

# ***LOINC License Review***

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# Background

- [LOINC Copyright Notice and License](#) is updated periodically
- Recent questions and issues have arisen related to
  - LOINC copyright notice
  - Third party copyright notice and terms of use
  - Use of LOINC Parts
- This is a quick review of the specific clauses related to the above
- See the license for the full terms and conditions

# LOINC License 5.0

- Published with June 2020, version 2.68 release
- Key changes:
  - Requires a single, short copyright notice when LOINC is incorporated into a product or service regardless of the type of product or service;
  - More flexibility in which fields must be included when LOINC is incorporated into a product or service;
  - Adding a definition of "You", "Your", and "User" to mean either an individual OR the organization specified by an individual on whose behalf the license terms and conditions are being accepted;
  - Addition of several release artifacts to the "Group 3 Artifacts" list that had not been included in prior versions of the license.

# LOINC Copyright notice

- NOT needed when LOINC codes and names are used in conjunction with patient laboratory test results and clinical observations
- If LOINC incorporated into any type of product or service, need this notice:

"This material contains content from LOINC (<http://loinc.org>). LOINC is copyright © 1995-2020, Regenstrief Institute, Inc. and the Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC) Committee and is available at no cost under the license at <http://loinc.org/license>. LOINC® is a registered United States trademark of Regenstrief Institute, Inc."
- The end year in the copyright statement will be updated with each June release

# Third party copyrighted work

- Third party content is included in LOINC to allow standardization of clinical data associated with the third party copyright content.
- When LOINC terms with third party copyright are included in any products or services, the copyright notice contained in the EXTERNAL\_COPYRIGHT\_NOTICE field must be included in addition to the LOINC copyright notice
- Any use or administration of third party content is in accordance with the third party content owner's license and/or terms of use
- Inclusion in LOINC does NOT imply permission to use or administer third party content without following the third party content owner's license and/or terms of use

# Use of Parts

- LOINC parts and part hierarchies can be used to organize, categorize, and be constituents of LOINC terms
- They can also be used to link to external terminologies
- They should NOT be used as a standalone terminology
- LOINC Parts may change from release to release; they are not strictly managed under the same policies as LOINC terms

