

**Subject:** Representation of Immunizations in FHIR

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Hello FHIR and PHER work group members,

The [Quality Data Model](#) (QDM) User Group has recently been discussing the possibility of introducing Immunization datatypes in QDM. Currently, immunizations are represented using Medication datatypes, but this does not align well with C-CDA (which constrains MedicationInformation to RxNorm codes).

We've noted that FHIR has first-class resources for Immunization and ImmunizationRecommendation. That said, we've also heard rumors of Immunization possibly going away. I've tried to find some info about this via listserv and meeting minutes, but so far the best I've found is an Immunization/MedicationAdministration harmonization spreadsheet from last June.

Is there anywhere that I can find a summary of the current discussion/thoughts around the representation of immunizations in FHIR? We'd like to have a better understanding of this conversation before moving ahead with a solution in QDM. Although QDM is not tied to FHIR, we feel there is likely something to learn from your recent discussions.

Thanks,  
Chris

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