

QDI User Group Meeting Notes

January 21, 2026

Meeting Name	Quality Data Implementation (QDI) User Group
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Meeting Information	Microsoft Teams Need help? Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 297 443 617 546 00 Passcode: h54HD983
Meeting Purpose	The QDI User Group is established to provide a collaborative, multi-stakeholder forum to guide the development, implementation, maintenance, and harmonization of quality data models used in healthcare quality measurement and improvement.
Meeting Facilitator	Angela Flanagan, eCQI Standards Team
Meeting Date	Meeting Date: January 21, 2026 Meeting Time: 3 PM ET

Agenda and Notes

Purpose of the QDI User Group

Discussion:

The group reaffirmed that the QDI User Group provides a collaborative forum to guide the development, implementation, and harmonization of Clinical Reasoning Artifacts (CRAs). CRAs support healthcare quality measurement and clinical decision support.

Key goals include:

- Supporting implementation across diverse healthcare settings
- Aligning with digital quality measure (dQM) standards
- Ensuring interoperability with clinical decision support workflows

- Reflecting real-world clinical and operational needs

Encounter Diagnoses and Problem List

Discussion:

The group reviewed the distinction between encounter diagnoses and problem list entries.

- **Encounter diagnoses** are conditions addressed during a specific encounter and are time-limited.
- **Problem list entries** represent ongoing or significant conditions that persist across encounters.

A case study involving a newborn transferred between facilities demonstrated that birth-related diagnoses carried forward into subsequent encounters may cause unintended inclusion in quality measure populations. The group identified a need for clearer guidance on how encounter diagnoses and problem list conditions should be used when identifying index events, such as births. As well as additional guidance in QDM to align with QI-Core.

A recommendation of adding a constraint to the encounter to those that identify actual delivery time within pertinent inpatient encounter which would be found in clinical encounter, not the claims encounter.

Birth and Delivery Encounters

Discussion:

Participants discussed whether current Quality Data Model (QDM) and Quality Improvement Core (QI-Core) models adequately support identification of births and deliveries as index encounters.

Key considerations included:

- How to represent index events that occur in one encounter but influence later encounters
- Consistency across measures and healthcare settings
- Potential areas for clarification in QDM and QI-Core guidance

Present on Admission (POA) Indicators

Discussion:

The group discussed challenges with consistent capture, exchange, and interpretation of Present on Admission (POA) indicators.

Key challenges identified:

- Variability in EHR implementation
- Inconsistent data sources
- Lack of standardized guidance for exchange

Participants agreed that clearer guidance is needed to support interoperable POA reporting in digital quality measures. The group agrees to revisit this topic of Encounter diagnoses, problem list, index events and POA next month.

QDI User Group Charter Updates

Discussion:

The proposed January 2026 QDI User Group Charter was reviewed and compared to the October 2022 version.

Key differences include:

- Transition from a Quality Data Model (QDM)-centric approach to a FHIR-native approach
- Shift from procedural governance to an advisory and collaborative model
- Expanded focus on data reuse, burden reduction, and real-world implementation
- Broader stakeholder representation

The group noted that the proposed charter reflects a transition from migration management to long-term ecosystem stewardship.

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time

Agenda items may be submitted to ecqi@lantanagroup.com.

Participants were encouraged to share future meetings with colleagues.

A recommendation to ensure announcements include CDC/NHSN since the organization is authoring dQMs too.

Action Items

Item Number	Task Description	Date Created	Responsible	Status	Target Date
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1	Draft guidance clarifying the use of encounter diagnoses and problem list for identifying index encounters and other events	January 21, 2026	The Joint Commission and eCQI Standards Team	Not started	To be determined
2	Review existing quality measures for approaches to modeling index events	January 21, 2026	QDI User Group	Not started	To be determined
3	Identify gaps and draft recommendations for consistent capture and exchange of Present on Admission indicators	January 21, 2026	QDI User Group	Not started	To be determined
4	Collect and review stakeholder feedback on the proposed January 2026 QDI User Group Charter	January 21, 2026	eCQI Standards Team	Not started	Prior to next meeting
5	Solicit agenda topics and case examples for the February 2026 QDI User Group meeting	January 21, 2026	eCQI Standards Team	In Progress	Prior to next meeting

Attendance:

Attendee	Attendee
Alex Liu	Kris Done
Angela Flanagan	Lisa Anderson
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Daniel Felizardo	Michelle Dardis
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Jason Evans	Sheila Aguilar
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