

# Pharmacy Utilization Meeting

January 19, 2024

## 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)  
Jennifer Hafterson (Seattle)  
Tiffany Janes (Seattle)  
Kaitlin Akif (NCI)  
Kathy Cronin (NCI)  
Nadia Howlader (NCI) – absent  
Steve Scoppa (IMS)  
Gretchen Flynn (IMS)

- Serban wanted to start things off talking about the pharmacy data that was already submitted in November 2023.
- David showed an example of the pharmacy data items being populated in SEER\*DMS by synthetic data.
- It was shown that if a patient set does not have pharmacy transactions for a particular modality then nothing will get copied to the augmented fields for that modality. The fields stay blank even if there is data in the CTC fields.
- There also isn't an indication as to the source (CTC vs pharmacy) that updated the augmented field. Kathy Cronin commented that this would be a problem when looking at coverage as some patients might be flagged as having pharmacy updates to treatment when that is not the case.
- It was later determined that coverage analysis would be better done with the claims linkage files in submission rather than these augmented fields.
- Serban and Kevin thought it would be beneficial to have the augmented fields always represent the "best" values from all sources. The rest of the group agreed.
- Serban asked whether we should make this change for February submission or should Jennifer/Steve update the current data set and this change takes place in November.
- Steve recommended making the change for November and to handle the update to the current data set now.
- Kevin mentioned the issue discussed last meeting without Serban about how hormone treatment more than 1 year post DX would not be captured in the SEER Stat dataset even

though it would most likely be considered first course treatment. It would be possible to get this information from the claims linkage file but not the SEER\*Stat dataset.

- This will be discussed at the next meeting.