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Data Usability Workgroup

February 5, 2026

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Agenda

- Welcome, Introductions, Membership, Agenda - Bill Gregg, MD – 10 minutes
- Data Usability Workgroup Update & Logistics Discussion – Bill Gregg, MD
- Data Usability Taking Root Update – Didi Davis – 10 minutes
- 2026 Roadmap Planning: - Didi Davis/Bill Gregg, MD – 30 minutes
  - October 2025 Survey Results and 2026 Future Efforts Prioritization Survey Results
  - 2026 Planning Summary
- Poll – Podcasts – Didi/Amber 5 minutes
- Reminders – 5 minutes

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Sutter Health

Bill Gregg, MD, Co-chair
HCA Healthcare

Didi Davis, VP
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Workgroup Members

409 Organizations | **587 Participants**

- Healthcare Providers: 20%
- Health IT Developers: 18%
- Other: 15%
- HIN/HIEs: 13%
- Federal, State, Local Government: 13%
- Health Plan/Payer: 10%
- Consumer/Patient: 5%
- Standards Developer: 4%
- Public Health: 2%

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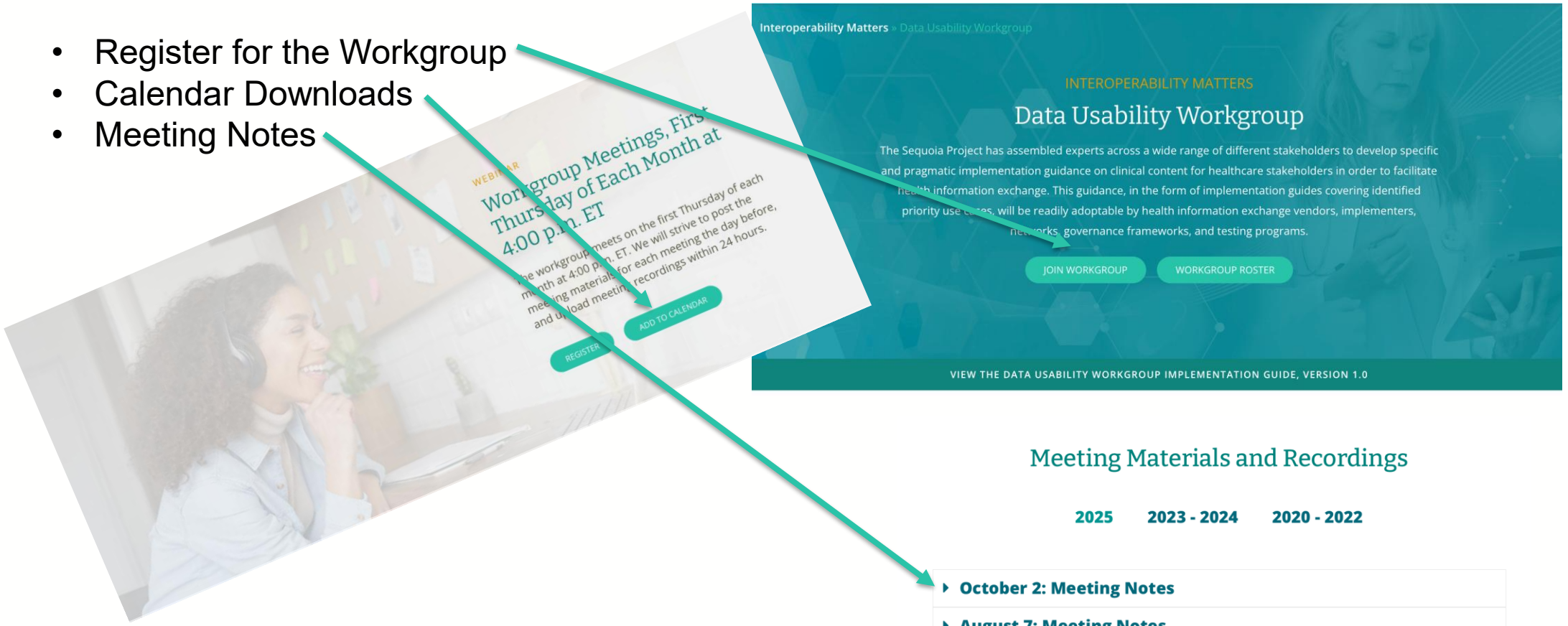
Website, Meeting and Workgroup Logistics

- Register for the Workgroup
- Calendar Downloads
- Meeting Notes



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Meeting Logistics and Timeline

- In 2026, the Data Usability Workgroup will continue to meet quarterly from 4:00 – 5:00pm ET on the following dates:
  - **February 5**
  - **May 7**
  - **August 6**
  - **November 5**

**Click on each date above to download the calendar invite.*

- This is based on survey responses from workgroup members in October 2025. The majority responded with "Hybrid – Begin quarterly and ramp up to monthly if need dictates"

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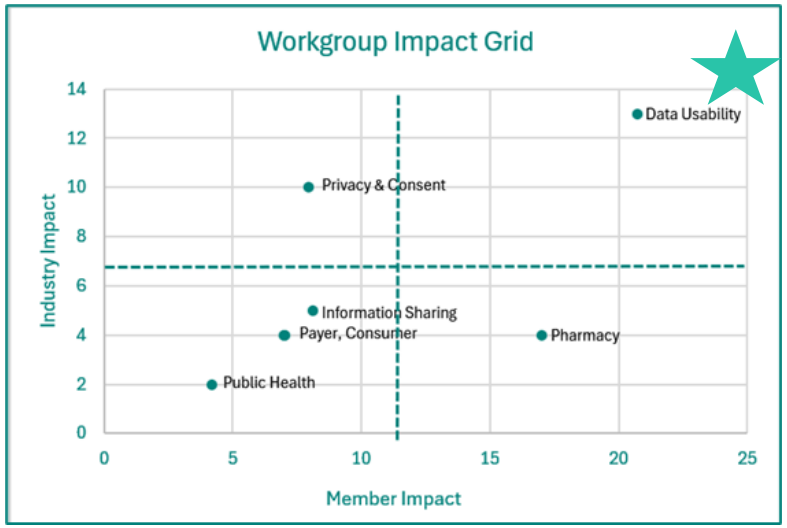

2025 Impact

2025 Workgroup Marketing Metrics

Marketing Metrics 2025

WG	WG Product	Website Clicks on WG Product	Landing Page Views	Downloads	Recording Views	Audience	Blog Views	LinkedIn Posts	LinkedIn Reposts	Total
Data Source		*Google Analytics Full Year*	*Google Analytics Full Year*	*Pardot*	*GoTo*	*GoTo*	*Google Analytics Full Year*	*LinkedIn*		
DUWG	Webpage		1482							1482
DUWG	Social Media							33	67	100
DUWG	V2.0	1482		392						1874
DUWG	Virtual Workshop	2413			0	158				2571
DUWG	Readiness Checklist	74		21						95

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Community of Practice **Roundtable**

January 28, 2026

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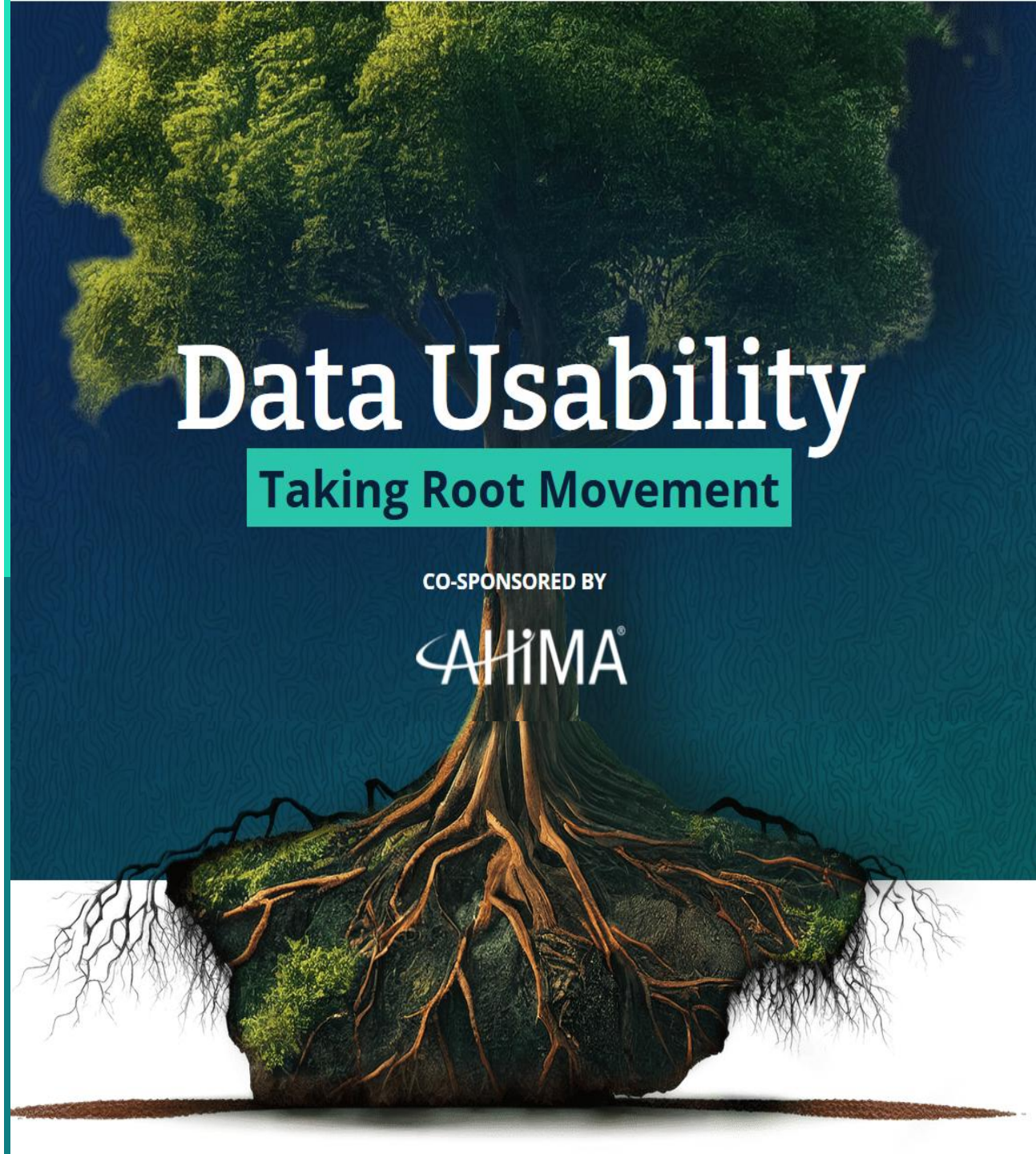

What is the difference between the Data Usability Taking Root Movement and the Data Usability Workgroup?

Data Usability **Workgroup**

Develops Guidance

Taking Root **Movement**

Implements Guidance

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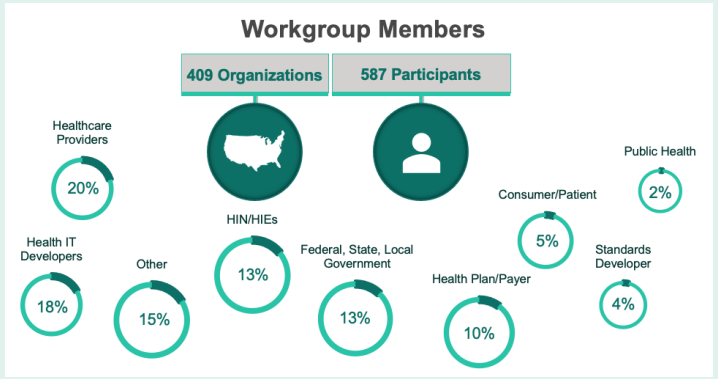
Deployment **Guidance**

Development **Feedback**



Community of Practice

- Roundtables
- Technical Assistance
- Testing Platform
- In-person Convenings

Participation Levels

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Taking Root Meetings

- Jan 28 2pm ET: Community of Practice Roundtable
- Apr 22 2pm ET: Community of Practice Roundtable
- May 28 2pm ET: Community of Practice Roundtable
- Aug 26 2pm ET: Community of Practice Roundtable
- Aug 28 AHIMA Health Informatics Summit
- Oct 4-6 AHIMA Conference
- Oct 28-29 Sequoia Annual Meeting
- Nov 17 ½ Day Data Usability Virtual Workshop

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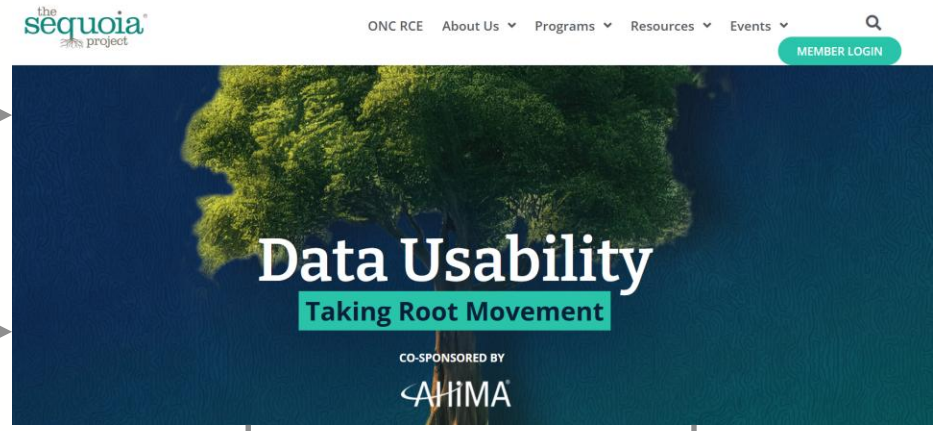
Pledge Process

Implementer

Supporter



Sign Implementer Pledge

Sign Supporter Pledge

Email confirmation and copy of pledge

Those who have pledged will have password-protected access to Data Usability Taking Root Resources on the Sequoia website

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Organizations that have pledged to participate!

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It's time for data usability guidance to take root.

CALL to ACTION:

- Consider Pledging to be a Supporter or Implementer of the Data Usability Taking Root Initiative
- Share/Socialize this information internally to our organization or with your partners/peers

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Contact Us

Thank you for your interest in The Sequoia Project's new **Data Usability Taking Root** Initiative.

If you would like to get in touch you can reach us at:

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To join the Community of Practice Roundtables, please sign up as a Supporter, Implementer or Sponsor here:
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Data Usability
October 2025 Survey

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October 2025 Survey

This survey was meant to gather workgroup input to inform meeting cadence and work efforts for 2026

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Survey Summary

- Thank you too the 4 Respondents:
  - Epic, THSA, APHL, TMC Bonham
- List of pain points should be considered for a future release?
  - 2 organizations submitted pain points
- In 2026, should the workgroup meet monthly or quarterly?
  - 3 of 4 respondents: Hybrid - Begin quarterly and ramp up to monthly if need dictates
- Is your organization involved with the Taking Root Movement?
  - 2 = Yes and 2 = No

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Data Usability Future Efforts Prioritization Survey

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Have you heard of the Data Usability Taking Root Movement?

Yes: 11

No: 4

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Has your organization considered implementing the Data Usability Implementation Guide?

Yes: 9

No: 6

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If yes, have you secured executive sponsor/champion/leadership support for your implementation efforts?

Yes: 7

No: 7

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If not, what are your barriers to implementation?

- Difficulty with legal review of pledge document - 0
- Lack of organizational/leadership buy-in - 3
- Competing priorities - 6
- Resource limitations - 4
- Unclear benefits - 4

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Is your organization ready to support USCDI V3?

Yes: 11

No: 4

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If not ready for USCDI V3 – what is your timeline?

USCDI

United States Core Data for Interoperability

2025 = 2

2026 = 8

2027 = 1

TBD = 2

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How important is the usability of lab data for your organization? (1 – least important / 5 – most important)

- 5 = 10 responses
- 4 = 3 responses
- 3 = 1 response
- 2 = 0 responses
- 1 = 1 response

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Does the data electronically received from others include provenance?

Yes: 10

No: 5

If yes, what is the estimated percentage of data that includes provenance?

- Greater than 75% = 6
- 50% - 75% = 0
- 25% – 50% = 3
- less than 25% = 2
- No answer = 4

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2025 October Pain Points Summary

- Standardizing LOINC codes for C-CDAs documents and content. As a baseline, this could be a helpful focus that could normalize the data across all platforms.
- A national change management process where when vendors change LOINC that they alert each other.
- Have a focus on Maternal Health for the year and include as subpoints with V2.
- We could do a focus on laboratory test LOINC code assignment with the priority labs.
- Consider adding documented outcomes with real-life problems solved.
- We used USCDI V3 as the basis, for lab data USCDI V6 (and USCDI+ Lab Reporting Use Case really carry all the information; it is less problematic in the IG, because we also reference LRI, so cover all required elements. I think providing more content guidance and consensus building around terminology use is important, as is stressing other factors (non-standard related) like organizational policy around external lab data and working with EHR developers on proper display of them

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Rank the importance of expanding the Data Usabaility Implementation Guide for the following "Expanding the implementation guide to include": *(15 Responses averaged ranking)*

1. Additional guidance for receiving systems to enable clinical users to find specific data
2. Encoding/classification and search parameter/method guidance to increase the probability of receiving the right, expected documents
3. USCDI+ and value sets
4. Additional guidance for data segmentation/privacy and consent
5. Additional guidance for the effective use of narrative in data exchange
6. Healthcare entity to consumer use case beyond documents/data imported into system or portal

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Rank the importance of new use cases for the next version of the Data Usability Implementation Guide:

1. Consumer/Patient
2. Quality Measure Reporting
3. Privacy and Consent
4. Public Health

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Rank the value to your organization of the following benefits from implementing the data usability guide:

1. Improve Trust of Data
2. Save Clinician/or Staff Time
3. Improve Patient Safety
4. Reduce Duplication
5. Enable Longitudinal Visibility
6. Improve Quality Metrics
7. Enable Searching
8. Increase Revenue

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Would you like to receive more information on joining the Data Usability Taking Root Movement?

Yes: 12

No: 3

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Data Usability Workgroup Planning for 2026

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DATA USABILITY WORKGROUP 2026

AIMS

Advancing Interoperability

- Enable semantic interoperability of clinical data
- Improve usability of exchanged clinical data
  - -Provider to Provider
  - -Provider to Public Health
  - -Health Entity to Consumer
- Public good impact
- Industry Impact
- Member Impact

INPUTS

- Approved Charter
- WG Lead
- WG Coordinator
- Webpage
- Community site
- Participant Roster
- Member interest
- Non-member interest
- Balanced composition
- AHIMA Sponsorship
- AHIMA Chapters
- Underlying Regulatory Drivers (e.g., USCDI, Standards, HL7, FHIR)
- HL7 collaboration

ACTIVITIES

Q1
- **Survey** Data Usability WG participants to identify priorities for DUIG 2.X
- Participate in **HTI-5** public comment, identifying risks to data usability and work-to-date if implemented
- **Convene WG**
- **HIMSS** Conference Presentation
- Blog Post based on HIMSS pres
- Develop plan to present to all IM WGs to identify expansion of **data usability guidance across domains (e.g., Public Health, P&C, Consumer)**

Q2
- **Convene WG**
- Blog Post
- Present at other WGs
- **Consider shift in Co-Chairs?**

Q3
- **Convene WG**
- Blog Post
- Present at other WGs

Q4
- **Convene WG**
- Blog Post
- **Update V2.1 with USCDI and HTI-5 changes**
- Annual Meeting – unconference session

OUTPUTS

Process – Member Impact

- 4 Convenings
- X Active Participants
- X Member organizations
- X New members secured

Process – Industry Impact

- X Publications
- X Publication downloads
- X LinkedIn Posts
- X LinkedIn Impressions
- X Educational Webinars
- 35 Webinar Attendees
- X Press Releases
- 2 Conferences/Webinars
- 4 Blog Posts

WG Product(s)

- Priorities for DUIG 2.X
- **DUIG V2.1 (9/30 or Nov)**

OUTCOMES

Knowledge Sharing

- Jan – Baires DEV Webinar
- Mar - HIMSS26

Advancing Policy

- **Feb 27 - Participate in Sequoia Project and HL7 public comment HTI-5**

Accelerating Adoption

- Via Taking Root Program – see program strategy

- This workgroup, established in 2020, is lead by Didi Davis, Coordinated by Amber Nava.
- Co-Chairs: Dr. William Gregg (HCA Healthcare), Dr. Adam Davis (Sutter Health)
- Differentiator: This is the only workgroup open to the public. This workgroup has secured the most sponsorship dollars and actively works to increase impact via implementation and promotion of its work products via the Taking Root Program.

Quick Poll (please put answer in the chat)

- Which healthcare industry related podcast(s) do you tune into?
- Which healthcare industry related podcast(s) do you believe would be good platforms to disseminate the work of this workgroup?
- If you think of a podcast after this meeting, please feel free to email us at interopmatters@sequoiaproject.org.

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Reminders

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Annual Meeting- October 28-29, 2026

- The Sequoia Project and Carequality Annual Meeting is moving to the Texas Hill Country, near Austin. The Lost Pines Resort and Spa is an upscale, 400+ acre ranch.
- Book your room at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines today.
- *Consider sponsorship*
- *Register here:*

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ASTP Requests Feedback

- The ASTP/ONC Standards Bulletin 2026-1 (SB26-1) outlines the development of the **United States Core Data for Interoperability Draft Version 7 (Draft USCDI v7)**, which ASTP/ONC released on January 29, 2026.
- With its publication, **Draft USCDI v7** is open for public comment until **April 13, 2026, at 11:59 pm ET**.

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Collaborate

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