



THE LEARNING UDI COMMUNITY CHARTER

Overview:

The FDA has identified the need to actively engage with a coordinated, action-oriented, and early adopter unique device identifier (UDI) community. To answer this call, AHRMM has organized and hosts the Learning UDI Community (LUC). The LUC is a broad-based coalition comprised of healthcare leaders including those from the association, clinical, distribution, financial, health IT, physician, provider, regulatory, standards organizations, and supplier/manufacturing sectors.

Objective and Goals:

The LUC focuses on identifying issues which impact UDI adoption across the healthcare field, and developing solutions through the formation of cross-functional work groups made up of subject matter experts and stakeholders. Work groups will develop progressive practices, proposed solutions, and any associated resources, e.g., case studies, project plans, etc., that can promote and accelerate UDI adoption. These progressive practices, as well as any tools, will be shared through the Learning UDI Repository. Capturing, storing, maintaining, and providing public access to this shared knowledge base will increase the likelihood of success in accelerating UDI adoption practices while shortening the UDI adoption learning curve.

Working Group Roles, Functions, and Duties:

The purpose of the LUC is to create a sustainable leadership team representing major UDI adoption stakeholders who support the development of a coordinated and collaborative learning community. The LUC is open to all those who are interested in advancing UDI adoption in the healthcare field.

LUC Steering Committee:

- Is responsible for reviewing and establishing the work groups to develop resolution pathways, existing or needed, so that issues are resolved in a timely manner.
- Reviews, revises, and approves work group deliverables that are shared within Learning UDI Community.
- Develops and supports the broader healthcare field communication of UDI adoption solutions and resources resulting from the collaborative efforts of the expert work groups.

Work Groups:

- Are comprised of stakeholder members from within the Learning UDI Community.
- Work to develop resolutions representative of the communities affected by the identified issue.
- Develop draft solutions and resources to be submitted for review and approval by the LUC Steering Committee.



Rules of Engagement:

The AHRMM Learning UDI Community is an industry collaborative effort designed to address issues impacting the implementation and use of unique device identifiers by developing a common understanding and approach to UDI adoption. The findings and recommendations of the work groups are designed to benefit the healthcare field by providing a more consistent, consensus-based processes to support UDI adoption.

The Learning UDI Community Steering Committee is not an advisory committee to the U.S. FDA, nor should it be used as a direct sales opportunity. Participants are respectfully asked not to abuse their involvement nor knowledge gained through the LUC for overt sales activities.

Because workgroups may include competing companies, the LUC adheres to all antitrust guidelines, including no discussion of prices, allocation of customers or products, boycotts, refusals to deal, or market share. Participation in the LUC or any of its work groups is voluntary, and failure to participate will not be used to penalize any person or company.

Members of the LUC will respect differences in opinion, act professionally and engage to work together for the common good of the community.

Accelerating UDI adoption across the healthcare field is essential to meeting the call for Cost, Quality, and Outcomes, the Triple Aim, and evidence-based care. The Learning UDI Community is looking to its participants to influence and assist in achieving these objectives. Please contact us at ahrmm@aha.org to join or to learn more about the Learning UDI Community.

Sincerely,

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