

Data governance can be defined as the management of the availability, usability, integrity, and security of the data employed in an organization.

A strong data governance program helps avoid information-related issues by assessing risks, understanding gaps, and putting policies or procedures in place to help HIM professionals proactively manage data and information.

Just Associates has the systems expertise and knowledge necessary to help healthcare organizations develop and implement a thorough data governance program. With assistance from Just Associates, the integrity of data can be protected from the very start.

BENEFITS OF DATA GOVERNANCE

Ensuring the integrity of patient data is an essential function of effective enterprise information management. Although the upfront work may seem daunting at first, the benefits to healthcare organizations are critical. Having a data governance program in place enables healthcare organizations to:

- prioritize, validate and manage ongoing data usage.
- understand and manage strategic and tactical data, project ownership and priority setting.
- define day-to-day data creation, use and retirement activities.
- organize activities and decisions on managing and sharing enterprise data.
- advance goals around information integrity and increase confidence in data accuracy.
- redefine data ownership (who can revise/ update/access).
- align information sharing priorities to support business initiatives.
- manage data as an asset.
- establish a policy framework.
- promote data stewardship and define data steward roles to ensure data quality accountability and that policies are operationalized.
- improve organizational learning about the importance of information management.

DATA GOVERNANCE SERVICES

Just Associates offers a comprehensive data governance solution with the following services:

Core System Assessments – The first step to effective data governance is evaluating systems and workflows. Just Associates can help with this process by reviewing and providing recommendations for workflow functionality, HL7 ADT messaging, interface configurations and record matching algorithms.



Policy/Procedure Development – The creation of core data governance policies and procedures is essential to ensure ongoing data integrity and data quality. Just Associates can assess current policies and assist with implementing an enterprise wide policy framework.

Data Sources/Dictionaries – Defining the source of truth for core data elements and data updating protocols promotes reliable data usage and reporting. Just Associates can provide data dictionary templates, system assessment tools and our consultants can assist with evaluating all core and downstream systems.

Data Load Processes – Our consultants are experienced at designing optimal, consistent “on boarding” procedures, including data extract and data load requirements and data standardization protocols.

Managing Duplicate Reconciliation/ Staff Training – Just Associates can assist staff in understanding industry terminology and standards, explain the causes and corrections for data duplicates, overlaps or overlays, recommend optimal matching thresholds and auto-linking logic and assist employees in prioritizing reconciliation/error correction tasks.

Ongoing Data Management – Just Associates also offers ongoing data management services with actions such as appropriate categorization of interface errors and prioritization of error resolution tasks.

Reporting – Just Associates can assist organizations in creating accurate and insightful reporting by defining measurable MPI data quality indicators and developing benchmarking/reporting items for key stakeholders

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Just Associates is a healthcare data integrity consulting firm that delivers superior value to our clients through improved data integrity. We have the process expertise and systems to deliver tailored, value-added solutions that improve your financial outcomes and business processes, support delivery of quality patient care, and meet your diverse stakeholders' expectations through improved data integrity.

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