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- 7.4.8.12 A - It seems that this duty to report is new and I think could be used to our advantage to get cases ID'd as quickly as possible. Not sure if health care providers will do this but OMI evaluates cases in a very timely way and could communicate directly with the abstractors in almost real time. Not sure if this regulation will change response time from BVRHS??
- 7.4.8.13 F3 - this reads that "the committee shall outline trends and patterns and provide recommendations." The outlining trends and patterns is what I noticed as I do not think our MMRC really does this. This seems more a function of the analyst role in terms of actual numerical trends/ patterns. Some committee members do note that we see some similar cases with similar issues over time when they take a step back. This could be a good motivation to take a step back yearly (maybe with an annual recommendations meeting?) to think about trends.
- 7.4.8.16 A - I think the annual basis for reporting on "causes and problems" is vague enough to cover a variety of reports that we could generate. I have thought quite a bit about what Annual Report would mean and would appreciate discussing this with you when you have time. Your input on this topic before our next Data Meeting would be very valuable to craft a future reporting plan.