

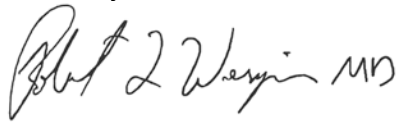
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14. How should ONC define “widespread” in quantifiable terms across these measures? Would this be a simple majority, over 50%, or should the threshold be set higher across these measures to be considered “widespread”?

We recommend the definition of widespread include all entities in the health care ecosystem that need to exchange information to support continuity of care and care coordination. This should include both breadth in the number of entities participating routinely in exchange, as well as depth in the number of transitions of care, where timely and effective information exchange is demonstrated to have occurred.

The AAFP appreciates the opportunity to provide this feedback. Should you have questions, please contact Steven E. Waldren, MD, MS, Director, Alliance for eHealth Innovations at 1-800-274-2237, extension 4100 or swaldren@aafp.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Wergin MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "W".

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