QDI User Group Meeting Notes May 20, 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:** May 20, 2026 **Meeting Time:** 3 PM ET

Meeting Notes

Opening & Announcements

Meeting called to order by Angela Flanagan.

Session recorded for internal documentation.

Participants invited to join distribution list via eCQI@lantanagroup.com.

Purpose: Collaborative discussion on quality data model development, implementation, and alignment.

Agenda Overview

Best Resource(s) to capture Radiology Images Ordered/Performed and Results

eCQM Flow Diagrams

Present on Admission (POA)

Open discussion and future agenda topics

Discussion Items

Radiology and Imaging Data Capture

There is no single resource that captures the full radiology workflow; multiple interconnected FHIR resources are required (e.g., ServiceRequest, Procedure, ImagingStudy, DiagnosticReport, Observation).

AI tools can assist in extracting claims, citations, and structured data from narrative submissions, improving efficiency in measure evaluation.

Key technical considerations:

- Orders: ServiceRequest
- Performed procedures: Procedure / ImagingStudy
- Reports/interpretations: DiagnosticReport
- Structured results: Observation
- ImagingSelection resource enables linking findings to specific image locations

Terminology and standards discussion:

- CPT codes are widely used due to billing requirements
- LOINC provides more granular, clinically meaningful data for quality measurement
- LOINC Radiology RadLex Playbook was recommended as the preferred long-term standard
- SNOMED CT is preferred for structured findings, though most findings remain free text

Challenges identified:

- Variability in local procedure coding and mapping to CPT or LOINC
- Limited standardization of findings data

- Gap between ideal FHIR-based models and current EHR capabilities
- Continued reliance on legacy interoperability standards

eCQI Flow Diagrams

Flow diagrams illustrate:

- Patient population logic (initial population, denominator, numerator, exclusions)
- Clinical workflows and data processing steps

CMS is collecting feedback on:

- Usefulness of diagrams
- Opportunities for improvement
- Alignment across EC and EH measures

A short survey was distributed to gather stakeholder feedback.

Present on Admission (POA) Documentation

POA indicates whether a condition was present at the time of hospital admission and is required for inpatient claims processing.

Current workflow insights:

- Assigned by HIM/coding professionals at discharge
- Based on clinical documentation and coder validation
- Primarily used for billing and payment determination
- Typically resides in claims data rather than clinical EHR systems

Key challenges:

- Timing lag (not available until discharge)
- Inconsistent integration between clinical and billing system
- Potential discrepancies between clinical documentation and billing codes
- Limited availability for quality measurement extraction

Data quality and usability concerns:

- Inconsistent or incomplete POA assignments
- Limited access when billing and clinical systems are not integrated
- Lack of POA representation in structured clinical data

Potential approaches discussed:

- Claims-based POA (current approach)
- Encounter-based POA extensions
- Condition-based POA extensions
- Hybrid approaches combining multiple data sources

General Observations

Significant variability across organizations in:

- Terminology standards (CPT vs LOINC)
- Data capture methods
- System integration

Many desired capabilities exceed current EHR maturity, particularly for radiology data and POA workflows.

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 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.

Action Items

Item Number	Task Description	Date Created	Responsible	Status	Target Date
1	Evaluate terminology approach for radiology measures	May 20, 2026	Measure Development Team, SMEs	Not started	To be determined
2	Review FHIR resource mapping for imaging workflows	May 20, 2026	Measure Development Team	Not started	To be determined

3	Collect and analyze feedback from flow diagram survey	May 20, 2026	Lantana Team	Not started	To be determined
4	Assess POA data capture approaches (claims vs encounter vs hybrid)	May 20, 2026	Measure Development Team	Not started	To be determined
5	Engage HL7 CQI and related stakeholders for alignment	May 20, 2026	Lantana / CMS	Not started	To be determined
6	Document real world system capabilities for radiology and POA dates	April 15, 2026	Standards & SME Team	Not started	To be determined
7	Plan follow-up discussion to refine approaches	May 20, 2026	Lantana Team	Not started	To be determined

Attendance:

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