This implementation guide is intended to guide users on the elements of the C-CDA consolidation header for documents authored by patients or representatives of patients acting on behalf of the patient. It is expected that the C-CDA document library will be expanded over time to include patient & non-clinician generated C-CDA documents, and the C-CDA headers defined in this implementation will be used to guide the definition of these patient generated documents.

The following *will* be ‘in scope’ for this implementation guide

* Guidance and best practices for definition of the CDA header elements for the Patient author authored documents
* Guidance on the universal realm *and* US realm header elements
* Guidance on use of the patient authored headers (universal realm & US realm) in multiple C-CDA documents
* A set of ‘patient’ Use Cases to inform the best practices defined in this implementation guide

The following *will not* be in scope for this implementation guide

* Definition of new patient generated C-CDA document types. Even though the vision is for a new set of non-clinician generated consolidated document types, the new document types are NOT in scope for this implementation guide.