiple care and practice settings; and a request for information on how health IT can support the treatment and prevention of opioid use disorder.
- **Specific Charge:** Provide recommendations on the following:
 - The 10 ONC recommendations to support the voluntary certification of health IT for pediatric care, including whether to remove a recommendation
 - Identified 2015 Edition certification criteria for supporting the certification of health IT for pediatric care and practice settings
 - Pediatric technical worksheets
 - 2015 Edition "DS4P" and "consent management for APIs" certification criteria
 - How health IT can support the treatment and prevention of opioid use disorder in alignment with the HHS strategy to address the opioid crisis

USCDI Task Force Charge

- **Overarching Charge for Phase 1:** Review the newly specified data elements proposed in the USCDI v1
- **Specific Charge:** Provide recommendations on the following:
 - Inclusion of Provenance Data Elements
 - Inclusion of Clinical Notes Data Elements
 - Inclusion of Pediatric Vital Signs Data Elements
 - Inclusion of Address and Phone Number Data Elements
 - Missing Data Elements within the Data Classes
- **Overarching Charge for Phase 2:** Provide recommendations for the USCDI Data Element Promotion Model
- **Specific Charge:** Provide recommendations on the following:
 - Promotion Model Lifecycle for Submitted Data Elements
 - Data Element Submission Information
 - Data Element Promotion Criteria

Draft Timeline

Meeting Date	Draft Discussion Items
Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview and HITAC Charge• Overall process and timing for providing recommendations
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each TF meets• Discussion/early draft recommendations
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each TF meets• Discussion/early draft recommendations
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalize Draft Recommendations (each TF) for HITAC review
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present draft recommendations to HITAC
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update and revise recommendations
Week 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update and revise recommendations
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present final recommendations to HITAC

Task Force Next Steps

- Review TF charges
- Indicate which Task Force(s) you would like to serve on
 - Also indicate your interest in serving as chair
- Announcement regarding final TF members and chairs will be made
- Any HITAC members can join TF calls & all meetings will be posted on HealthIT.gov



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