**Cooking with CQL Qs&As with Classifications for the RC – SESSION 25**

**5/31/2018 - Cooking with CQL: or How to Incorporate CQL into HQMF for eCQMs Qs&As**

**General Clinical Quality Language**

**Q. How do we actually use CQL against a database to generate results? Is this just another way to express measure functions, or does it run somewhere?**

**A.** CQL is designed to enable the description and distribution of eCQMs, but it also can be a basis for evaluation. There are at least two open source engine implementations of CQL that will actually evaluate the measures and supporting logic.

**Measure Representation**

**Q. I see there is an attribute result. How does this differ from the attribute component?**

**A.** The attribute component is the list of results. This [example](https://github.com/esacinc/CQL-Formatting-and-Usage-Wiki/blob/master/Source/Cooking%20With%20CQL/18/42_StudyComponents.cql) illustrates that. For example, a diagnostic study performed may have a single result or a result and a code. It is a way to represent both components within the QDM datatype.