

# caDSR Metadata Development Best Practices

## Best Practices

The caDSR Content Team has agreed to curation best practices that outline techniques for efficiently and effectively curating metadata in the caDSR, based on repeatable processes. The Best Practices are intended for metadata curators who have taken the requisite courses in the caDSR training curriculum. Please note - if you have a patient reported outcome or health related quality of life measure, questionnaire, or survey for curation please contact the NCI Curation Team at [caDSR.RA@mail.nih.gov](mailto:caDSR.RA@mail.nih.gov).

X - Administered Item(s) related to the best practice

| Best Practice  | Effective Date | Last Update | Data Element | Data Element Concept | Value Domain |
|--|----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|
| <a href="#">Using Qualifiers in Representation Term and Value Domain Long Names</a>                              | 2/11/2013      |             |              |                      | X            |
| <a href="#">Specification for the Order of Qualifiers</a>  | 11/8/2010      | 8/10/2015   | ---          | X                    | X            |
| <a href="#">Selecting Preferred Concepts</a>   | 7/16/2010      | 11/6/2015   | ---          | X                    | X            |
| <a href="#">Pre-Coordinated and Post-Coordinated Terms</a>   | 5/5/2010       | 9/17/2015   | X            | X                    | X            |
| <a href="#">Creating Short Names</a>   | 2/22/2010      | 6/8/2015    | X            | X                    | X            |
| <a href="#">Versioning Concepts</a>  | 10/14/2009     | 6/8/2015    | ---          | X                    | X            |
| <a href="#">Creating Derived Data Elements (DDE)</a>   | 9/14/2009      | 3/10/2014   | X            | ---                  | ---          |
| <a href="#">Creation and Maintenance of Value Meanings (VM) and Value Meaning Descriptions/Definitions (VMD)</a> | 7/13/2009      | 2/11/2013   | ---          | ---                  | X            |
| <a href="#">Using Representation Terms in Value Domains</a>  | 4/13/2009      | 5/13/2013   | ---          | ---                  | X            |
| <a href="#">Use of Integer Qualifier Concept (C45255)</a>  | 2/11/2009      | 11/12/2012  | ---          | X                    | X            |
| <a href="#">Linking a Document or Other Resource Materials as caDSR Metadata</a>                                 | 4/15/2008      | 12/8/2015   | X            | X                    | X            |

## Related Information

### Related Pages and Documents

- [caCORE Training Wiki](#)
- [FAQs-Curating Metadata](#)
- [Best Practice Template](#)



### Best Practice for System-Generated Definitions

When creating a manually-curated definition, the system-generated definition does not need to be saved, and there is no need to notate the definition as "manually curated" or "system generated".



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- [UML Loader](#) ([Contact NCI Application Support](#))
- [caDSR APIs](#)
- [Freestyle Search](#)
- [Domain Class Browser Interface](#)

The following are links to additional NCI browsers.

- [NCIt Browser](#) (NCI Thesaurus Browser)
- [NCIm Browser](#) (NCI Metathesaurus Browser)
- [NCI Term Browser](#)