



COVID-19 and Information Standards

Bi-weekly SNAP update

Purpose of this update:

This update is to provide a current summary of activity relating to COVID-19 in relation to products and services under the remit of the Terminology and Classifications Service within NHS Digital.

An update will normally be provided every alternate Friday during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SNOMED CT UK Edition- Release Consultation

Given the unprecedented changes and demands revealed through the COVID-19 pandemic, we are running a [Consultation](#) until the **25 September 2020** to ensure we can continue to deliver a responsive and agile service in 2021 and beyond.

We are proposing that we:

- change the release frequency of the [SNOMED CT UK Clinical Edition](#) to every eight weeks.
- seek feedback from users on the [SNOMED CT UK Edition BETA format](#) (due for adoption in January 2021).
- ascertain the best methods which can be used to support users in their implementation of the BETA format.

Full details Including full justifications and implications [can be located on our Delen News Section.](#)

Pillar 3 Antibody testing results coming to GP records

From 16 September 2020, Pillar 3 SARS-Cov-2 Antibody test results will start to flow into GP Records. These will come from the same trading partner that Pillar 2 Virus RNA Detection results use, X-Labs National Pathology Exchange (NPEx).

All Pillar 3 Antibody tests look for SARS-Cov-2 IgG antibodies, and results are restricted to Positive, Negative or Unknown. Pillar 2 Virus RNA Detection results will continue to flow as normal in addition to these new tests. Your EPR supplier should map the incoming PMIP codes automatically to the SNOMED CT Concepts below.

You can find a full set of *all* the COVID19 related SNOMED CT Pathology codes in the infographic which is available on our [COVID-19 Delen homepage](#).

Please note: This message is repeated from the previous SNAP update (Issue 9), where this article mistakenly referred to the upcoming Pillar 3 antibody test results as Pillar 2. Pillar 2 results Virus RNA Detection are already flowing to GP systems.

We apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

Previous Snap Updates

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