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NINDS Common Data Elements

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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.commondataelements.ninds.nih.gov>

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Description: The purpose of the NINDS Common Data Elements (CDEs) Project is to standardize the collection of investigational data in order to facilitate comparison of results across studies and more effectively aggregate information into significant metadata results. The goal of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) CDE Project specifically is to develop data standards for clinical research within the neurological community. Central to this Project is the creation of common definitions and data sets so that information (data) is consistently captured and recorded across studies. To harmonize data collected from clinical studies, the NINDS Office of Clinical Research is spearheading the effort to develop CDEs in neuroscience. This Web site outlines these data standards and provides accompanying tools to help investigators and research teams collect and record standardized clinical data. The Institute still encourages creativity and uniqueness by allowing investigators to independently identify and add their own critical variables. The CDEs have been identified through review of the documentation of numerous studies funded by NINDS, review of the literature and regulatory requirements, and review of other Institute's common data efforts. Other data standards such as those of the Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium (CDISC), the Clinical Data Acquisition Standards Harmonization (CDASH) Initiative, ClinicalTrials.gov, the NINDS Genetics Repository, and the NIH Roadmap efforts have also been followed to ensure that the NINDS CDEs are comprehensive and as compatible as possible with those standards. CDEs now available: * General (CDEs that cross diseases) Updated Feb. 2011! * Congenital Muscular Dystrophy * Epilepsy (Updated Sept 2011) * Friedreich's Ataxia * Parkinson's Disease * Spinal Cord Injury * Stroke * Traumatic Brain Injury CDEs in development: * Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Public review Sept 15 through Nov 15) * Frontotemporal Dementia * Headache * Huntington's Disease * Multiple Sclerosis * Neuromuscular Diseases ** Adult and pediatric working groups are being finalized and these groups will focus on: Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy, Myasthenia Gravis, Myotonic Dystrophy, and Spinal Muscular Atrophy The following tools are available through this portal: * CDE Catalog - includes the

universe of all CDEs. Users are able to search the full universe to isolate a subset of the CDEs (e.g., all stroke-specific CDEs, all pediatric epilepsy CDEs, etc.) and download details about those CDEs. * CRF Library - (a.k.a., Library of Case Report Form Modules and Guidelines) contains all the CRF Modules that have been created through the NINDS CDE Project as well as various guideline documents. Users are able to search the library to find CRF Modules and Guidelines of interest. * Form Builder - enables users to start the process of assembling a CRF or form by allowing them to choose the CDEs they would like to include on the form. This tool is intended to assist data managers and database developers to create data dictionaries for their study forms.

Abbreviations: NINDS CDEs

Synonyms: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke CDEs, NINDS NINDS Common Data Elements: Harmonizing information. Streamlining research.

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for NINDS Common Data Elements.

No alerts have been found for NINDS Common Data Elements.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 27 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [SPARC SAWG](#) .

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