

# Pharmacy Utilization Meeting

January 20, 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)

### 1. Discuss Pharmacy Utilization document

- Marina sent back a few comments.
- Randi found some typos and she sent them to David
- Kevin asked about Table 15 and Table 16 - seemed to have duplicate items. Table 15 was giving dates for *first course of therapy* which means first course agent within 1 year. Table 16 was giving dates for first course agents (no timing restriction). A subtle difference that may get confusing to users of the data.
- ACTION: Combine tables 15 and 16. Adding list of NDCs and Number of Monthly fills to table 16. Give these more formal names like the rest of table 16 data items.

### 2. Developing SEER\*Stat datasets – Last meeting Kevin commented that it would be best to have this discussion with Serban. Specifically, are SEER\*Stat or SAS datasets more appropriate? What should be included in these datasets?

- Kevin commented that releasing a SEER\*Stat data set for hormone, similar to what is currently done for radiation and chemo, would be very interesting. He was thinking something simple like "Hormone given within 1 year of diagnosis" and "Hormone given more than 1 year after diagnosis"
- Randi commented that SAS datasets would also be useful.
- Serban mentioned that SAS datasets would need to be released and used in a secure environment.
- ACTION Continue efforts to incorporate fields in SEER\*DMS. This would help move things along for creating datasets.
- ACTION Invite Kathy Cronin and Nadia Howlader to meetings in February to discuss distributing data sets to wider community

### 3. CanMED/SEER\*API – flag first course agents by cancer site.

- Serban did discuss this internally at NCI. There is interest but they don't have a lot of staff available to work on this.
- Serban thought it might be good to discuss this with Valentina and Lois and share that there is interest in such an effort.
- Kevin mentioned he thought it would be good to have this discussion with Valentina and Lois
- Peggy Adamo likes this opportunity for cross-collaboration.
- ACTION: Invite Valentina and Lois to a future meeting for this discussion.