



Interoperability MATTERS

an initiative of The Sequoia Project

Data Usability Workgroup

April 30, 2026

Agenda

- Welcome Phil Beckett Introduction, Membership, Agenda - Bill Gregg, MD – 10 minutes
- Data Usability Workgroup Update & Logistics Discussion – Bill Gregg, MD
- Data Usability Workgroup Charter Update Review and Next Steps– Didi Davis 10 min
- Data Usability Taking Root Update – Didi Davis – 5 minutes
- 2026 Roadmap Planning: - Didi Davis/Bill Gregg, MD/Phil Beckett, PhD – 30 minutes
 - 2026 Future Efforts Prioritization Survey Results – Didi Davis
 - 2026 Scope Planning Summary and Discussion – Bill Gregg, MD & Phil Beckett, PhD
- Reminders – 5 minutes



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Texas Health Services Authority



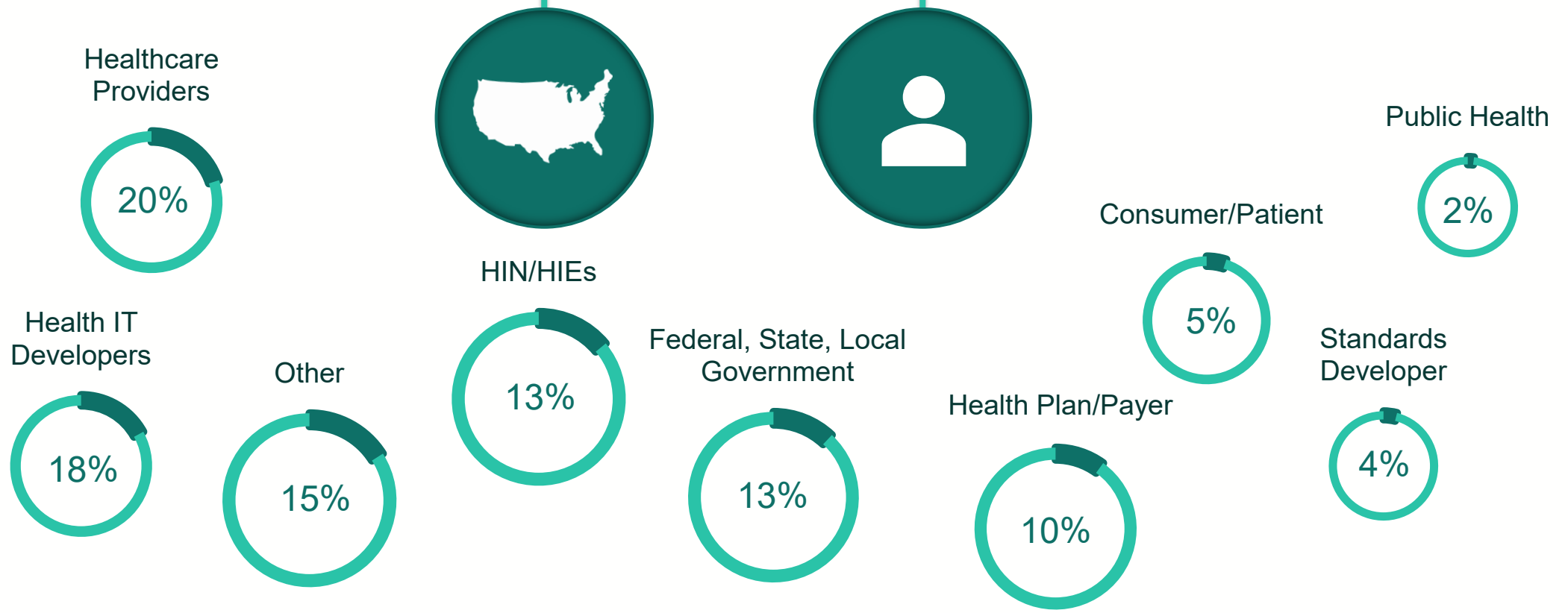
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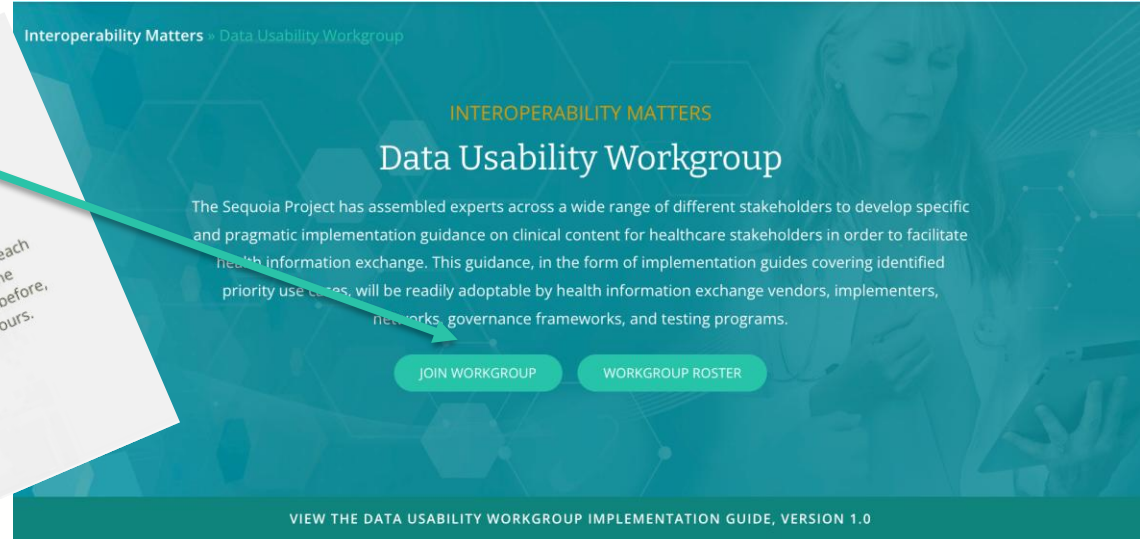
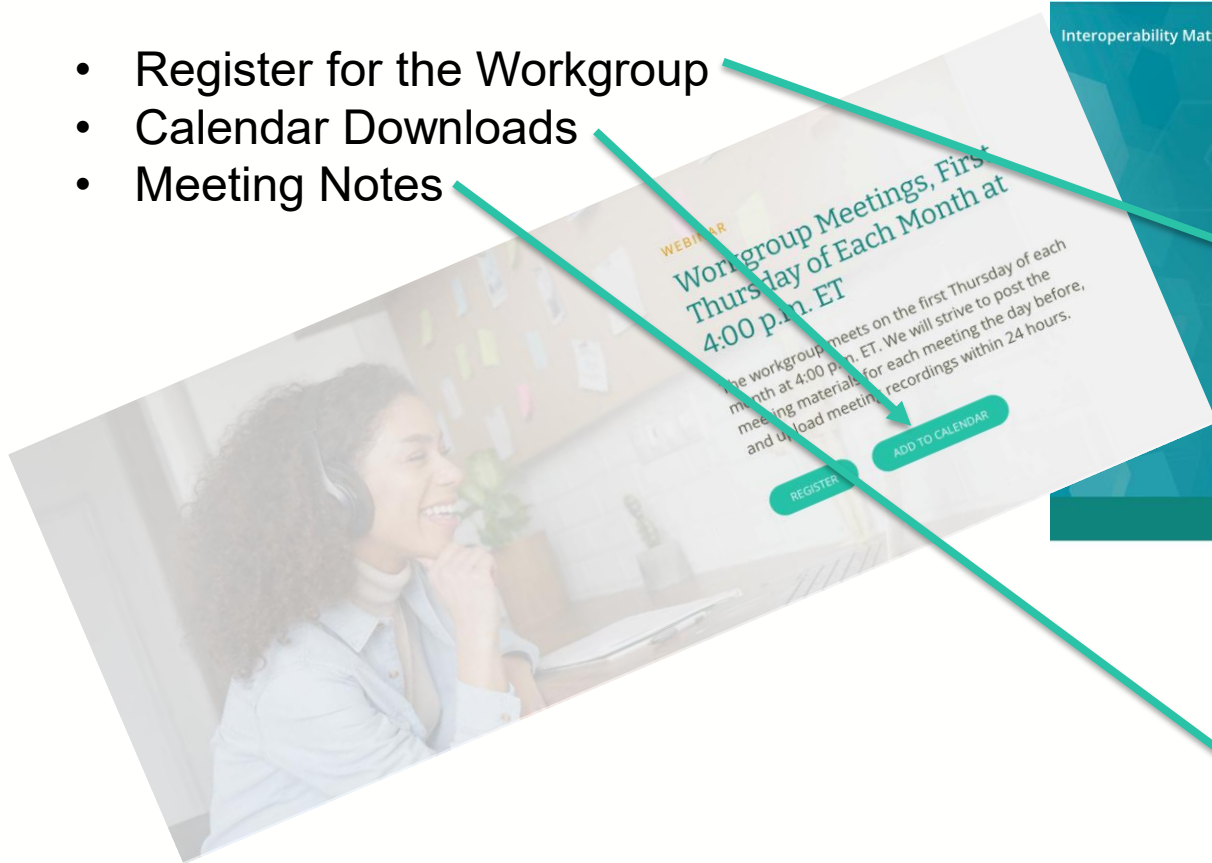
Workgroup Members

409 Organizations 587 Participants



Website, Meeting and Workgroup Logistics

- Register for the Workgroup
- Calendar Downloads
- Meeting Notes



Meeting Materials and Recordings

2025 - 2026 2023 - 2024 2020 - 2022

- ▶ **February 5: Meeting Notes**
- ▶ **October 2: Meeting Notes**
- ▶ **August 7: Meeting Notes**
- ▶ **April 3: Meeting Notes**
- ▶ **February 6: 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](#)
 -  [April 30](#)
 - [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”
 - Does this same date and time work monthly if we begin that cadence?

Data Usability Workgroup Charter Update/Next Steps

Process for Approval New and Reframed Workgroup Charters



1 The Workgroup Lead drafts new charter or proposes amendments to existing charter

2 The Workgroup Lead presents the charter to Interoperability Matters Steering Committee



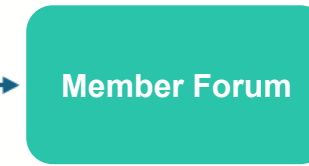
3 **Prioritization Team**
The Prioritization Team evaluates the proposed new charter or charter amendments against criteria, provides input to the Workgroup Lead, and makes a recommendation to the Steering Committee. [1st 30min-WG Lead Presents; 2nd 30-min Team deliberates separately]



4 The Interoperability Matters Steering Committee makes a recommendation to the Sequoia Board



5 The Workgroup Charter is published to the Sequoia website.



6 The Workgroup Lead presents the new or amended charter at the Member Forum

Data Usability Workgroup Charter

- Original Publication – October 2020
- Last Revision – April 2021
- Updates to Charter in Process
 - 2026 DUWG Charter Drafted Updates – Leadership Team Approval
 - Interoperability Matters Steering Committee Approval
 - The Sequoia Board Approval
 - Revised Data Usability Workgroup Charter Publication
 - Member Forum Presentation

Criteria: Workgroup Charter

1. Content

The Charter must include the following sections:

- a. Purpose
- b. Background
- c. Strategic Goal
- d. Key Objectives
- e. Proposed Roadmap
- f. Workgroup Composition
- g. Workgroup Responsibilities & Operating Principles
- h. Decision-Making
- i. Workgroup Leadership and Staffing

Criteria: Workgroup Charter

2. Outputs

The Key Objectives and any Deliverables

- a) Specific
- b) Measurable
- c) Achievable
- d) Practical
- e) Time-bound

Criteria: Workgroup Charter

3. Impacts

The Charter must include awareness of, and a plan for:

- a. Sharing Knowledge
- b. Accelerating Uptake / Adoption of its work products
- c. Informing Policy

Community of Practice Roundtable

April 22, 2026



Data Usability

Taking Root Movement

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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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Community of Practice



Roundtables



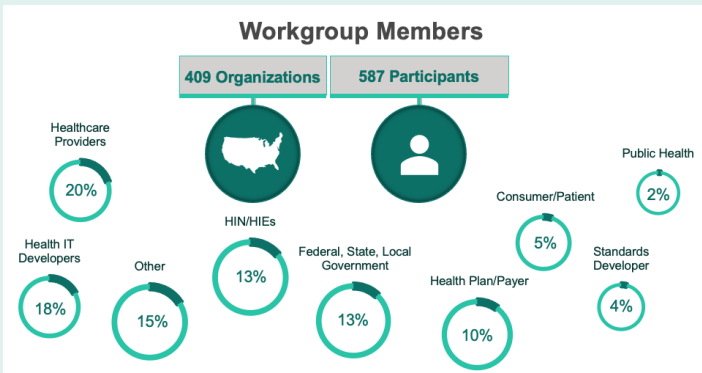
Technical Assistance



Testing Platform



In-person Convenings



Participation Levels



Taking Root Meetings

- Jan 28 2pm ET: Community of Practice Roundtable
- 📍 Apr 22 2pm ET: Community of Practice Roundtable
- Aug 12 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

Organizations that have pledged to participate!



Implementer/Supporter Check-Ins (2X year)

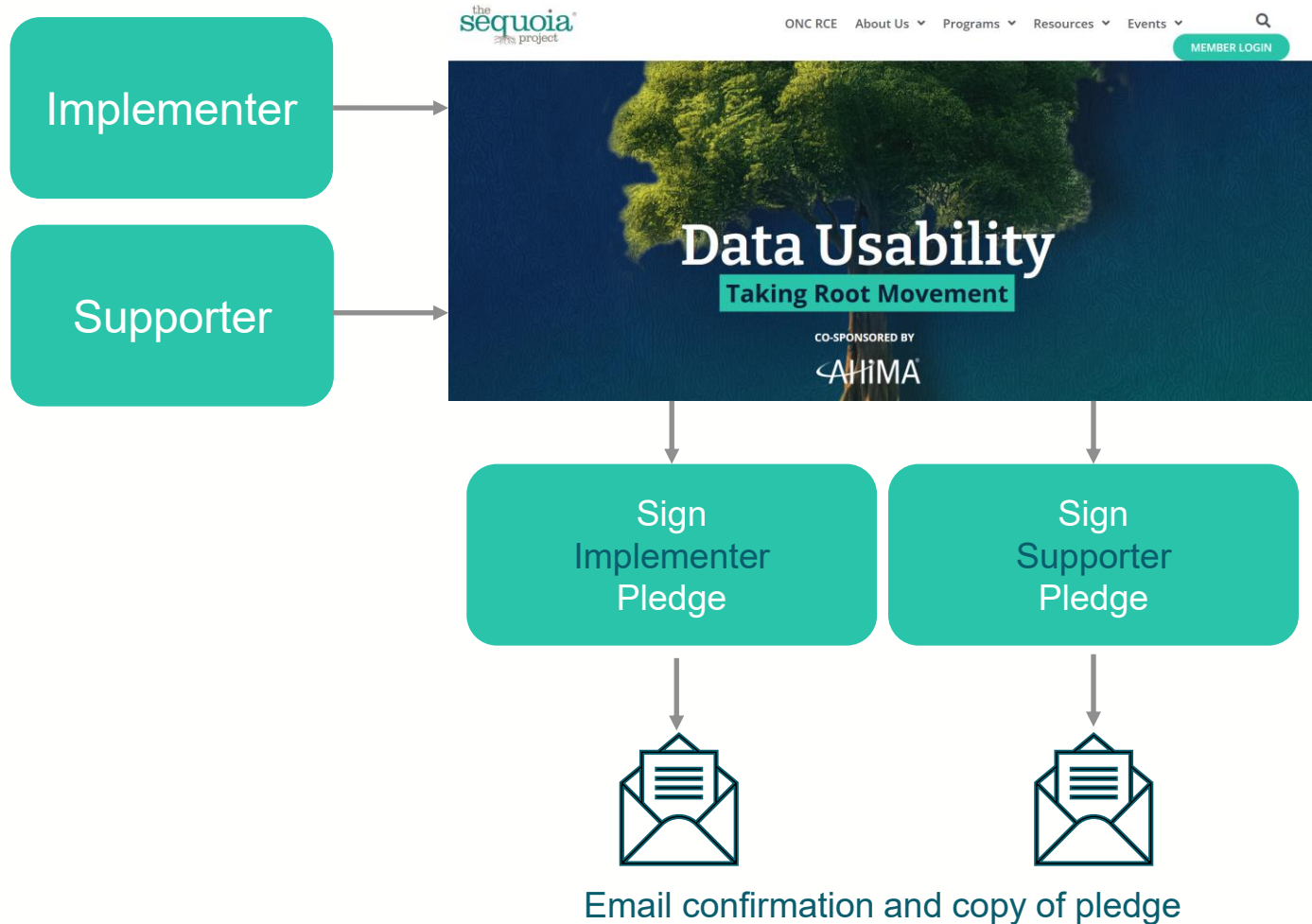
- 30-Minute Check-Ins between April and June
- During our discussion:
 - Gain a clearer understanding of your current outreach and progress
 - Identify any support or resources you may need from our team
 - Gather feedback on potential new use cases for DUIG V2.X
 - Gather areas of improvement for DUIG V2.X
- Scheduling Poll: <https://xoyondo.com/dp/azhxf9w4y1zz9dx>

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

Pledge Process



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

Contact Us

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



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



takingroot@sequoiaproject.org

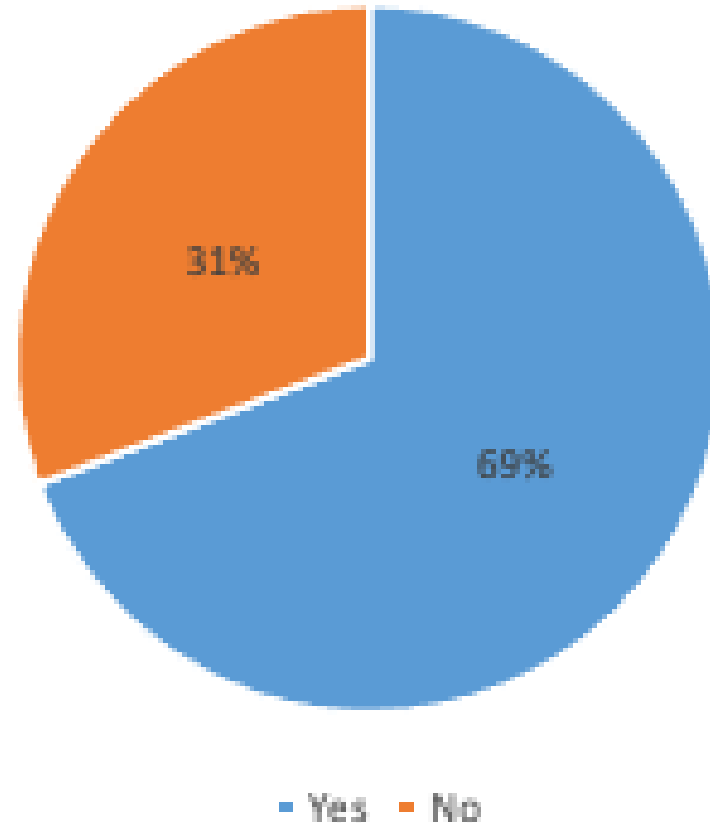
To join the Community of Practice Roundtables, please sign up as a Supporter, Implementer or Sponsor here:

<https://sequoiaproject.org/data-usability-taking-root-movement/>

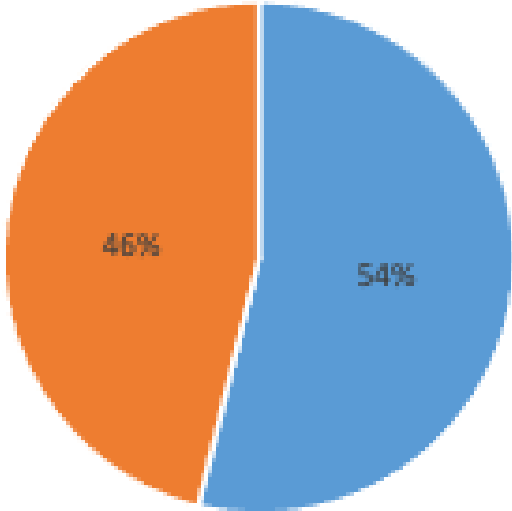
Data Usability Workgroup Planning for 2026

Taking Root Survey Results

Have you heard of the Data Usability Taking Root Movement?

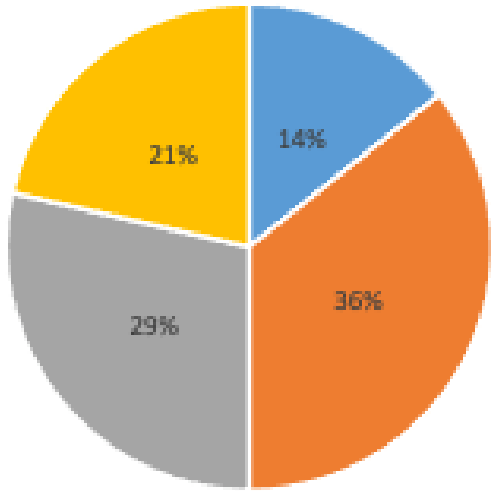


Has your organization considered implementing the Data Usability Implementation Guide?



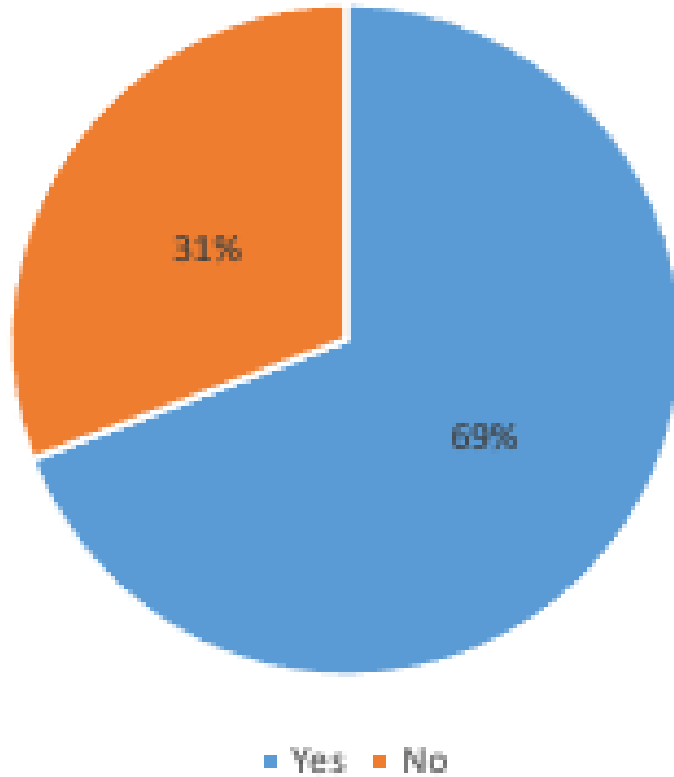
■ Yes ■ No

If not, what are your barriers to implementation?

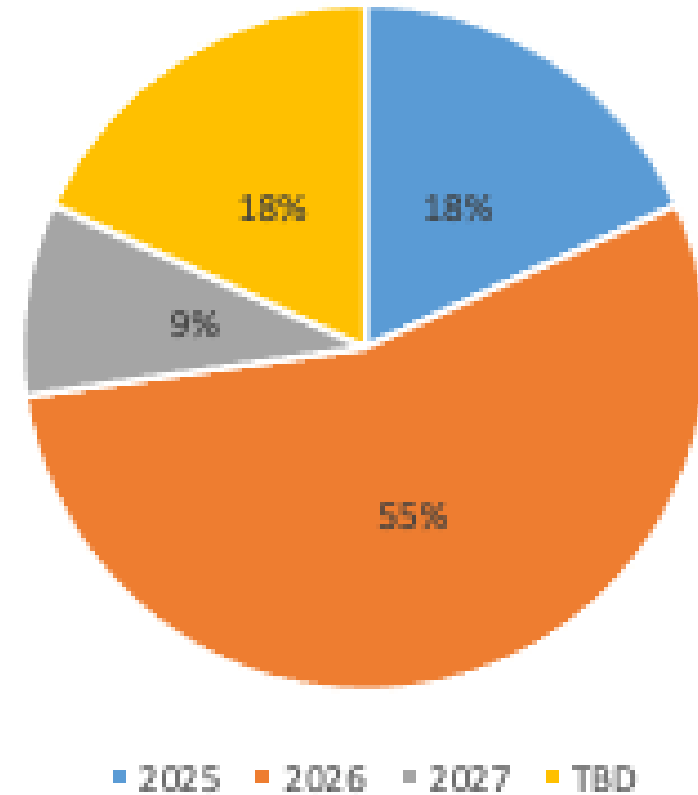


■ Lack of organizational/leadership buy-in ■ Competing Priorities ■ Resource limitations ■ Unclear benefits

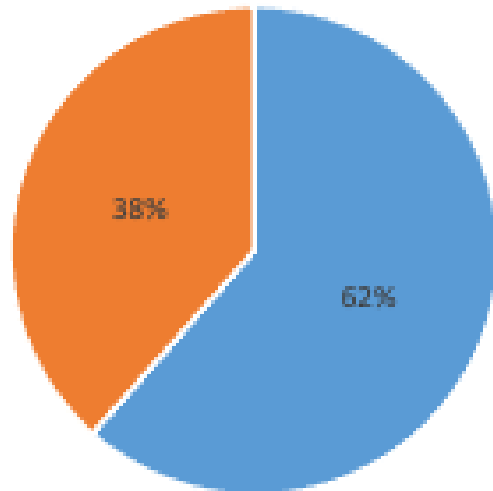
Is your organization ready to support USCDI V3?



If yes, what is your timeline?

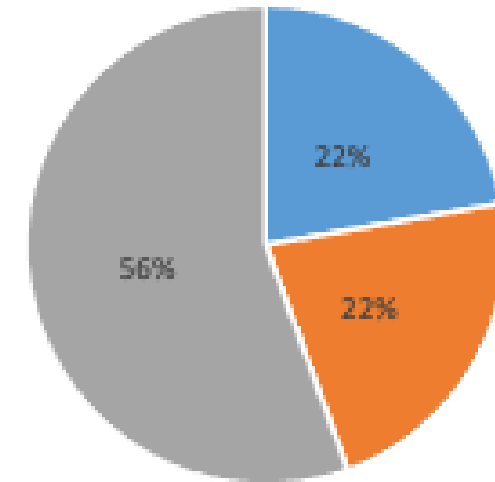


Does the data electronically received from others include provenance?



■ Yes ■ No

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



■ less than 25% ■ 25%-50% ■ greater than 75%

2026 - 2027 Data Usability Workgroup Cycle #3

- Next Phase of Activities - Process & Timeframe
 - Phase 1 - Administration and Prioritization
 - November 2025 – May 2026
 - Phase 2: Developing Initial Draft Guidance
 - June 2026 – October 2026
 - Phase 3: Public Comment Period/Recommended Next Steps
 - November 2026 – January 2027
 - Phase 4: Finalizing Implementation Guide and Call to Action
 - January 2027 – March 2027

Rank the importance of expanding the Data Usability Implementation Guide

1. Expanding the implementation guide to include USCDI+ and value sets
2. Expanding the implementation guide to include additional guidance for receiving systems to enable clinical users to find specific data
3. Expanding the implementation guide to include encoding/classification and search parameter/method guidance to increase the probability of receiving the right, expected documents
4. Expanding the implementation guide to include additional guidance for the effective use of narrative in data exchange
5. Expanding the implementation guide to include Healthcare Entity to Consumer use case beyond Documents/data imported into a system or Portal
6. Expanding the implementation guide to include additional guidance for data segmentation/privacy and consent

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

Rank the value to your organization for the following benefits from implementation of the DUIG

- Save Clinician/or Staff time
- Improve Trust of Data
- Reduce duplication
- Enable Searching
- Improve Patient Safety
- Enable Longitudinal Visibility
- Improve Quality Metrics
- Increase Revenue

ACTION Required: We need your input!

- Survey results were based on limited responses from 12 organizations ONLY – We need your input!
- [Data Usability Survey – Fill out form](#)

Please share this survey link with other partner organizations to help us determine priorities

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

Rank the importance of expanding the Data Usability 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

Reminders

UPCOMING MEETING

Risks and Rewards: The Symbiotic Relationship Between AI and Health Data Interoperability

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM EDT

Join us for a member exclusive conversation with Mark McClellan, MD, PhD, Director of the Duke-Margolis Institute for Health Policy and Sagnik Bhattacharya, Chief Executive Officer of Rhapsody, as they discuss the intersections, interactions, mutual benefits and future vision for driving value in healthcare. This meeting is facilitated by Sequoia Project's CEO, Mariann Yeager.



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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.
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