

## LOINC Nursing Committee Meeting

Date: 2026-04-06

Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm ET

Chair(s): Jessica Cronin, Randy Woodward

### Committee Members:

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| 1. Jessica Cronin (Chair)     | 9. Susan Matney      |
| 2. Randy Woodward (Chair)     | 10. Tess Settergren  |
| 3. Lisa Anderson              | 11. Sarah Sontum     |
| 4. Angela Flanagan            | 12. Cyndalynn Tilley |
| 5. Stephanie Hartleben        | 13. Ruth Wetta       |
| 6. Sharon Hibay               | 14. Lisa Wolf        |
| 7. Maryam Isiaq               | 15. Alain Junger     |
| 8. Janice Kelly / Luke Jobman |                      |

### Regenstrief Staff:

Eza Hafeza, April Lackey, Elizabeth Lumakovska, Felicia Owens, Marjorie Rallins, Geoffrey Ratemo

### Guests:

Sara Behal, Lindy Buhl, Stan Huff

# Committee Members = 15 | # Attending = 10 | Quorum = Yes

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## Meeting Summary

### Announcements

- **LOINC Conference:** “Global Data, Local Care: Advancing Smarter Standards,” to be held in Cologne, Germany, October 6–9, 2026. Call for presentation proposals is extended, with short proposals due April 12, 2026. Registration is expected to open soon.

### LOINC submission / LOINC Ontology 2.82

An update was provided on LOINC Ontology version 2.82, released in March 2026. The LOINC Ontology release version number is now the same as the LOINC release version number for better alignment and to make it clear that the LOINC Ontology content is based on that release. Details about the content in the LOINC Ontology 2.82 can be found [LOINC Ontology Technical Release Notes](#). To use the LOINC Ontology browser: <https://browser.loincsnomed.org/>

### Gravity project instruments

Information about the Gravity Project was shared. Highlights of the discussion include:

- The Gravity Project is a multi-stakeholder initiative advancing consensus-based standards for exchanging data on social determinants (or drivers) of health across clinical and community settings, with scope expanding to include community-level concepts.
- Work is organized across terminology, technical, and implementation tracks, with broad participation from industry, government, and partner organizations.
- Terminology development is led by subject matter experts using structured survey instruments, with content maintained in HL7 Confluence and value sets distributed via VSAC and related repositories. LOINC is used for instrument representation.
- Ongoing efforts include coordination with NCQA on quality measures and harmonization with external classifications (e.g., 2-1-1).
- Release timing is aligned with LOINC, SNOMED, and VSAC update cycles, with some content still in progress.

## ANI assessment policy

Information about the ANI assessment policy was shared. Highlights of the discussion include:

- The ANI assessment originated from the Nursing Knowledge Big Data Initiative's documentation burden group, which collaborated with vendors and nurses to develop a standard head-to-toe medical-surgical assessment.
- ANI has issued a statement promoting this assessment as a standard for nursing documentation, raising concerns as it does not yet meet the requirements of a true interoperability standard for encoding and exchange across systems.
- Key challenges extend beyond mapping to include appropriate terminology modeling. For example, clinical statements such as "breath sounds of the left upper lobe" require structured representation that separates anatomical location from the clinical observation.
- Variability in vendor capabilities was noted, with some systems able to support this level of structure while others cannot yet fully accommodate it.
- Discussions are planned with interoperability stakeholders and terminology organizations to determine an appropriate path forward.
- Next steps include developing a proof-of-concept model (likely beginning with respiratory content), followed by internal review and exploration of representation within SNOMED to demonstrate feasibility in the observable space.
- The committee expressed interest in continued discussion, recognizing the broader implications for nursing terminology standardization and future use cases such as structured data capture from ambient clinical documentation.

## Surveys and assessments

Information about survey and assessment modeling was shared. Highlights of the discussion include:

- A technical demonstration illustrated how survey instruments can be represented as data instances, using PHQ-4 as an example, with a focus on survey content rather than patient or timing metadata.
- The model emphasizes the importance of versioning, including tracking the survey version and changes over time.
- The data structure includes the full survey, grouped question blocks, overall scores, and associated interpretations, with individual responses contributing to both block-level and overall scoring.
- Answer values are intended to align with SNOMED, though some gaps remain. Considerations around pre-coordination of response options were noted as requiring further evaluation.
- A key discussion point was how to represent preambles - either as separate elements or combined with question text - with recognition that each approach can affect meaning.
- The proposed approach is to support both representation styles through LOINC, enabling accurate encoding of survey instruments regardless of source format.

## Wrap up

- The meeting concluded with appreciation for the Gravity Project overview and the survey and assessment model presentation.
- The co-chairs invited attendees to suggest future agenda topics and provide input for upcoming discussions.
- The group agreed to continue the conversation at the next meeting

## Key follow-up

- Continue discussion on ANI's head-to-toe assessment policy and its implications for nursing standards and terminology representation.
- Continue work on survey instrument modeling, including support for both structured and combined question/preamble approaches.

## Open Items

1. Tess Settergren
  - a. Email unresolved questions to Jessica Cronin, Eza Hafeza, and Marjorie Rallins
  - b. Confirm with Susan Matney whether the updated VSAC OID includes new values
2. Comments on Jessica Cronin's questions in Slides 22-25 of  NursingCommittee\_MeetingSlides\_2026-02-02\_Final.pptx

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### REFERENCE MATERIALS

1.  NursingCommittee\_MeetingSlides\_2026-04-06\_Final.pptx
2.  LOINC Nursing Committee\_Symptoms Project.pptx
3. [Gravity Project Overview 2026\\_01\\_Nursing LOINC Committee\\_2026-04-06.pdf](#)

### 2026 MEETING DATES

First Mondays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm ET, Virtual

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| • JAN 5 – canceled | • JUL 6                              |
| • FEB 2 - Done     | • AUG 3 – TBD, release time          |
| • MAR 2 - Done     | • SEP 7 – canceled, US holiday       |
| • APR 6 -          | • OCT 5 – canceled, LOINC Conference |
| • MAY 4 -          | • NOV 2                              |
| • JUN 1            | • DEC 7                              |

### PARKED TOPICS

1. AI for Nursing Content // Susan Matney