



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.

Management of the long-term effects of COVID 19

Working with NICE, RCGP and SIGN (who are producing [guidance](#) on [case definitions](#) and management of the long-term effects of COVID 19), NHS England and NHS Improvement (who have produced [guidance](#) on commissioning the assessment services), and PRSB, we have produced an initial set of SNOMED CT codes to support the management of the long term effects of COVID 19, corresponding to:

- Diagnostic categories
- Referral and signposting
- Assessment instruments and outcome measures
- Community care and self care options

Further guidance on the management of the long-term effects of COVID 19 from both NICE, NHS England and NHS Improvement is expected soon, and we will provide links to these materials when they are published.

COVID 19 Vaccination

In collaboration with other NHS Digital teams and following wider consultation, new SNOMED CT and dm+d content has been developed to support the recording of COVID 19 vaccination. The detailed terminology content for COVID-19 Vaccination codes, including working definitions for the clinical codes, can be found on [this page](#), along with other terminology and classification documents, under the SNOMED CT tab. The set largely follows the patterns used in other vaccination campaigns, and includes content to support:

- dm+d coded representations of the initial vaccine products
- SNOMED CT coded representations of significant steps in the vaccination course life-cycle (started, declined, abandoned, DNA etc.), codes to represent the act of dose administration (or not), the identification of high priority patients and adverse or allergic reactions.

As indicated in the document, some of the content added earlier in 2020 is referenced in this specification, and some should not be used for recording the vaccination campaign as more suitable content now exists.

We are aware of the following recent publications relevant to

Updates to The Green Book (Immunisation against infectious disease):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-the-green-book-chapter-14a>

A COVID-19 Vaccination programme guide for healthcare practitioners:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-programme-guidance-for-healthcare-practitioners>

As other materials become available we will update this section accordingly.

SNOMED CT UK Edition 2021/22 Release Schedule

SNOMED CT UK Clinical Edition

There will be seven scheduled releases of the SNOMED CT UK Clinical Edition in 2021/22, this will encompass two major releases in March and September and five minor releases which will be scheduled for the following dates

31.3.0 - 27 January 2021

32.0.0 - 24 March 2021 (Major Release includes January 2021 SNOMED CT International Edition)

32.2.0 - 19 May 2021

32.4.0 - 14 July 2021

32.5.0 - 11 August 2021

33.0.0 - 6 October 2021 (Major Release includes July 2021 SNOMED CT International Edition)

33.2.0 - 1 December 2021

33.4.0 - 26 January 2022

34.0.0 - 23 March 2022 (Major Release includes January 2022 SNOMED CT International Edition)

If the situation dictates there might be minor patch releases in response to urgent content change requests however we will seek to keep these to a minimum.

SNOMED CT UK Drug Extension

There will be sixteen releases of the SNOMED CT Drug Extension in 2021/22

31.3.0- 27 January 2021

31.4.0 - 24 February 2021

32.0.0 - 24 March 2021 (Major Release includes January 2021 SNOMED CT International Edition)

32.1.0 - 21 April 2021

32.2.0 - 19 May 2021

32.3.0 - 16 June 2021

32.4.0 - 14 July 2021

32.5.0 - 11 August 2021

32.6.0 - 08 September 2021

33.0.0 - 06 October 2021 (Major Release includes July 2021 SNOMED CT International Edition data)

33.1.0 - 03 November 2021

33.2.0 - 01 December 2021

33.3.0 - 29 December 2021

33.4.0 - 26 January 2022

33.5.0 - 23 February 2022

34.0.0 - 23 March 2022 (Major Release includes January 2022 SNOMED CT International Edition)

Previous Snap Updates

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