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Project US@ Overview

• Goal
  • Issue a unified, cross-Standards Development Organization (SDO), healthcare industry-wide specification for representing patient address

• Background
  • ONC received public comments on the use of USPS Publication 28 in response to an RFI on patient matching in the 21st Century Cures Act proposed rule
  • Our analysis found USPS Publication 28 to be insufficient for adoption
  • Limited public research on effects of data element standardization on patient matching accuracy
  • These and other efforts indicate the potential for improved patient matching through the development and implementation of standards
Project US@ Approach

- **Collaborate** with Standards Development Organizations (SDOs), federal and state entities, health IT developers, and a wide array of other stakeholders from across the healthcare industry

- **Engage** with partners to help ensure there is broad agreement on resulting specification that will serve multiple use cases

- **Build** industry commitment to implement the specification from the ground up

- **Establish** a lasting, industry-wide approach to representing patient address that is consistent across a spectrum of clinical and administrative transactions
Project US@ Technical Workgroup and Specification
Technical Workgroup

• Representation from
  • USPS, CDC, HIEs, health IT developers, MPI and patient matching vendors, SDOs, Surescripts, and other technical SMEs

• Weekly Project Technical Workgroup meetings
  • Develop specification

• Approach
  • USPS Publication 28 as a foundation to constrain and extend
  • Comparison across standards in how address is represented
  • Decision log
Project US@ Specification

• Deliverable: A unified, cross-SDO, healthcare industry-wide specification for representing patient address

• Phase I (2021)
  • Domestic and military addresses

• Phase II (2022)
  • International addresses and geolocation data
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- **Project USA@ on ONC Confluence**:
  - 101 **Project US@ Partners** so far

  - Monthly Project Partner meetings
    - Updates, continued engagement
    - **Minutes from all Project US@ partner meetings**

- ONC communications channels
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