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**“Data Element” Modeling and
Relationship to SOLOR**

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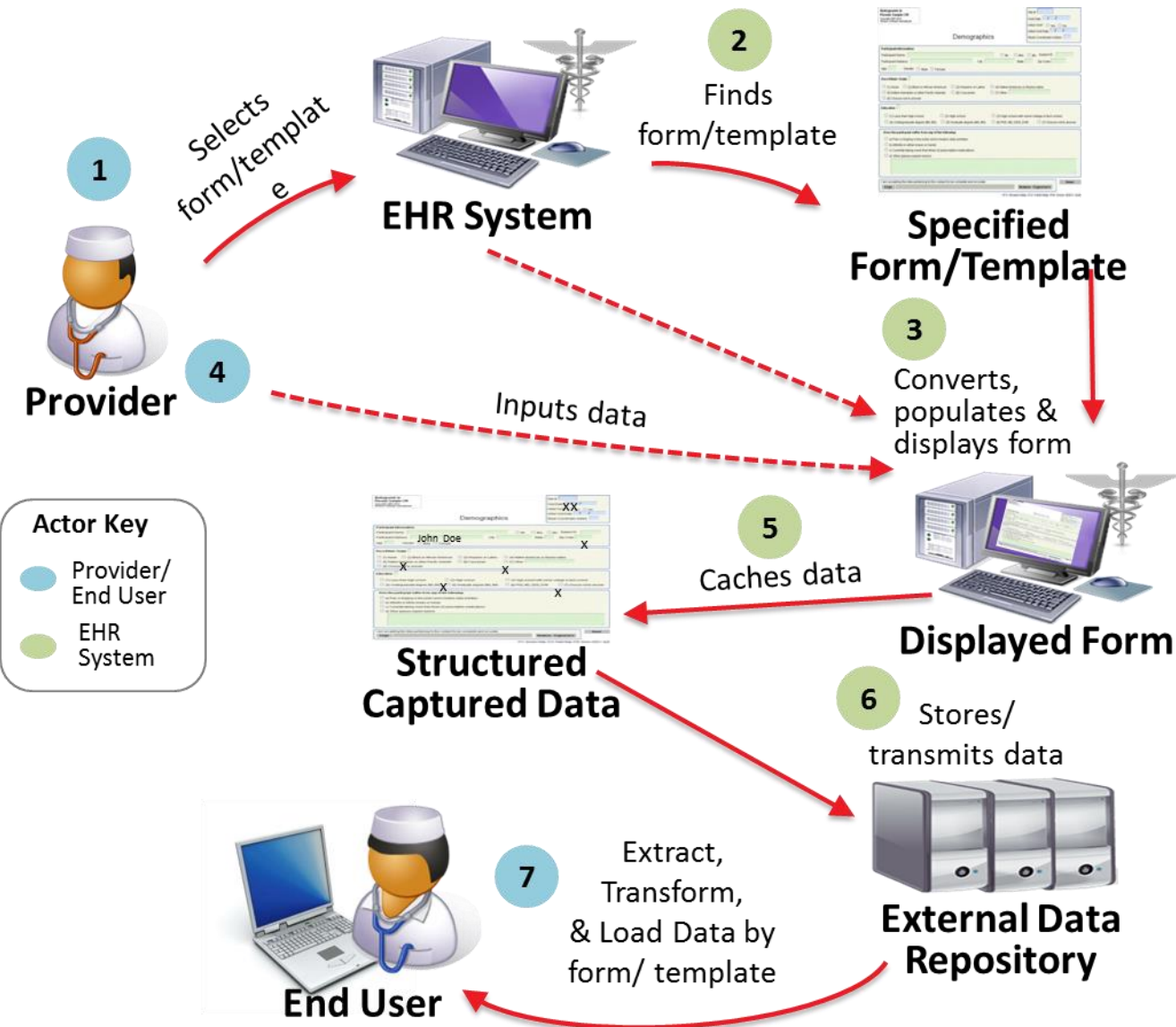
- What are “Data Elements”
 - Origins
 - Model and Uses
- Examples of Data Elements
- Issues with Data Elements
- Relationship to SOLOR

Origins



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Origins



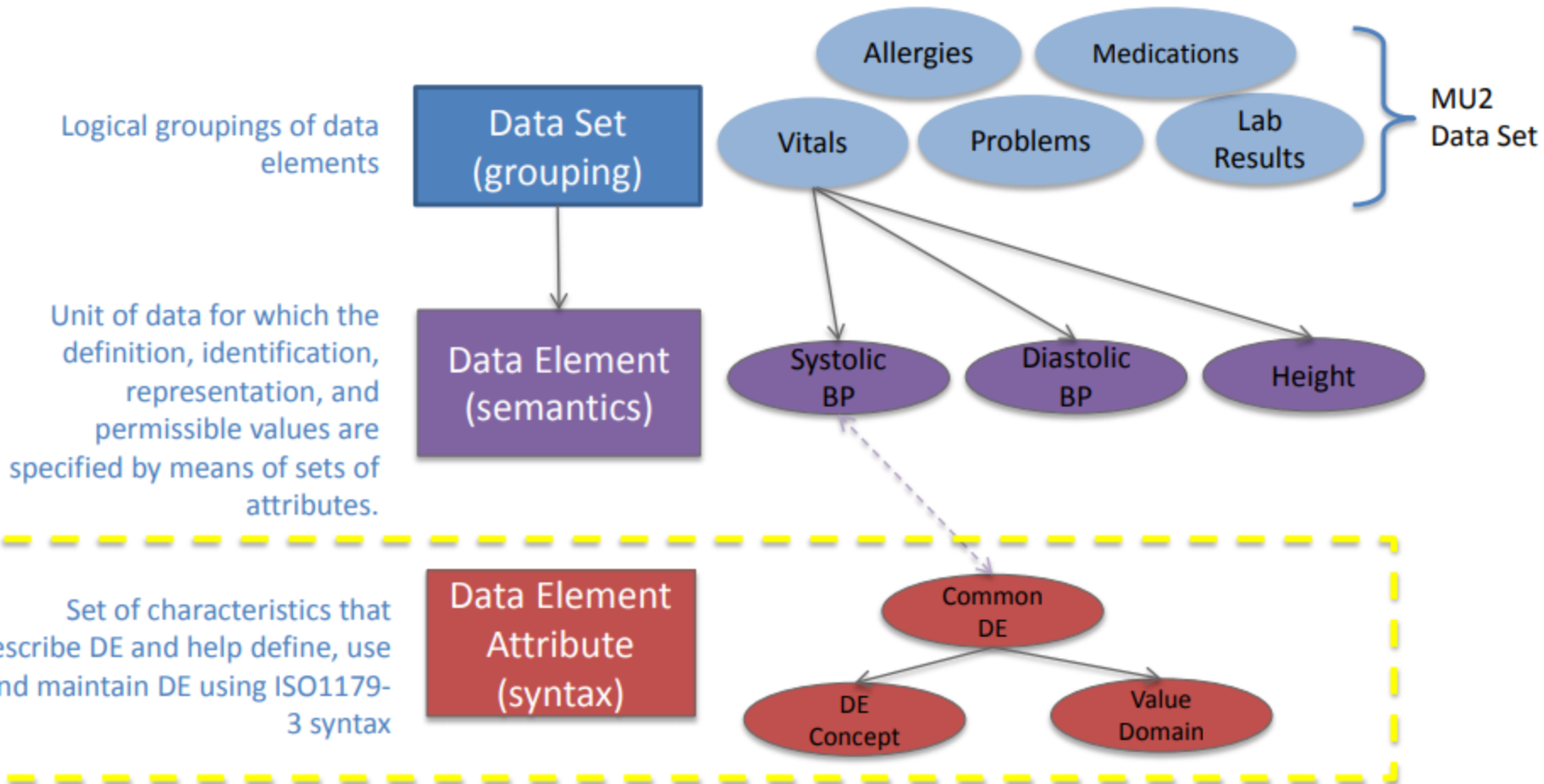
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SDC Data Elements



Data Element (DE)	A data element is a unit of data for which the definition, identification, representation, and permissible values are specified by a set of attributes and considered in context to be indivisible.
Common Data Elements (CDEs)	Standardized data element descriptions for collection and exchange of data of common interest to a particular community, and thus the community has agreed to share their definition, management and use. CDEs share a common set of attributes which facilitates their reuse in different settings, and are intended to aide in interoperability and data reuse.

SDC Data Elements



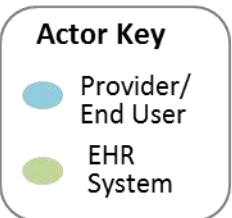
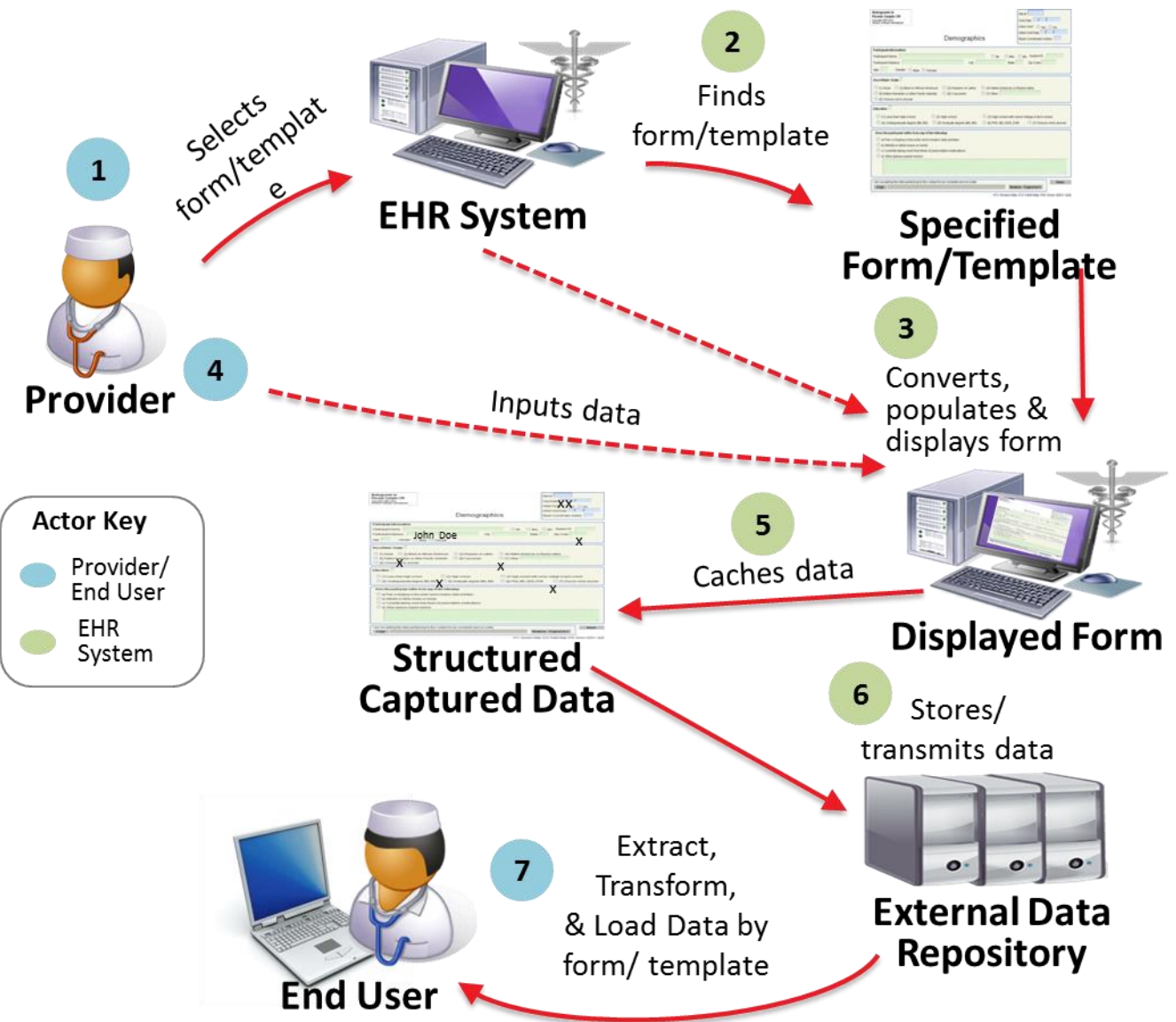
Common Data Elements (CDEs) are those DEs that are developed, maintained and used based on commonly agreed upon principles by the user community. CDEs are reusable across a variety of clinical and non-clinical domains.

Common Data Element - Example



SDC PSE/AE SWG Data Element	name (M)	URI (O) **	permitted value (M) *	text (M) *	value meaning description (O) *	value meaning concept code (O) *	code system id (C) *	code system name (C) *	code system version (C) *
Outcomes attributed to adverse event	Adverse Event Outcome ICSR Terminology	http://ncit: C54583	Life-threatening	Life_Threatening_ Adverse_Event	An adverse event, and/or its immediate sequelae, which is associated with an imminent risk of death or which is associated with physical or mental disabilities that affect or limit the ability of a person to perform activities of daily living (eating, ambulation, toileting, etc.) See NCI Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events.	C41337	2.16.840.1. 113883.3.2 6.1.1	NCI Thesaurus	14.02d
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Outcomes attributed to adverse event	Adverse Event Outcome ICSR Terminology	http://ncit: C54583	Disability or Permanent Damage	Disability	Any physical, mental, or functional impairment that limits a major activity. It may be partial or complete. (Taber's)	C21007	2.16.840.1. 113883.3.2 6.1.1	NCI Thesaurus	14.02d
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- AHRQ CDEs [Common Formats]
- Other Domain CDEs

Form Library

- Patient Safety Forms [Common Formats]
- Other domain-specified Forms

Template Library

- Domain-specified Templates

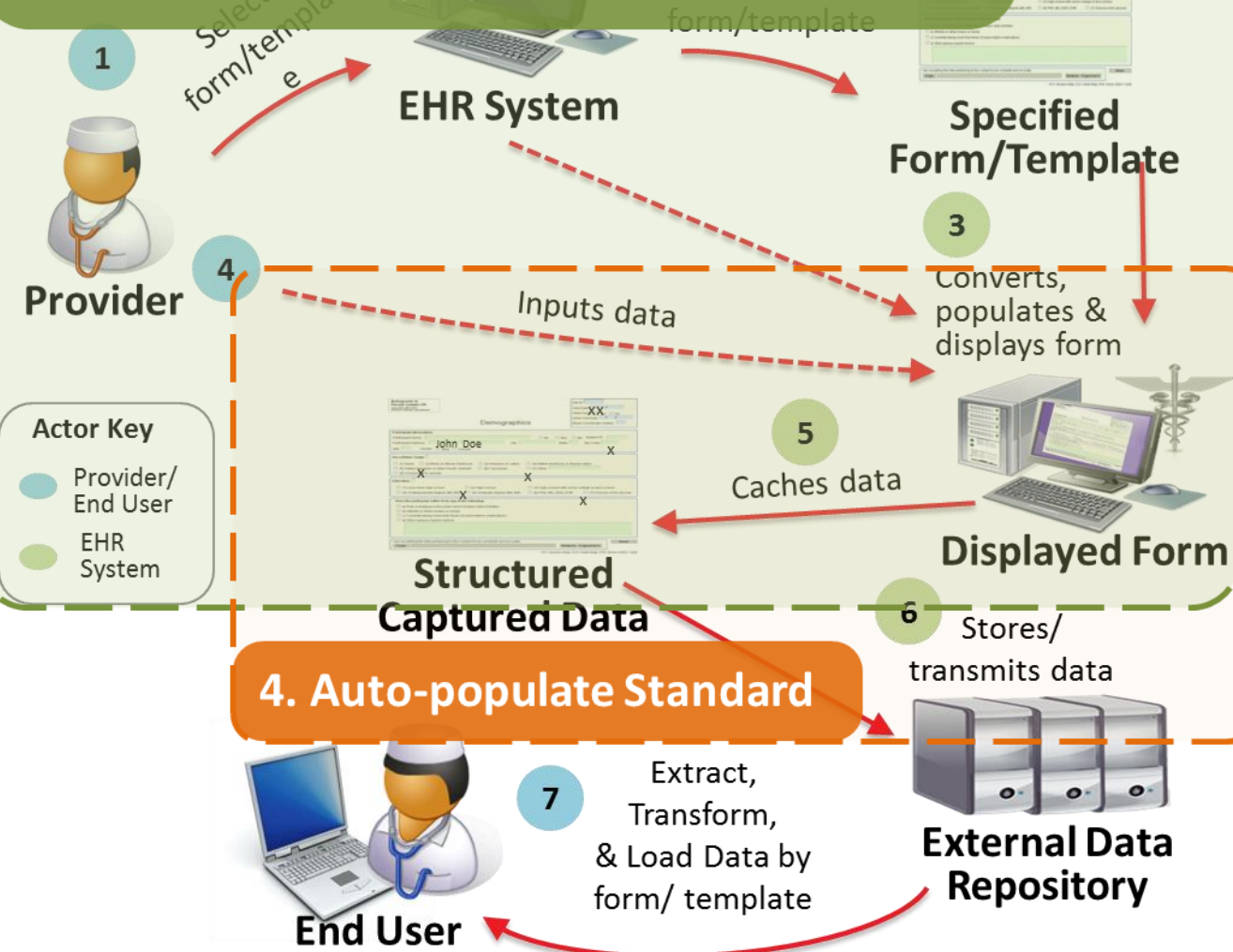


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3. EHR Interaction Standard: Find, display, cache, store/transmit



1. CDE Structure Standard

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CDE Structure Standard



Attribute Name	Cardinality	Optionality	Definition	Constraints	Example	IHE DEX Attribute Name
scoped identifier	1..1	Mandatory	A globally unique identifier for a metadata item within a specific namespace It is usually composed of the DE Identifier, DE Version, and either the full_expansion OR shorthand_expansion associated with the namespace. If a Data Element repository does not use DE Version, then the scoped_identifier may not include a version number. It is up to the owner of the data element to determine what the scoped_identifier value should be.		http://nci.nih.gov/xml/owl/oa/sr/d ata_element_identifier#2006410v 3.0 46552-6_LOINC	id
version	1..1	Mandatory	The unique version identifier of the metadata item.			3 version
name	1..*	Mandatory	The designation of an object by a linguistic expression; The primary means of identification of objects and concepts. A name by which a metadata item is known within a specific context.	SHOULD be "survey_quest_text" selected from LOINCDB, bound DYNAMIC, binding strength CwE LOINC OID: 2.16.840.1.113883.6.1	Person Body Mass Index Value Treated for urinary tract infection in past 14 days [OASIS]	
preferred question text	1..1	Mandatory	The preferred text used to express the data element as a question.	SHOULD be "survey_quest_text" selected from LOINCDB, bound DYNAMIC, binding strength CwE LOINC OID: 2.16.840.1.113883.6.1	Body Mass Index (BMI) Has this patient been treated for a Urinary Tract Infection in the past 14 days?	displayName
alternative question text	1..*	Optional	Alternative expressions of the question text that have been approved for use this is data element.	SHOULD be "survey_quest_text" selected from LOINCDB, bound DYNAMIC, binding strength CwE LOINC OID: 2.16.840.1.113883.6.1	Body Mass Index	
definition	1..*	Mandatory	Representation of a concept by a descriptive statement which serves to differentiate it from related concepts. A statement that expresses		A calculated numerical quantity that represents an individual's	definition

From:

<https://oncprojecttracking.healthit.gov/wiki/download/attachments/16123327/SDC%20SWG%20Data%20Element%20Mapping%20Templatev4%20%282%29.xlsx?version=1&modificationDate=1489605858000&api=v2>

(SDC Data Element Attributes tab)

CDE Structure Standard



Attribute Name	Cardinality	Optionality	Definition	Constraints	Example
format	0..1	Optional	template for the structure of the presentation of the value(s)		YYYY-MM-DD for a date
maximum character	0..1	Optional	Maximum number of characters available to represent the Data_Element value		4
unit of measure	1..1	Conditional	The name of a unit of measure.	If datatype is Physical Quantity type then "unit of measure" attribute SHALL be supplied. SHALL be UCUM code from value set below bound	mmHg
low value	0..1	Optional	Low end of data range	If value set is non-enumerated, then low value MAY be provided. Enumerated value domains SHALL NOT have low value	80
high value	0..1	Optional	High end of data range	If value set is non-enumerated, then high value MAY be provided. Enumerated value domains SHALL NOT have high value	120
value set	1..1	Conditional	If a value domain draws its values from a value set, then value set must be associated with the value domain, and value set members must be made available as permissible values.		
value meaning concept code	0..1	Optional	The preferred standard terminology code for the value set member.	SHOULD be CONCEPT ID selected from SNOMED CT, bound DYNAMIC, binding strength CWE SNOMED CT OID: 2.16.840.1.113883.6.96	73211009, 502372015
value meaning description	0..1	Optional	The exact text for the meaning of the permitted value.	SHOULD be 'term' selected from SNOMED CT, bound DYNAMIC, binding strength CWE SNOMED CT OID: 2.16.840.1.113883.6.96	The substance inside red blood cells that binds to oxygen in the lungs and carries it the tissues.
code system id	1..1	Conditional	unique identifier for the code system	SHALL be OID If value member codes originate from specific coding	2.16.840.1.113883.6.1
code system name	1..1	Conditional	name of the code system	If value member codes originate from specific coding system then coding system name SHALL be provided	LOINC
code system version	1..1	Conditional	version of the code system	If value member codes originate from specific coding system then coding system version SHALL be provided	2.43
content Model	0..1	Optional	The Content Model that the Data Element is interrelated with.		
mapping type	0..1	Optional	Type of the mappingSpecification. The type shall be selected from Mapping Specification Type Value Set (1.3.6.1.4.1.19376.1.7.3.1.1.22.1).	Value SHALL be selected from IHE DEX Profile, Mapping Specification Type Value Set. OID: 1.3.6.1.4.1.19376.1.7.3.1.1.22.1	XPATH Scripts, SPARQL or SQL queries
mapping script	0..1	Optional	The exact specification to locate the Data Element in a Content Model (Example: XPATH Scripts, SPARQL or SQL query).		select * from table_name
id	0..1	Optional	Identifier for the contentModel. This is the OID of the contentModel.		2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.1(for ASTMHL7 CCD)
name	0..1	Optional	Name of the contentModel.		ASTMHL7 CCD

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(SDC Data Element Attributes tab)

Results of S&I SDC Initiative



1. IHE SDC Profile

- Utilizes the IHE Retrieve Form for Data Capture (RFD) Profile
 - For retrieving, displaying, completing, and submitting forms
- Utilizes the ISO/IEC 19763-13 Meta-model for Framework Interoperability (MFI)
 - For specifying the content of forms
- Defines a set of XML schemas for defining SDC forms
 - Top level “<FormDesign>” element
 - Others: “<Section>”, “<Question>”, “<ListItem>”, ...
 - See <https://github.com/esacinc/sdc-schema-package/tree/master/schema/sdc>
- Published 2014



Results of S&I SDC Initiative

1. IHE SDC Profile

Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise

IHE

IHE Quality, Research, and Public Health
Technical Framework Supplement

Structured Data Capture
(SDC)

Rev. 2.1 – Trial Implementation

See

http://ihe.net/uploadedFiles/Documents/QRPH/IHE_QRPH_Suppl_SDC.pdf

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- <Question title="Primary Tumor Site: Invasive Carcinoma (Note C)" ID="16250.100004300" minCard="0"
mustImplement="false">
  <OtherText val="Primary Tumor Site: Invasive Carcinoma" type="reportText" name="Tum_Site_113"/>
  - <ListField>
    - <List>
      <ListItem title="Upper outer quadrant" ID="16251.100004300" mustImplement="false"/>
      <ListItem title="Lower outer quadrant" ID="16252.100004300" mustImplement="false"/>
      <ListItem title="Upper inner quadrant" ID="16253.100004300" mustImplement="false"/>
      <ListItem title="Lower inner quadrant" ID="16254.100004300" mustImplement="false"/>
      <ListItem title="Central" ID="16255.100004300" mustImplement="false"/>
      <ListItem title="Nipple" ID="16256.100004300" mustImplement="false"/>
      + <ListItem title="Other (specify)" ID="16257.100004300" mustImplement="false">
      <ListItem title="Not specified" ID="16258.100004300" mustImplement="false"/>
    </List>
  </ListField>
</List>
```

See

https://github.com/esacinc/sdc-schema-package/blob/master/example/form/CAP_Breast_Res.xml



Results of S&I SDC Initiative



1. IHE SDC Profile
2. S&I Pilot Implementations
 - Workstreams
 - Public Health
 - Patient Safety Reporting and Adverse Event Reporting
 - PCOR (research)
 - Goals
 - Real world evaluation of SDC IHE Profile & FHIR Profile
 - Harmonize 'content' data elements and forms

Results of S&I SDC Initiative



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SDC Initiative Deliverables

Expected Deliverable/Artifact:	Status:
Use Case Document	Complete
SDC Candidate Standards List	Complete
SDC Solution Plan	
SDC Standards Evaluation	
SDC SOAP/SAML Implementation Guide	Complete
SDC Data Element Attribute and Structure Mapping Template	Complete
SDC PSE/AE Subworking Group Workflows	
PSE/AE SubWorking Group Final Presentation	
SDC Engagement Matrix and Environmental Scan	Complete
FHIR SDC DE Profile	
FHIR Profile	Complete
IHE SDC Profile	
NLM CDE Repository	Complete
GitHub Link	Complete
UCSF Pilot Report Out Slide Deck (11/17/2017)	
CAP & DCG Pilot Report Out Slide Deck (12/08/2017)	

See:

<https://oncprojecttracking.healthit.gov/wiki/display/TechLabSC/SDC+Pilots>



Other “Data Element” Initiatives



Browse by Classification **Browse by Topic**

AHRQ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality 9 elements	NCI National Cancer Institute 60 elements	NEI National Eye Institute 6 elements	NIDA National Institute on Drug Abuse 12 elements
NINDS National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke 1374 elements	NINR National Institute of Nursing Research 17 elements	NLM National Library of Medicine 30 elements	ONC Office of the National Coordinator 5 elements

See: <https://cde.nlm.nih.gov/form/search>



Example OWL/SOLOR Concept Expression

60 results for **All Terms** | **NCI x** | **All Topics** | **All Statuses** (0.025 secs)

Filter by:

Classification

✓ NCI (60)

➤ NCIP (60)

Registration Status

Qualified (60)

Staging, Neuroendocrine Tumor NCI Standard Template Qualified

Matched by: **Classification**

21 Questions - The collection of CDEs used in the neuroendocrine tumor staging module based on AJCC Edition 7.

Steward: NCI

Used By: NCI

Staging, Cervix Uteri NCI Standard Template Qualified

Matched by: **Classification**

10 Questions - The collection of CDEs used in the cervical staging module based on AJCC Edition 7 and FIGO standards.

Steward: NCI

Used By: NCI

Staging, Prostate NCI Standard Template Qualified

Matched by: **Classification**

10 Questions - The collection of CDEs used in the prostate staging module based on AJCC Edition 7.

Steward: NCI

Used By: NCI

Adverse Event/Serious Adverse Event CTCAE v3 NCI Standard Template Qualified

Matched by: **Classification**

28 Questions - The collection of CDEs used in the Adverse Events/Serious Adverse Events module.

Steward: NCI

Used By: NCI



Other “Data Element” Initiatives



General Details

Form Description

Naming

Classification

Reference Documents

Adverse Event/Serious Adverse Event CTCAE v3 NCI Standard Template

Mandatory Adverse Event Questions

Must be included when this data is collected for reporting.

3. Describe 'Other' Adverse Event

4. Adverse Event Grade

- MILD ADVERSE EVENT
- MODERATE ADVERSE EVENT
- SEVERE ADVERSE EVENT
- LIFE-THREATENING OR DISABLING ADVERSE EVENT
- DEATH RELATED TO ADVERSE EVENT

5. Adverse Event Name (v3.0)

- Acidosis NOS
- Capillary leak syndrome
- ALLERGY/IMMUNOLOGY OTHER
- Dry mouth
- Ulcer, GI
- Ulcer, GI
- Ulcer, GI
- Ulcer, GI
- Gastric ulcer
- Ulceration
- Hyperuricaemia
- Fanconi syndrome
- Dry skin
- Urinary frequency
- Urinary retention
- Urine discolouration
- Urticaria NOS
- Uveitis
- Vaginal discharge (non-infectious)
- Vulvovaginal dryness
- Vaginal mucositis
- Vaginal stenosis/length

6. AE Start Date

- Unknown

7. Was patient hospitalized for toxicity?

- Yes
- No

8. Cycle

Other “Data Element” Initiatives



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Mandatory Adverse Event Questions

Instructions: Must be included when this data is collected for reporting.

Describe 'Other' Adverse Event [View CDE](#)

Select Multiple At most: 200 characters Required

Adverse Event Grade [View CDE](#)

Select Multiple Required

Answer Choices: MILD ADVERSE EVENT MODERATE ADVERSE EVENT SEVERE ADVERSE EVENT LIFE-THREATENING OR DISABLING ADVERSE EVENT DEATH RELATED TO ADVERSE EVENT

Adverse Event Name (v3.0) [View CDE](#)

Select Multiple At least: 1 characters At most: 200 characters Required

Answer Choices: Acidosis NOS Capillary leak syndrome ALLERGY/IMMUNOLOGY OTHER Dry mouth Ulcer, GI Ulcer, GI Ulcer, GI Ulcer, GI Ulcer, GI Ulcer, GI Gastric ulcer Ulceration Hyperuricaemia Fanconi syndrome Dry skin Urinary frequency Urinary retention Urine discoloration Urticaria NOS Uveitis Vaginal discharge (non-infectious) Vulvovaginal dryness Vaginal mucositis Vaginal stenosis/length

Was patient hospitalized for toxicity? [View CDE](#)

Select Multiple At least: 2 characters At most: 3 characters Required

Answer Choices: Yes No

Other “Data Element” Initiatives



Adverse event severity grade scale

+ Add to Quick Board

⌵ Add to Board

📄 Export

📄 Copy

💬 Disc

General Details

Permissible Values

Naming

Classification

Concepts

Reference Documents

Properties

Identifiers

Attachments

History

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Values Allowed

Value Type:

Value List

Unit of Measure:

N/A

Ids:

empty

Permissible Value

Datatype:

Text

Value	Code Name	Code	Code System	Code Description
Grade 1	Grade 1			Mild: asymptomatic or mild symptoms, clinical or diagnostic observations only, intervention not indicated.
Grade 2	Grade 2			Moderate: minimal, local or noninvasive intervention indicated, limiting age-appropriate Activities of Daily Living.
Grade 3	Grade 3			Severe or medically significant but not immediately life-threatening: hospitalization or prolongation of hospitalization indicated, disabling.
Grade 4	Grade 4			Life-threatening consequences: urgent intervention indicated
Grade 5	Grade 5			Death related to adverse event

Other “Data Element” Initiatives



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Person Birth Date Qualified Matched by: Classification

The month, day and year on which the person was born.

Used By: NINR NCI
Steward: NCI
Source: caDSR

Person Height Value Qualified Matched by: Classification

The number that describes the vertical distance of an individual.

Used By: NIDA NCI
Steward: NCI
Source: caDSR

Colorectal Cancer American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) Edition 7 Group Stage Qualified Matched by: Classification

Stage group determined from information on the tumor (T), regional node (N) and metastases (M) and by grouping cases with similar prognosis for colon and rectal cancer.

Value	Code Name	Code
0	Stage 0 Colorectal Cancer	C8932
I	Stage I Colorectal Cancer	C8513
IIA	Stage IIA Colorectal Canc...	C87813
IIB	Stage IIB Colorectal Canc...	C87814

(11 total) See full list in Detailed View

Used By: NCI
Steward: NCI
Source: caDSR

Tissue Donor Long-Term Dialysis Receive Indicator Qualified Matched by: Classification

An indication of whether the donor had dialysis treatment for at least three times a week for at least one month prior to death as provided by the primary history source.

Value	Code Name	Code
No	No	C49487
Unknown	Unknown	C17998
Yes	Yes	C49488

Tissue Donor Sex Behavior With Other Person Injectable Dosage Form Drug Abuse Personal Medical History Performed Indicator Qualified Matched by: Classification

An indication of whether the donor had sexual activity with others who have utilized drug injections (intravenous and/or intramuscular and/or subcutaneous) for non-medical use in the last 5 years as p...

Value	Code Name	Code
No	No	C49487
Unknown	Unknown	C17998
Yes	Yes	C49488



Assessment of “Data Element” Approach to Structured Data Capture in EHRs

- Effectiveness for standardized, structured *data entry*
 - Sharing of forms (good, if occurs)
 - Shared data elements among forms (good, if occurs)
 - All coded concepts must be pre-coordinated (bad)
 - Semantics of data elements may depend on form context
 - E.g., “Cycle #” (Chemotherapy? IVF?)
 - E.g., “Was patient hospitalized for toxicity” (Drug AE? Env. Exposure?)
 - No semantic model for the *relationships* among the data elements in a form (bad)
 - E.g., “AE Name”, “AE Grade”, “AE Start Date” all refer to the same AE instance.



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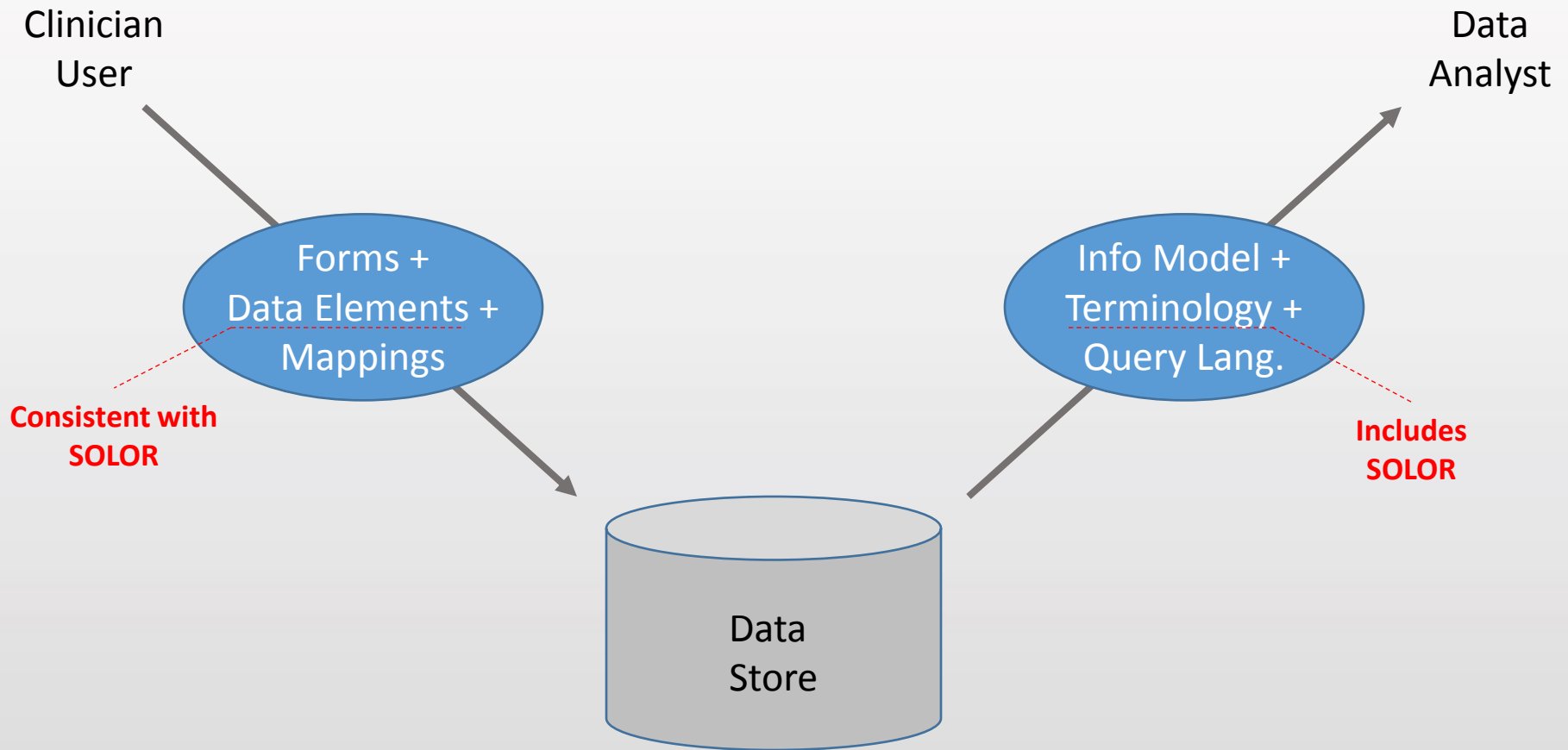
- Effectiveness for *data analysis*
 - No information model independent of individual forms
 - Will data analysts need to understand the content/structure of each form used to collect a data element to understand its full semantics?
 - Will the complete semantics of each data element be the same across each form used to collect it?
 - How will data analysts even know the set of attributes available for querying certain types of objects/events?
 - E.g., Adverse Events (Severity? Manifestation? Outcome? Causative agent? Start Date? End Date? Status? Related treatment protocol? ...)
 - Potential for creation of duplicative or overlapping data elements, without means of reconciliation
 - New data elements may be created for each new form, without adequate consideration of existing data elements
 - E.g., “Adverse Event: None, Mild, Moderate, Severe” vs. “Severe Adverse Event: Yes, No”

Recommendations



- Create data model that is independent of the structure of the data-entry forms
 - Consisting of information model + terminology
 - Useful for querying and data analysis across varying domains and use cases
- Map the data elements appearing in forms to semantically equivalent representations that are consistent with the data model
 - Data may be translated in real-time, as the forms are submitted
 - Data may be translated later, as data are converted from a forms-based operational data store to a model-based analytical data store

Recommendations





Thank you

Questions?

