What is a QDM Data Element?

QDM stands for the Quality Data and is the backbone for representing clinical criteria used in quality measures.

At the bottom of any human readable, lists all the QDM data elements being used in the measure. It’s a discrete unit of information the logic is looking for within the EHR.

A Data Element is comprised of a QDM category with an associated datatype and its attributes.

Value sets and Direct reference codes add additional context to define a Data element.

Let’s look at that previous example.

We’re looking for Laboratory Test, that was performed, specifically an INR.

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