



Vocabulary WG OKRs 2024



Statement of purpose

Support OHDSI community by:

- *answering questions* related to Vocabularies content, development process, community contribution and use
- engaging community in *discussions around Vocabularies* changes and improvements with such discussions being the required step to introduce any changes
- helping community to address their Vocabularies-related *needs*



What we achieved in 2023

Had sessions on: SNOMED overhaul, MedDRA overhaul, race and ethnicity, impact of vocabulary changes on concept sets, LOINC-SNOMED hierarchy

Published and talked about (7+ sessions) community contribution, currently 20+ contributions

SSSOM (meta-data) implemented in community contribution and pending in Usagi

Beyond WG:

- Performed landscape assessment
- Established committee, roadmap, vocabulary cadence <https://github.com/OHDSI/Vocabulary-v5.0/wiki>
- Published The Vocabulary Paper <https://doi.org/10.1093/jamia/ocad247>
- Regular maintenance and improvement by the Vocab Team + 100+ hours on forums/GitHub/individual calls



Objective 1: **Support** vocabulary-related activities of workgroups and contributors

- Hold and document landscape assessment of **needs** across the workgroups
- Hold regular **office hours** to address any questions of vocabulary users and contributors



Objective 2: Increase Vocabularies content and process **transparency**

- Run sessions for all **proposed changes** and improvements, both for community contributions and roadmap
- Increase **visibility** of Vocabularies' documentation (release, development process and content of individual vocabularies)
- Have at least two sessions with **external speakers** highlighting their experience with Vocabularies



Objective 3: Enable vocabulary-related collaboration in the community

- Hold a joint community activity:
 1. OHDSI Europe Symposium [planning in progress]
 2. OHDSI Global Symposium Advanced Tutorial

Vocabularies joint community activity

Vocabulary Users



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In the past couple of Vocabulary WG meetings we discussed a joint vocabulary community activity we would like to carry this year.

This post is an opportunity to get involved for those who did not attend the meetings.

Right now, we have three options:

- a) Vocabulary Tutorial (how to use the Vocabularies for ETL and studies)
- b) Community Contribution Workshop (how to get the content you need into the Vocabularies)
- c) Quality Assurance Study-a-thon (look into quality problems together).

If you are interested in participating **in organizing and contributing to the content of** such an activity, please [review the proposals and sign up here](#) . We are hoping that our experts who were the part of such activities in the past ([@MPhilofsky](#) , [@DTorok](#) , [@mvanzandt](#) , [@clairblacketer](#) and others) will be interested, but anybody is truly welcome 😊