

Radiology Committee Meeting
Date: 2025-09-23
Time: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm ET
Chair(s): Ken Wang



ATTENDEES

Committee Members:

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| 1. Ken Wang (Chair) | 7. Paul Kinahan |
| 2. Audrey Verde | 8. James Morrison |
| 3. Beverly Collins | 9. Marc Kaemmerer |
| 4. Chris Carr | 10. Ross Filice |
| 5. Jamie Dulkowski | 11. Sarah Maulden |
| 6. Geunwon Kim | 12. Valerie Geisendorfer |

Regenstrief Staff:

Eza Hafeza, April Lackey, Elizabeth Lumakovska, Geoffrey Ratemo

Guests:

Stan Huff

Committee Members = 12 | # Attending = 6 | Quorum = Yes

MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome

Review Open Action Items

1. Spectral energy attributes
 - a. Audrey reported no updates yet on the spectral energy definition as the relevant expert was abroad, but plans to follow up soon.
2. New Radlex terms (RIDs)
 - a. Beverly provided RIDs to the HDS team for the proposed new RadLex terms.
3. Creation of new LOINC codes for Lung-RADS status
 - a. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the American College of Radiology (ACR) was finalized earlier in the year to enable the creation of LOINC codes representing ACR Lung-RADS classifications.
 - b. Eza and Elizabeth reported that they will initiate an email to ACR to start the code creation discussions.
 - c. There was a discussion clarifying the relationship between LOINC, RadLex, RSNA, and ACR:

- i. The MOU aims to establish a triangular relationship between LOINC, RSNA, and ACR, similar to existing agreements, enabling LOINC to create codes based on ACR RADS content.
- ii. The VA requested LOINC codes for Lung-RADS classifications because their EMR system supports LOINC but not RadLex codes.
- iii. Participants agreed on the importance of maintaining alignment between how ACR codes are represented in RadLex, LOINC, and RSNA common data elements to avoid confusion.
- d. Plans to schedule a joint initial call with representatives from ACR, RSNA, LOINC Radiology Committee members (including Ken, Audrey, Beverly, Chris, Valerie, and others) to discuss the code creation and alignment. It was agreed to schedule the initial call with ACR during a regular Radiology Committee call to facilitate participation.

Attributes for new Radiology Concept Model

Discussion:

- Eza reported ongoing major technical updates and investigations are required for the proposed new concept model, which will need further work from the software development team.
- The start date for implementation is undetermined, but will be shared once available.
- Ken emphasized the importance of preserving the abstraction of attributes in radiology that separate clinical attributes from technical representation in LOINC, noting this approach will continue going forward.

Action:

Software team to continue work on technical updates for the radiology concept model, with future updates to be shared with the committee.

RadLex update, new RIDs

Discussion:

Beverly confirmed the new RadLex terms are expected to be included in the next RadLex release (version 4.3), targeted within a couple of months, aligning with the February 2026

LOINC release. She also shared that the RadLex IT team is addressing a backlog of tasks with planned completion before the annual meeting in November 2025.

Action:

Beverly to coordinate additional RadLex terms finalization for upcoming releases with the HDS team.

LOINC monthly releases

Discussion:

Eza presented an update on LOINC's transition from a biannual release schedule to a monthly release model starting after the August 2026 release (2.83), with monthly updates targeted from September 2026 onwards.

- Objectives include:
 - Reducing turnaround time for terminology updates to stakeholders.
 - Supporting new code requests, value sets, and concept models more timely.
 - Improving submission processes through APIs to ease stakeholder submissions.
- Some months (summer and holidays) may have no releases due to staffing and operational constraints, but the goal remains generally monthly.
- Ken noted challenges for implementation and validation tooling, highlighting ongoing work to automate code validation for the monthly release cycle.

Action:

Announcement in preparation for new monthly LOINC release schedule, including stakeholder communications and submission process improvements.

LOINC Conference

- The committee was reminded about the upcoming LOINC conference in Montreal, Canada, October 7-10 at the Sofitel.

Wrap up

- The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2025.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS

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1. Task: Spectral Energy attribute values
 - a. Lead: Audrey Verde
 - b. Date Identified: 2025/06/24
 - c. Due date:TBD
 - d. Status:
2. Task: New RIDs
 - a. Lead: Beverly Collins
 - b. Date Identified: 2025/09/23
 - c. Due date:TBD
 - d. Status:
3. Task: Invite ACR to a committee call to discuss the process for Lung-RADS
 - a. Lead: HDS
 - b. Date Identified: 2025/09/23
 - c. Due date:TBD
 - d. Status:
4. Task: Monthly LOINC release announcement
 - a. Lead: HDS
 - b. Date Identified: 2025/09/23
 - c. Due date: TBD
 - d. Status:
5. Task: HDS staff provide to the committee for review modeled examples based on the newly proposed concept model
 - a. Lead: HDS
 - b. Date Identified: 2023/11/14
 - c. Due date: TBD
 - d. Status:

REFERENCE MATERIALS

-  [RadiologyCommittee_MeetingSlides_2025-09-23_Final.pptx](#)
-  [Radiology Committee_Meeting Summary_2025-06-24_Final.docx](#)
-  [RIDs LOINC request 3-31-2025.docx](#)
-  [RAD Attributes Definitions_Consolidated Work Doc.xlsx](#)
-  [RadLex Playbook - CT Series Names Standard](#)
-  [RadLex Playbook - MR Series Name Standard](#)
-  [Radiology - Proposed concept model.pptx](#)
-  [09192024 SNOMED-LOINC_ strategy and FAQs.pptx](#)

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NEXT MEETING DATES

- October 28
- November 25 - TBD (US Holiday)
- December 23 - CANCELED (Holiday)

PARKED TOPICS

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