

PUBLIC COMMENT to CLIAC

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I am chair of a subcommittee of the DIHIT committee whose task is to define and develop guidelines for the “Next Generation Pathology Report.” (We will be renaming this effort to avoid confusion with next generation sequencing) The goal of this group is to develop guidelines for creating a “living” dashboard or portal which provides an up to the minute display in one place of disease specific critical information needed to manage a patient. The data populating this dashboard will be assembled from the multiple pathology and laboratory reports, and possibly information from other specialties such as radiology from whatever time frame is appropriate to the patient’s disease process. Links to the full report on the relevant specimens will be provided. The information presented can be tailored to the needs different end users such as oncologists, primary care, and patients, etc.

I am willing to give a brief presentation of the work of our group at the next CLIAC meeting if the committee so desires.

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