



United State Core Data for Interoperability v5 Recommendations **THIA Policy & Standards Working Group**

The Texas Health Informatics Alliance (THIA) mission is to collaborate on improving health informatics and health care, and meet Texas' current and future health informatics needs. We build informatics ties across Texas by bringing together researchers, developers, health professionals, information management professionals, data and information scientists, students, and anyone interested in health informatics to collaborate, communicate, and network in Research, Data, Education/Workforce Development, and Policy and Standards.

Clinical Notes

Emergency Department Note

The Texas Health Informatics Alliance (THIA) Policy and Standards Working Group is in support of an emergency department (ED) note as a separate encounter-specific clinical note. This would facilitate ambulatory practices contacting patients with a recent ED visit to report on follow-ups with their PCP. The records are already there, so additional work from clinicians would not be required.

Additionally, we would like to emphasize our support for the automation of reporting and homogenization of requests to remove some of the reporting burden on hospitals. Replication of the same data is often asked for by multiple government agencies, including the trauma registry. This is a requirement for safe reporting and certification. Information could be pulled in part from the ER record.