

Use Case:

Allowing Dentists Access to Clinical Data

Overview:

Like other healthcare practitioners, Dentists typically provide care that requires clinical data to inform their decision-making. This Use Case will allow dentists full access to CRISP stewarded data as is afforded physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners.

Permitted Purpose:

Treatment

Use Case Description

While dental care is professionally distinct from clinicians such as MDs, DOs, NPs, and PAs, they must consider critical clinical factors when assessing dentition, interventions, etc. For example, understanding that a patient may have a coagulopathy or condition that requires anti-platelet or anti-coagulant medications may be essential in their assessment of dentition and subsequent guidance. Many conditions manifest as dental or gum conditions, such as autoimmune conditions, severe medication reactions, immunocompromised states. A dentist's knowledge of medical history may improve the time to diagnosis, treatment, and thus prognosis for a patient.

Opt-Out

Patients will be provided the opportunity to opt-out of the CRISP service as per general CRISP Policy. Notably, this Use Case initially specified that patients 'opt-in' to their dentists' access to their clinical data. However, based on an increased understanding of their data needs and experience with the initial pilot, the Clinical Committee has unanimously approved alignment with typical Opt-Out policies for this Use Case.

Eligible Participants

Licensed Dentists in the District of Columbia.

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