Data Quality Management



The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) developed a DQM model based on the following four domains (2017):

Data application

The reason why data are collected

Data collection

How data are collected

Data warehousing

How data are saved for future use

Data analysis

How data are translated into information

Characteristics of data quality

Accuracy

Data are free of errors.



Accessibility

This refers to the level of ease and efficiency at which data are legally obtainable.

Comprehensiveness

All required data within the entire scope are collected.



Consistency

Data are reliable, identical, and reproducible by different users across all applications.



Currency

Data are up-to-date for a specific point in time.



Precision

This refers to the degree to which measures support their purpose and the closeness of two or more measures to each other.



Definition

The specific meaning of a healthcare-related data element is appropriately defined.



Relevancy

Data are useful for the purposes for which they were collected.



Granularity

This refers to the level of detail at which the attributes and characteristics of data quality in healthcare data are defined.

Timeliness



Data are up-to-date and useful for a specific time frame