

# Pharmacy Utilization Meeting

April 10, 2026

## Attendees:

- David Angelaszek (IMS)
  - Jennifer Stevens (IMS)
  - Gretchen Flynn (IMS)
  - Steve Scoppa (IMS)
  - Jennifer Hafterson (Seattle)
  - Serban Negoita (NCI)
  - Randi Rycroft (Idaho)
  - Marina Matatova (NCI)
  - Kevin Ward (Georgia)
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- Serban wanted to follow up on the pharmacy presentation he gave during the last research call.
  - There were no questions asked during the research call.
  - Since the meeting, only two requests for access to the pharmacy databases have been made:
    - Scarlett Gomez from California asked for access.
    - NCCR has expressed interest in incorporating the augmented data into the NCCR Data Platform.
  - Serban asked for feedback on the presentation's clarity and any improvements that could be made in future presentations.
  - Kevin thought the presentation was clear. He believes the novelty of these data requires registry researchers to take time to consider how to use them.
  - Randi agreed with Kevin.
  - Serban invited Jennifer H., Kevin, and Randi to request access to these databases at their convenience.
  - Next, Serban wanted to discuss NCCR's request for the data and sought feedback from IMS NCCR staff on their thoughts.
  - Jennifer explained that the augmented fields come in with the SEER submissions. She recommended appending the data from the SEER submission to the NCCR Platform submission for now and adding them to the NCCR submission requirements for November 2026.

- Jennifer noted she would need more clarification from Johanna about how to incorporate these data into the platform. Should these data simply be appended to the CTC data?
- David commented that a patient who is in multiple registries could have multiple sets of augmented data. These patient sets and CTCs are de-duplicated in the NCCR combined dataset, so we must consider how to consolidate the augmented pharmacy data.
- Jennifer agreed that this would also need to be worked out.
- Serban asked about the next steps for engaging NCCR on this topic.
- **Action** – Jennifer will create a Squish issue in NCCR to ask Melissa and Johanna about this topic.
- **Action** – David will follow up to see if NCCR NCI staff should be added to the April 24 pharmacy call.
- Serban then wanted to discuss the timeline for the November 2025 submission data to be used in the SEER\*Stat pharmacy database.
- Steve said he could prepare a dataset for Serban to review as early as next week. Publicly available data could be ready in early May 2026, after the April 22 release.
- Serban asked if all the treatment data from the in-house data sets related to the pharmacy augmented fields could be included in the 2025 SEER\*Stat data.
- Steve confirmed they could be, but he also noted that they were already available in the 2024 SEER\*Stat pharmacy databases.
- Jennifer confirmed that they were already included for 2024. She showed them in the “specialized” folder in the SEER\*Stat interface.
- Serban asked Jennifer H. if Seattle had any plans for the pharmacy databases. She confirmed that Chris in Seattle is planning to have one of his summer students work with the data.
- Marina commented that she did not have topics and the meeting adjourned.