



Project US@

Unified Specification *for* Address *in health care*

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Project US@ Overview

- Goal
 - Issue a unified, cross-Standards Development Organization (SDO), healthcare industry-wide specification for representing patient address
- Background
 - ONC received public comments on the use of USPS Publication 28 in response to an RFI on patient matching in the 21st Century Cures Act proposed rule
 - Our analysis found USPS Publication 28 to be insufficient for adoption
 - Limited public research on effects of data element standardization on patient matching accuracy
 - These and other efforts indicate the potential for improved patient matching through the development and implementation of standards

Project US@ Approach

- **Collaborate** with Standards Development Organizations (SDOs), federal and state entities, health IT developers, and a wide array of other stakeholders from across the healthcare industry
- **Engage** with partners to help ensure there is broad agreement on resulting specification that will serve multiple use cases
- **Build** industry commitment to implement the specification from the ground up
- **Establish** a lasting, industry-wide approach to representing patient address that is consistent across a spectrum of clinical and administrative transactions



Project US@ Technical Workgroup and Specification

Technical Workgroup

- Representation from
 - USPS, CDC, HIEs, health IT developers, MPI and patient matching vendors, SDOs, Surescripts, and other technical SMEs
- Weekly Project Technical Workgroup meetings
 - Develop specification
- Approach
 - USPS Publication 28 as a foundation to constrain and extend
 - Comparison across standards in how address is represented
 - Decision log

Project US@ Specification

- Deliverable: A unified, cross-SDO, healthcare industry-wide specification for representing patient address
- Phase I (2021)
 - Domestic and military addresses
- Phase II (2022)
 - International addresses and geolocation data

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- Project USA@ on ONC Confluence:
 - 101 Project US@ Partners so far
- Monthly Project Partner meetings
 - Updates, continued engagement
 - Minutes from all Project US@ partner meetings
- ONC communications channels



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