



## **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.

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The Texas Health Informatics Alliance (THIA) Policy and Standards Working Group highly support this and are particularly enthusiastic about the ability to use this technology to streamline hospital reporting on electronic Clinical Quality Improvement (eCQI) measures. Operative (OR) modules are often divorced from the rest such that if someone were to place an order in an ambulatory setting, people in the OR module cannot necessarily see the order despite it being for the same patients. For example, oftentimes, the parents of children with very difficult phlebotomy drawings that are having a surgical procedure with anesthesia, want to take the opportunity to draw blood. However, once in the OR module, one cannot see what orders somebody has entered and if orders can be seen, they seldom make sense (i.e. no clear context available) or are old orders. This leads clinicians to be confused and flustered.

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. We suggest that the same data be reported only once.