

Pharmacy Utilization Meeting

September 1, 2023

Attendees

Linda Coyle (IMS)
Jennifer Stevens (IMS)
David Angelaszek (IMS)
Emily Carver (IMS)
Kevin Ward (Georgia)
Randi Rycroft (Idaho)
Serban Negoita (NCI)
Peggy Adamo (NCI)
Marina Matatova (NCI) – **absent**
Jennifer Hafterson (Seattle)
Tiffany Janes (Seattle)
Kaitlin Akif (NCI) – **absent**

- The pharmacy workgroup topics that will be presented at the CCAB meeting were discussed.
 - Linda mentioned that pharmacy data most likely isn't on the radar of most registries right now. Kevin Ward agreed. No registries have commented on the tech support squish issue that asked for registries to review and comment on the pharmacy document.
 - Randi, Jennifer H. and Kevin all mentioned that it would be beneficial for NCI to clarify to all registries that pharmacy data is meant to be treated externally from standard reporting sources.
 - Linda suggested that perhaps it would make more sense to move the pharmacy presentation to a SEER Research call or include it in the SEER*DMS presentation at the upcoming in-person meeting.
 - ID, GA and SE agreed. They think it is best to have PIs present for the discussion and most PIs don't attend the CCAB meeting.
- Peggy Adamo didn't raise any concerns about moving the pharmacy discussion to another meeting.
- Serban joined the call a little late and agreed with moving the discussion to a SEER Research call and the in-person meeting. He wants to confirm this with Marina though.
- The plan is for CCAB to focus on tumor de-duplication, submission related questions, and real time reporting.
- Linda will work with Kevin and David on putting a presentation together.
- Kevin asked if there were plans to include new CTC Pharmacy data developed by the workgroup in the November 2023 submission.

- Serban expressed concern that the data is not mature enough yet and that it might be beneficial to play around with the data more before including it in submission. He proposed including it in the February 2024 submission.
- Peggy Adamo agreed that was reasonable.
- Kevin asked if submitting in February would allow for enough time to create specialized datasets to be released in April/May 2024. Serban indicated there may not be enough time.
- Kevin expressed that it would be disappointing not to be able to use this data aggregated across all SEER registries until 2025.
- Serban agreed with the concern. However, if registries submit in November it is unlikely there will be anyone available to do analysis with data until Spring of 2024 anyway. Also, Serban was worried about the additional effort on the technical side to include the data in the November 2023 submission.
- Jennifer Stevens noted that it might end up being more work to include in February and not November – especially if there is a request to combine February data with the November submission.
- David and Linda confirmed that including the new CTC pharmacy data in the November submission would not be an issue. SE and ID supported including in the November 2023 as well.
- It was agreed the CTC pharmacy data would be on the main transmission file in November 2023.
- Serban mentioned that Austin Fitts will be with NCI for a couple of years, and he expressed interest in the pharmacy workgroup's efforts. Serban would like to use him for the first course analysis efforts and possibly other topics.
- Linda will look for a time to meet with David and Austin to discuss the workgroup. Serban and Marina will be invited but aren't necessary to attend.