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:

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• 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.
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• 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