Health and Social Care Information Centre

NHS Data Model and Dictionary Service

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Version No:	1.0
Subject:	Update to Supporting Information: SNOMED CT®
Effective Date:	Immediate
Reason for Change:	Update to Supporting Information
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Background:

This Change Request updates the Supporting Information for Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT®) in the NHS Data Model and Dictionary for the introduction of the Release Format 2 (RF2).

To view a demonstration on "How to Read an NHS Data Model and Dictionary Change Request", visit the NHS Data Model and Dictionary help pages at: http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/Flash_Files/changerequest.htm.

Note: if the web page does not open, please copy the link and paste into the web browser.

Summary of changes:

Supporting Information

SYSTEMATIZED NOMENCLATURE OF MEDICINE CLINICAL TERMS   Changed Description

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Note: New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Retired text is shown in grey. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

SYSTEMATIZED NOMENCLATURE OF MEDICINE CLINICAL TERMS

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

SNOMED CT®, the 'Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine Clinical Terms', is a clinical terminology with comprehensive scientifically validated content. SNOMED CT® is licensed for use in more than fifty countries and has been adopted as the standard clinical terminology for the NHS in England. SNOMED CT®, the 'Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine Clinical Terms', is the clinical terminology approved as a Fundamental Standard by the Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care for use within the NHS in England. SNOMED CT® is licensed for use in more than fifty countries and is free to use within the UK.

It is a common clinical language that facilitates electronic communication between healthcare professionals in clear and unambiguous terms, and can be used to code, retrieve and analyse clinical data. SNOMED CT® provides the clinical language that facilitates electronic communication between healthcare professionals in clear and unambiguous terms, and can be used to code, retrieve and analyse clinical data.

SNOMED CT® is very comprehensive and provides clinical terms for all healthcare professions. Applications thus often use subsets of SNOMED CT® that have been developed to support specific requirements. The NHS Data Model and Dictionary highlights where SNOMED CT Subsets exist to support data reporting for specific data items.

Note: Those using the Release Format 2 (RF2) of SNOMED CT® will be aware that SNOMED CT Subsets are implemented via the 'refset mechanism'. The UK RF2 release includes a file that provides the corresponding refset details for each SNOMED CT Subset. For further details please see the RF2 Overview.

SNOMED CT® is managed and maintained internationally by the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation (IHTSDO) and in the UK by the UK Terminology Centre (UKTC).

National and International arrangements have been established to ensure there is adequate and relevant governance of SNOMED CT®, to ensure it meets the needs of healthcare in the respective jurisdictions:

- ~~UKTC governance arrangements~~
- ~~IHTSDO governance arrangements~~
- UKTC - UK governance arrangements
- IHTSDO - International governance arrangements

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