

Agenda and Notes



Sex and Gender Working Group

Sept 27, 2022

Via Teleconference

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Item	Purpose	Allocated Time	Presenter	
1	Welcome and Acknowledgement		3 minutes	Karen Courtney
2	Purpose of the Infoway Sex and Gender Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recap	2 minutes	Karen Courtney
3	Ground Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recap	1 mins	Karen Courtney
4	PS Suite EMR Implementation Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Presentation & Discussion	55 mins	WG
5	HL7 Gender Harmony Ballot update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update	1 mins	Kelly Davison
6	Adjournment			Karen Courtney



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1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

Completed. See slide deck for details.

2. Purpose of Infoway Sex and Gender Working Group

Completed. See slide deck for details.

3. Ground Rules

Completed. See slide deck for details.

4. Presentation & Group Discussion on PS Suite EMR Implementation Plans

Presenters: Jim Kavanagh, Cameron Bales

- Review and feedback of upcoming PS Suite EMR updates for appropriateness, including patient as well as clinician perspectives
- 3 questions posed prior to meeting:
 - What should be in the list of gender choices in a drop down? We will offer free text for gender, but a good Canadian list for rapid selection will help users and patients as well as give some standardization for later research.
 - We are not doing sexual orientation at this time because we decided that does not belong in demographics, but rather in the medical chart. Does this make sense?
 - How much privacy would be appropriate for these gender fields? As part of the Patient Demographics they will be visible to all users of the EMR, both clinical and non-clinical.
- Discussion focused on Sex for Clinical Use (SFCU) field.
 - Strong support for use of organ and hormone inventories rather than SFCU alone
 - Discussion regarding the use of the word “specified” – suggested alternatives included “check notes”
 - Strong support for separating the concept of sex from organ, anatomy and hormone inventories
 - Some concerns about how this would be translated into provider actions
 - Is this information determined in consultation with the patient?
 - Where/how is this information shared? Not clear if universal field or specifically linked to an order or results/findings
 - Concern about assumptions of homogeneity for M/F which misses individuality



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- Concern that specified would in practice be limited to trans- or non-binary patients rather than all
- Needs more use cases and further discussion how other systems like decision support and prevention reminders may be affected
- Concerns about trying to fit the patient to accommodate the system rather than the system accommodate the patient
- Recommended further engagement with people with lived experience and reminder regarding compensation for the work and expertise that is being given.
- Recommendation use of gender respectful facilitators for any engagement with community members

5. HL7 Gender Harmony Ballot Update

Completed. See slide deck for details. GSSOHealth.uvic.ca and the InfoCentral Forum have details and step-by-step guides on how to make your voice heard.

6. Adjournment

