United State Core Data for Interoperability v5 Recommendations
THIA Policy & Standards Working Group

The Texas Health Informatics Alliance (THIA) mission is to collaborate on improving health informatics and health care, and meet Texas' current and future health informatics needs. We build informatics ties across Texas by bringing together researchers, developers, health professionals, information management professionals, data and information scientists, students, and anyone interested in health informatics to collaborate, communicate, and network in Research, Data, Education/Workforce Development, and Policy and Standards.

Clinical Notes
Operative Note
The Texas Health Informatics Alliance (THIA) Policy and Standards Working group are pleased to see that operative (OR) notes are called out as separate encounters to ease the burden of clinicians in locating clinical records in an expeditious manner. Currently, OR notes are linked with procedure notes in the EHR and they all run together. Having OR notes called out from procedures is important as they are of higher risk.

Moreover, we would like to emphasize our support for the automation of reporting and homogenization of requests to remove some of the reporting burden on hospitals. Replication of the same data is often asked for by multiple government agencies, including the implant registry and requirement of hospitals to keep track of implants.