



Standard Specification for Coded Values Used in the Electronic Health Record¹

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1. Scope*

1.1 This specification covers the identification of the lexicons to be used for the data elements identified in Appendix X1 of Guide E1384. It is intended to unify the representations for: (1) primary record of care data elements, (2) the data elements identified in other standard statistical data sets, (3) data elements used in other healthcare data message exchange format standards, or (4) in data gathering forms for this purpose, and (5) in data derived from these elements in order that data recorded in the course of patient care be exchangeable and be the source of accurate statistical and resource management data. This specification is applicable to all paper and automated systems.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

E1239 Practice for Description of Reservation/Registration-Admission, Discharge, Transfer (R-ADT) Systems for Electronic Health Record (EHR) Systems

E1384 Practice for Content and Structure of the Electronic Health Record (EHR)

E1715 Practice for An Object-Oriented Model for Registration, Admitting, Discharge, and Transfer (RADT) Functions in Computer-Based Patient Record Systems

E1744 Practice for View of Emergency Medical Care in the Electronic Health Record

2.2 ANSI Standards:³

ANS X3.50 Representation of Date and Time

ANS X3.51 Representation of Common Units

2.3 ISO Standards:³

ISO 639 Names of Languages

ISO 2955 Representation of SI Units

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, <http://www.ansi.org>.

ISO 3166 Names of Countries

ISO 5218 Representation of Human Sexes

ISO 8601 Representation Dates

2.4 Other Standards:

HL-7 Health Industry Level 7 Interface Standards⁴

3. Terminology

3.1 Acronyms:

3.1.1 NCHS—National Center for Health Statistics

3.1.2 NCVHS—National Committee for Vital and Health Statistics

3.1.3 NOS—not otherwise specified

4. Significance and Use

4.1 *Purpose*—The approval of Guide E1384, concerned with the structure and content of the computer-based patient record, now includes a formal indexing of data elements and a cataloging of the minimal essential value set for these elements. Indexing of these data elements with a unique identifier keyed to its position in the logical structure of Appendix X1 of Guide E1384 now provides a means of cataloging the value sets representing each data element (see Guide E1384). Guide E1239 describes conventions for representing many of the data values for data elements that are included in the more comprehensive listing in Guide E1384. A comprehensive listing of all of the value sets associated with Guide E1384 has not yet been assembled. This specification begins to catalog the representation conventions for a number of these elements and in particular to list the coded values. It is important that this catalog consider the traditionally assigned representations for each of these elements, and it must resolve differences in a manner that introduces systematics and consistency into the representation. The catalog must establish both a global framework consistent with international standardization and with long-term growth, while at the same time maximizing familiar or traditional representations. This standard has been developed with input from many organizations, including government agencies and other standards bodies and professional

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*A Summary of Changes section appears at the end of this standard