

Pharmacy Utilization Meeting

July 31, 2026

Attendees:

- David Angelaszek (IMS)
 - Linda Coyle (IMS)
 - Kaitlin Akif (NCI)
 - Tiffany Janes (Seattle)
 - Jennifer Hafterson (Seattle)
 - Steve Scoppa (IMS)
 - Serban Negoita (NCI)
 - Daphne Lichtensztajn (Greater Bay)
 - Marina Matatova (NCI)
 - Jennifer Stevens (IMS)
 - Randi Rycroft (Idaho)
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- Jennifer S. wanted to review the latest version of the specialized pharmacy documentation.
 - Jennifer S followed up with Jennifer Hafetson that using the term "Kaiser" in the specialized database documentation was appropriate.
 - Jennifer H. sent a follow-up email to Steve Schwartz regarding this question.
 - Next, Jennifer S. reviewed the latest text for the allowed codes of the FCOT (First Course of Treatment) modality flags.
 - David and Jennifer confirmed that code 0 will only appear on CTCs for sites where first-course treatments have been defined. Code 0 indicates that claims for a particular treatment were received but were either not considered first course or were received more than one year after diagnosis.
 - David and Jennifer confirmed that code 2 will only appear on CTCs where first-course treatments for a particular modality have not been reviewed or identified for the cancer site. Code 2 is assigned if claims of that modality have been received for that patient.
 - Randi proposed a minor change to the label for code 1, which the group agreed would help clarify the meaning.
 - Serban proposed removing the "FCOT not established" text from the code 2 label, noting that codes 2 and 0 are never mixed for a single site.

- Daphne noted that, based on her experience using the database, keeping the original label with "FCOT not established" was more helpful for users.
- The group agreed to retain codes 0 and 2 with their existing labels.
- Daphne also noted that blank FCOT modality flags are ambiguous: they can mean either "no claims received" or "claims received, but all outside the one-year window." She suggested adding a specific code to indicate that claims were received but fall outside the one-year window, leaving "blank" to mean "no claims at all."
- **Action:** David and Jennifer to review adding a new code to address this distinction.
- Jennifer S. noted that implementing this new code in the existing data (based on the 2025 submission) would take a couple of weeks.
- Serban agreed and asked that registries who requested access be notified once the 2025 data are available.
- Jennifer S. confirmed that this was indeed the plan.
- Steve Scoppa asked whether users who had access to the 2024 databases should automatically receive access to the 2025 databases. Serban confirmed that this would be appropriate.