**January 17th, 2018- Observation Period Call THEMIS**

Attendees:

Jennifer Duryea

Corina Bennett

Peter Rijnbeck

Ajit Londhe

Anthony Reckard

Aaron Stern (traveling could not make it)

Paul Petraro

Notes:

Regularly scheduled bi-weekly call on Wednesday’s at noon starting with this call.

Next call will be on January 31st and every other Wednesday until the THEMIS F2F meeting March 8-9.

Revisited topics/meetings from December 2017 due to holidays etc. not everyone had been up to date.

*Observation Period Discussion:*

Topic posted on Wiki and in meeting notes.

Key takeaway, Jennifer will draft a crisp proposal for observation periods. It will be reviewed by the sub-team before posting to wiki and forum for broader discussion/distribution.

* Flavors—different questions can change what you want to use, this was the key to earlier discussions.
* If limited to only 1 type per patient, multiple CDMs would need to be constructed to accommodate different types of observations (pharmacy, claims, etc.). THIS WAS CLEARLY NOT THE WAY FORWARD, EVERYONE AGREED.
* Also, there is a lot of struggle with the observation type, currently lots of history.
* Also the issue of multiple observation periods.
* Comments/Discussion points:
  + 1 period that would include everything?
  + Possibly in network but maybe qualified time
  + Use window functions to cut the data accordingly
  + Apply overlapping periods if there are any
  + Make sure there are no overlapping periods (that is current CDM)
  + Allow data outside of observation period
* Pre-qualified time---how do we handle it?
  + Timing of it?
  + Question on knowledge of pre-qualified time---is it known to the larger community?
  + Will knowledge of this change how we think and handle this?

Other topics that need to be covered:

Visit, payer plan, and cost…

* There was a discussion that all of these tables have had changes recently implemented, some big changes some smaller.
* The group needs to spend some time on these before the F2F in March.
* Next meeting will focus on the Visit and visit tables.
* Homework for all to go and review the changes and see if this will have any impact on the topics of discussion raised at the THEMIS kick-off.

Final Conclusions/Thoughts from meeting:

* + Jennifer proposal for observation period will go to the subgroup for review and will be posted on the forum and wiki before the next meeting.
  + The next meeting everyone will have some ideas and thoughts on visit to initiate those discussions.