COMP2322:

Introduction to Health Informatics

Medical Terminologies: Coding Standards

(Semantic Interoperability related standards)

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Medical Terminologies: Coding Standards

Learning Objectives:

- 1. Understanding what is meant by medical coding.
- 2. Understanding the deference between Classification & Nomenclature
- 3. Understanding coding process.
- 4. Identify and understand the purpose and classification structure of different medical terminologies and classification systems:
 - 1. The International Classification of Diseases (ICD)
 - 2. The Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine (SNOMED)
 - 3. The Read codes
 - 4. Logical Observations, Identifiers, Names and Codes (LOINC)
 - 5. Standardized (NORMalised) names for clinical drugs (RxNorm)
 - 6. The Unified Medical Language System (UMLS)
- 7. E. Distinguish between different classification systems.



What is clinical coding?

- Translation of or defining narrative text into codes
- Creates consistent understanding of clinical information
- Creates an agreed upon classification of clinical concepts or information within a consistent classification system
- Enables consistently allocating appropriate code(s) to the correct clinical concepts



Classification & Nomenclature

Recall

Classification

 is a system that classifies or organizes entities or concepts into distinct classes or categories - groups similar or related concepts within connected classes

Nomenclature

 A system of naming, i.e. a system for devising or choosing of names for things – i.e. for concepts in a domain without looking at similarities.

Classification

- classifies diseases that are similar and groups them under one category (or code class)
- Produces limited number of categories or classes

Nomenclature

- Generates a separate listing for every condition and therefore a separate code for every disease
- Produces very extensive and detailed codes



Clinical Data Terminology/Vocabulary/ Coding Standards

- Controlled Medical Terminology/ Vocabulary:
 - ICD9/ICD10 (International Classification of Diseases, ver. 9/ver. 10)
 - SNOMED -CT (Standardized Nomenclature of Medicine, Clinical Terms)
 - LOINC (Logical Observation, Identifiers, Names and Codes) – Lab results
 - RxNorm (normalized naming system for generic and branded drugs)
 - RCT (Read Codes Terms, ver. 2.x, ver. 3.x) specific to the UK
 - NLM UMLS (Unified Medical Language System): inclusive of all coding systems, and mapping between them



Health Vocabulary examples





















Cumulative Index of Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL)





ICD

The International Classification of Diseases



- ICD provides a code sets for
 - diseases, signs and symptoms,
 - abnormal findings, complaints, social circumstances, and
 - external causes of injury or diseases.

- ICD-9 was widely used, currently in its tenth revision (ICD-10).
- Eleventh version under development.



ICD: Revisions

• ICD-7:

 The Seventh Revision Conference was held in Paris in 1955 and, the revision was limited to essential changes.

• ICD-8:

 The Eighth Revision Conference was convened by WHO in Geneva in 1965. The Eighth Revision was much more extensive.

• ICD-9:

 The International Conference for the Ninth Revision was convened by WHO in Geneva in 1975 and it came into effect from 1979.

• ICD-10:

was endorsed by the Forty-third World Health Assembly in May
 1990 and came into use in WHO Member States as from 1994.



- Published by World Health Organization (WHO).
- Updated every year, but major revisions in every roughly 10 years.

- ICD-9-CM: US adopted its clinically modified version in 1979.
- ICD-10-CM: used to code death on death certificates since 1999.



- ICD versions
 - ICD-9 → The old numeric version of ICD
 - ICD -10 → The current alpha-numeric version of the ICD
 - ICD -11 → The future version of the ICD (under development)
 - More usable and compatible with Web Application
 - Can be easily integrated with the EHR
- ICD-9 has more than *14,000 disease codes*, while ICD-10-CM has more than *68,000 disease codes*, allowing to record or track many new or more specific **diagnosis** (**five time** more than ICD-9)
- ICD-9 has more than 3,000 procedure coding system, while ICD-10-PCS has more than 87,000 procedure codes



ICD has

- Reference classification of diseases (main parameters of the health system: death, disease, functioning, disability, health and health interventions):
 - ICD-10-CM: Clinical Modification (has 68,000 codes)
 - ICD-10-PCS: Procedural Classification System (87,000 codes)
- Derived classifications: support specialty-based adaptions or classifications:
 - ICD-O-3 : Oncology
 - ICD-DA: Dentistry and Stomatology
 - ICD-10-NA: Neurology
 - ICD-10 for Mental and Behavioural Disorders



Related Classifications

International Classification of Primary Care (ICPC)

International Classification of External Causes of Injury (ICECI)

The Anatomical, Therapeutic, Chemical (ATC) classification system with Defined Daily Doses (DDD)

ISO 9999 Technical aids for persons with disabilities – Classification and Terminology

Reference Classifications

International Classification of Diseases (ICD)

International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF)

International
Classification of
Health
Interventions
(ICHI)
under
development

Derived Classifications

International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, Third Edition (ICD-O-3)

The ICD-10
Classification of Mental
and Behavioural
Disorders

Application of the International Classification of Diseases to Dentistry and Stomatology, Third Edition (ICD-DA)

Application of the International Classification of Diseases to Neurology (ICD-10-NA)

International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health, Children & Youth Version (ICF-CY) Schematic representation of WHO Family of International Classifications

Source: ICD10Volume2



ICD: Purpose and Usage

- ICD-10 is often used as a coding system for:
 - diseases, and diagnosis,
 - procedure and
 - a point of reference for medication management
- Published by WHO:
 - to collect morbidity and mortality data from different countries around the world
 - for the identification of health trends and statistics globally.
 - to ensure Data systematically collected and statistically analysed
 - can be used for both billing and statistical analyses
 - can be used to code and classify mortality data from death certificates.



ICD: Purpose and Usage

- ICD-10 is also used as a point of reference for medication management system (decision support)
 - ICD-10 enables contraindication/precaution checking
 - ICD-10 enables drug-disease interaction checking
- ICD-10 used for EMR
 - ICD-10-CM: often used for (outpatient) medical disease coding and reporting
 - ICD-10-PCS: often used for (inpatient) medical procedure coding
- ICD-10 can help
 - track and reveal information about quality of healthcare.
 - healthcare providers to better understand medical complications, better design treatment and care, and better comprehend and determine the outcome of care.



ICD: Purpose and Usage

- For counting of deaths, diseases, injuries, symptoms, reasons for encounter, factors that influence health status, and external causes of disease.
- It organises information into standard groupings/classes of diseases, which allows for:
 - easy storage, retrieval and analysis of health information for evidence-based decision- making;
 - sharing and comparing health information between hospitals, regions, settings and countries; and
 - data comparisons in the same location across different time periods.



ICD: Who are the Primary Users?

- Users include
 - Physicians,
 - Nurses,
 - health workers,
 - researchers,
 - health information managers,
 - policy-makers
 - insurers and
 - national health programme managers



ICD-10: Basic Classification Structure

- Originally proposed by William Farr,
 - ICD-10 is a variable-axis classification diseases are classified as:
 - epidemic diseases
 - constitutional or general diseases
 - local diseases arranged by site
 - developmental diseases
 - Injuries
- It has 3 main elements to the structure
 - 3 volumes
 - 22 chapters
 - alphanumeric codes



ICD-10: Classification Structure

- Three-volume clinical classification, comprised of:
 - Main Classification-Tabular List (Volume 1)
 - Alphanumeric listing of diseases
 - Instruction Manual (Volume 2)
 - Introduction, instructions and guidelines for Vol 1 & 2
 - Alphabetical Index (Volume 3)
 - Comprehensive alphabetical index of diseases and conditions found in the Tabular List



ICD-10: Classification Structure

- Tabular List Volume 1 is organised into Chapters and blocks:
 - It has 22 chapters, groupings of diseases and injuries, numbered I-XXII (roman numerals).
 - Chapters 1 to 17 deal with a specific types of diseases
 - Chapters 18 to 22 deal with other types of health problems
- ICD Blocks: Within the chapters, codes are divided up into blocks of 3 character categories (usually by site or type of disease)
 - Blocks describe diseases of a group of similar categories based on their characteristics within a chapter
- Example
 - Chapter 11 describes diseases of the digestive system
 - Chapter 11 consists of 10 blocks.
 - One block is related to the diseases of appendix.

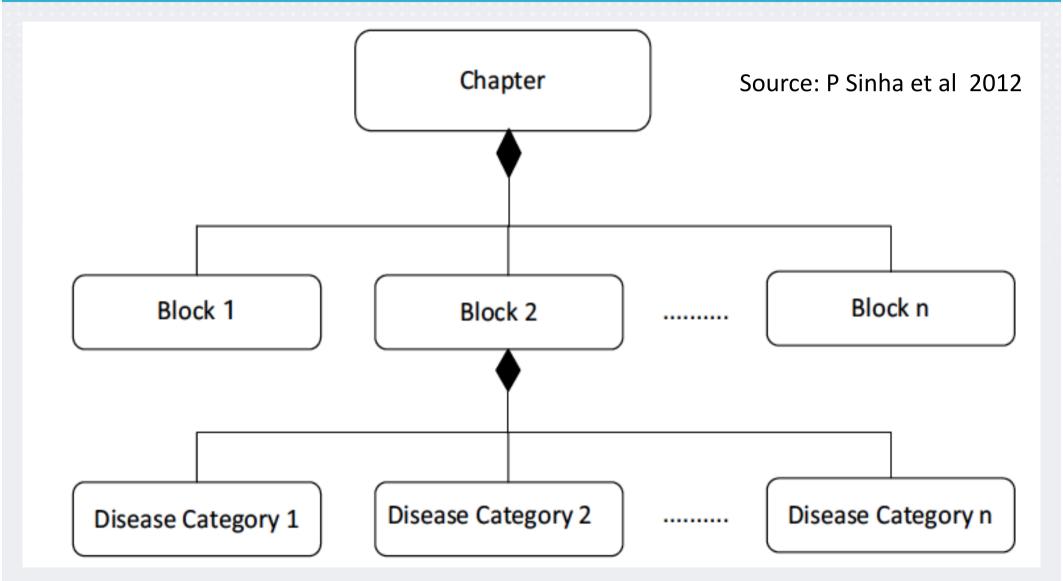


ICD-10: Chapters

- Chapters I to XVII (1-17): Diseases and other morbid conditions
- Chapter XVIII (18): Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified.
- Chapter XIX (19): Injuries, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes.
- Chapter XX (20): External causes of morbidity and mortality,
- Chapter XXI (21): Factors influencing health status and contact with health services.



ICD10: Structure Hierarchy





Concepts/Coding Standards ICD Codes Chapters

Chapter No.	Blocks	Contents
Ch. I (1)	A00-B99	Certain infectious and parasitic diseases
Ch. II (2)	C00-D48	Neoplasms
Ch. III (3)	D50-D89	Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism
Ch. IV (4)	E00-E90	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases
Ch. V (5)	F00-F99	Mental and behavioral disorders
Ch. VI (6)	G00-G99	Diseases of the nervous system
Ch. VII (7)	H00-H59	Diseases of the eye and adnexa
Ch. VIII (8)	H60-H95	Diseases of the ear and mastoid process
Ch. IX (9)	100-199	Diseases of the circulatory system
Ch. X (10)	J00-J99	Diseases of the respiratory system
Ch. XI (11)	K00-K93	Diseases of the digestive system
Ch. XII (12)	L00-L99	Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue
Ch. XIII (13)	M00-M99	Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissues



Concepts/Coding Standards ICD Codes Chapters

Chapter No.	Blocks	Contents
Ch. XIV (14)	N00-N99	Diseases of the genitourinary system
Ch. XV (15)	O00-O99	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium
Ch. XVI (16)	P00-P96	Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period
Ch. XVII (17)	Q00-Q99	Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities
Ch. XVIII (18)	R00-R99	Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings, not elsewhere classified
Ch. XIX (19)	S00-T98	Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes
Ch. XX (20)	V01-Y98	External causes of morbidity and mortality
Ch. XXI (21)	Z00-Z99	Factors influencing health status and contact with health services
Ch. XXII (22)	U00-U99	Codes for special purposes



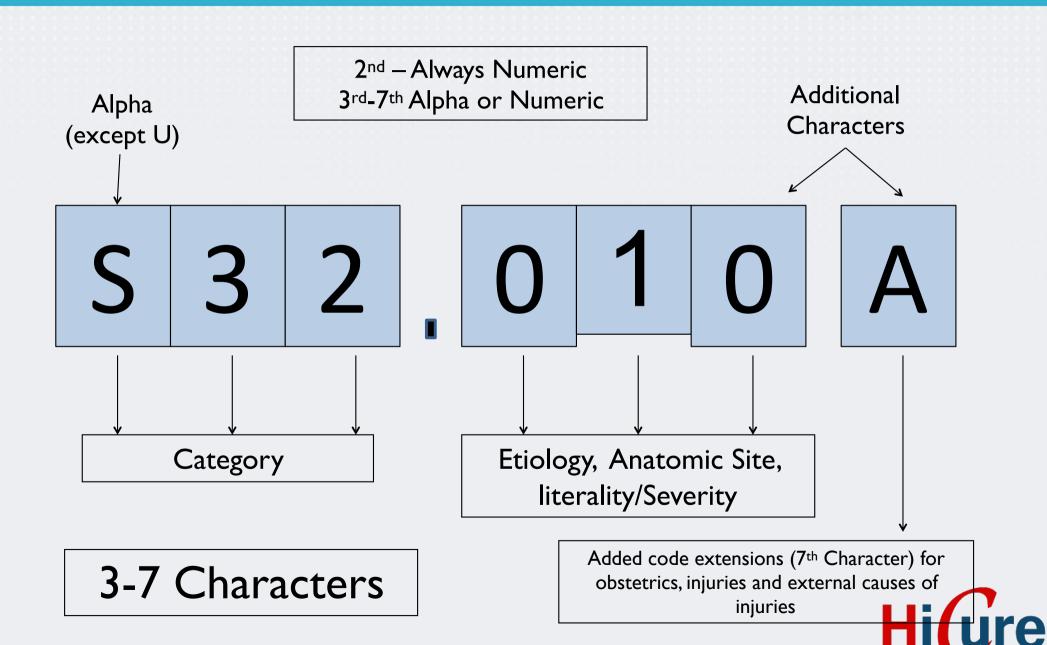
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Chapter V Mental and behavioural disorders	
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Chapter X Diseases of the respiratory system	
Chapter XI Diseases of the digestive system	
Chapter XII Diseases of skin and subcutaneous tissue	
Chapter XIII Diseases of musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	
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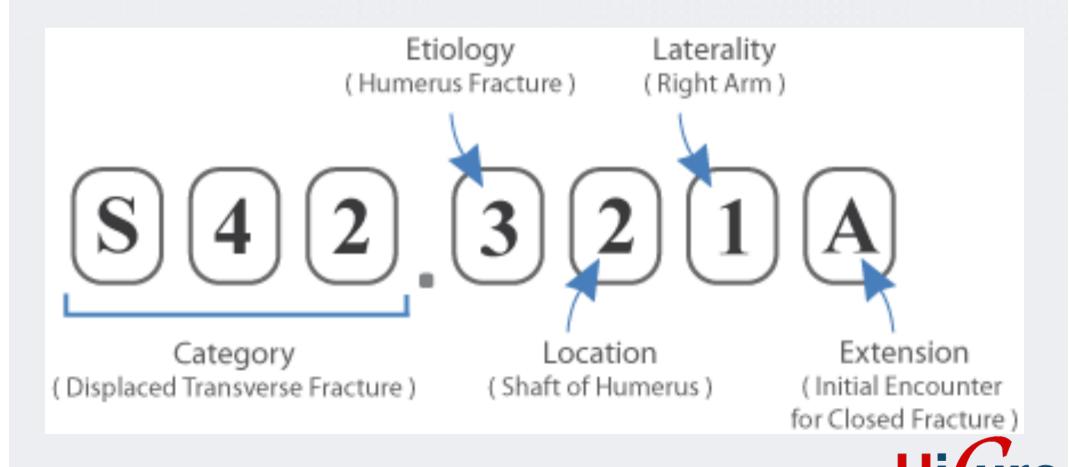


ICD-10-CM (diagnosis) Code Format



ICD-10 Example

 Displaced transverse fracture of shaft of humerus, right arm, initial encounter for closed fracture



Why change from ICD9 to ICD 10?

- ICD-9-CM is out-of-room for more codes
- In ICD 9, can only be 10 subcategories for each 3 digit category
- Whilst, in ICD 10
 - structure is classified scientifically based on purpose
 - disease patterns and outcomes of treatment can be better analysed
 - it provides a clearer view of diagnosis
 - Uses single codes, which can report a disease and current manifestation
 - Provides higher specificity
 - e.g. diseases of the ovary can be reported with ICD-10-CM as unspecified ovary, right ovary, left ovary, or bilateral; ICD-9-CM only specifies disease of ovary

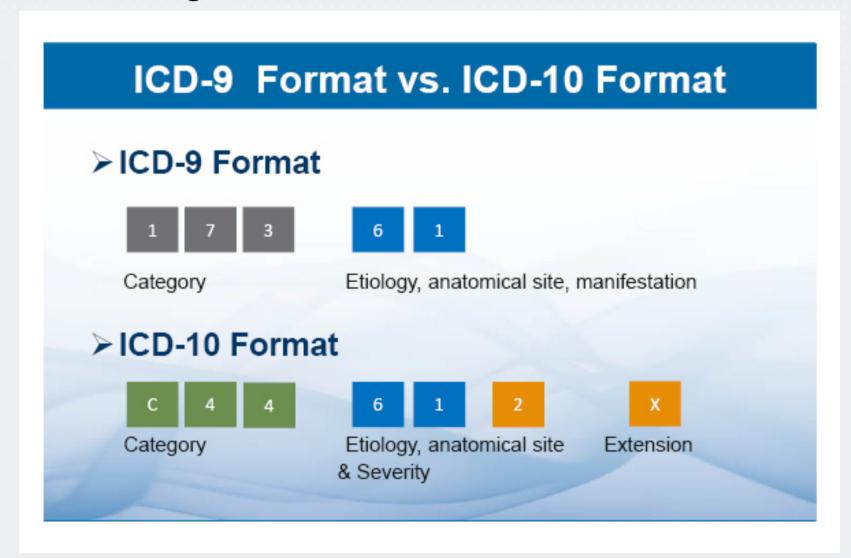


Diagnosis Code Structure Comparison

ICD-9-CM (Volume 1 & 2)	ICD-10-CM
3-5 characters in length	3-7 characters in length
Approximately 14,000 codes	Approximately 68,000 codes
First digit may be alpha (E or V) or numeric; digits 2-5 are numeric	Digit 1 is alpha (to indicate the category); Digit 2 is numeric (in the future, alpha characters may be used if code expansion is needed); Digits 3-7 can be alpha or numeric
Limited space for adding new codes	Flexible for adding new codes
Lacks detail	Very specific
Lacks laterality	Includes laterality (i.e., codes identifying right vs. left)

ICD-9 vs. ICD-10 Code Format

Example Disease: Basal cell carcinoma of skin of upper limb, including shoulder





Comparison: ICD-9 to ICD-10

434.11 Cerebral embolism with infarction

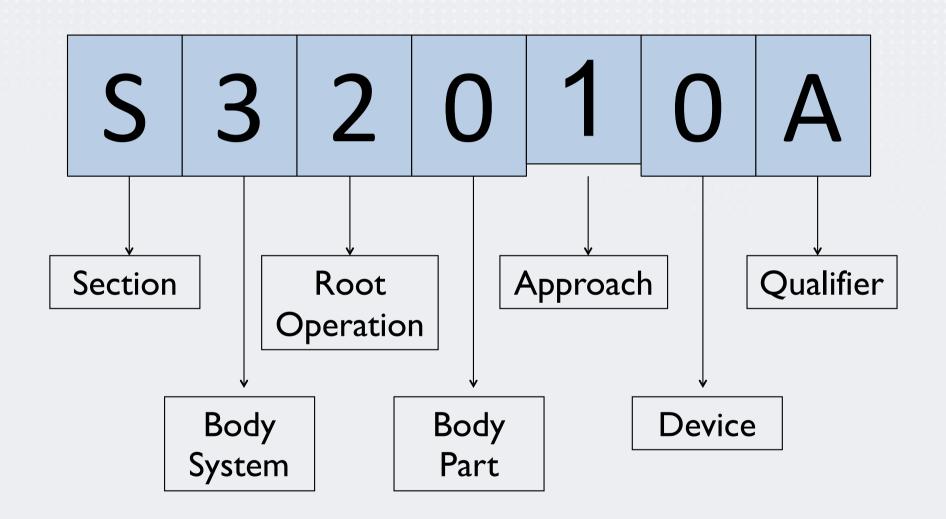
Code represents embolism of cerebral arteries with infarction

With specificity and laterality, one ICD-9 code translates into I4 possible ICD-10 codes

163.40	Cerebral infarction dew to embolism of unspecified cerebral artery
163.49	Of other cerebral artery
163.411	Of right middle cerebral artery
163.412	Of left middle cerebral artery
163.419	Of unspecified middle cerebral artery
163.421	Of right anterior cerebral artery
163.422	Of left anterior cerebral artery
163.429	Of unspecified anterior cerebral artery
163.431	Of left posterior cerebral artery
163.432	Of right posterior cerebral artery
163.439	Of unspecified posterior cerebral artery
163.441	Of right cerebellar artery
163.442	Of left cerebellar artery
163.449	Of unspecified cerebellar artery



ICD-10-PCS Code Format





Procedure Code Structure Comparison

ICD-9-CM (Volume 3)	ICD-10-PCS
3-4 numbers in length	7 alpha-numeric characters in length
Approximately 3,000 codes	Approximately 87,000 available codes
Based on outdated technology	Reflects current usage of medical terminology and devices
Limited space for adding new codes	Flexible for adding new codes
Lacks detail	Very specific
Lacks laterality	Has laterality
Generic terms for body parts	Detailed descriptions for body parts
Lacks descriptions of methodology and approach for procedures	Provides detailed descriptions of methodology and approach for procedures
Lacks precision to adequately define procedures	Precisely defines procedures with detail regarding body part, approach, any device used, and qualifying information

Comparison: ICD-9 to ICD-10

ICD-9 Procedure Code

39.50 Angioplasty

39.31 Suture of artery

47.01 Laparoscopic appendectomy

ICD-10 Procedure Code

ODN90ZZ Release of duodenum, open approach

OFB03ZX Excision of liver, percutaneous approach, diagnostic

02PS0CZ Removal, extraluminal device from pulmonary vein, right, open



ICD-10 online Browser

ICD-10 Version:2016

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ICD-10

Versions - Languages

Info

ICD-10 Version:2016



I Certain infectious and parasitic diseases

A00-A09 Intestinal infectious diseases

A00 Cholera

A00.0 Cholera due to Vibrio cholerae 01, biovar cholerae A00.1 Cholera due to Vibrio cholerae 01, biovar eltor A00.9 Cholera, unspecified

A01 Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers

A02 Other salmonella infections

A03 Shigellosis

A04 Other bacterial intestinal infections

A05 Other bacterial foodborne intoxications, not elsewhere classified

A06 Amoebiasis

A07 Other protozoal intestinal diseases

A08 Viral and other specified intestinal infections

A09 Other gastroenteritis and colitis of infectious and unspecified origin

A15-A19 Tuberculosis

A20-A28 Certain zoonotic bacterial diseases

A30-A49 Other bacterial diseases

International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems 10th Revision (ICD-10)-WHO Version for ;2016

Chapter I

Certain infectious and parasitic diseases (A00-B99)

Intestinal infectious diseases (A00-A09)

A00	Cholera
A00.0	Cholera due to Vibrio cholerae 01, biovar cholerae Classical cholera
A00.1	Cholera due to Vibrio cholerae 01, biovar eltor Cholera eltor
A00.9	Cholera, unspecified
A01	Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers
A01.0	Typhoid fever Infection due to Salmonella typhi
A01.1	Paratyphoid fever A
A01.2	Paratyphoid fever B
A01.3	Paratyphoid fever C
A01.4	Paratyphoid fever, unspecified Infection due to Salmonella paratyphi NOS
402	Other calmonalla infections

ICD-11: Development

- Internet-based permanent platform
 - All year round
 - Open to all people in a structured way
 - Content experts focus
- Digital curation
 - Wiki enabled collaboration
 - Ontology based
- Enhanced discussion & peer review
 - TAGs serve as the editorial group
- Will be available in Electronic copy & printed version (multiple languages)



SNOMED CT

Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine



SNOMED

- The **Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine**
 - A collection of internationally accepted clinical concepts, terms, and their relationships
 - SNOMED is designed to be:
 - Comprehensive, multilingual clinical healthcare terminologies
 - A resource with scientifically validated clinical content.
 - Enables consistent, process-able representation of clinical content in electronic health records
 - Can be mapped to other international standards.
 - Already used in more than fifty countries.
 - SNOMED organizes concepts in hierarchical manner to describe specific to general clinical terms/processes



SNOMED CT

 National Library of Medicine's UMLS is the point of reference for SNOMED codes

 SNOMED is now freely available for use for U.S. and developing countries users

 It is maintained by International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization (IHTSDO)



SNOMED

 SNOMED is a hierarchical, multi-axia classification system.

Terms are assigned to 1 of 11 independent systematized modules, corresponding to different axes of classification.

Table 23.3 The SNOMED International modules (or axes)

Module designator

Topography (T)

Morphology (M)

Function (F)

Diseases/Diagnoses (D)

Procedures (P)

Occupations (J)

Living Organisms (L)

Chemicals, Drugs and Biological Products (C)

Physical Agents, Forces and Activities (A)

Social Context (S)

General Linkage-Modifiers (G)



SNOMED RT

- SNOMED RT (Reference Terminology) was released in 2000 to support the electronic storage, retrieval and analysis of clinical data.
- A reference terminology provides a common reference point of terminology for the entire healthcare process, recorded by multiple different individuals, systems or institutions.
- In SNOMED RT, the relationships between terms and concepts are contained in an optimized hierarchy table.
- Each individual concept is expressed using a description logic/Ontology, which makes explicit the information that was implicit in earlier codes.



SNOMED CT

- SNOMED CT (Clinical Terminology) is designed for use
 - in software applications such as the electronic patient record and decision support systems and
 - to support the electronic communication of information among different clinical applications.
- Its designers' ambitious goal was that SNOMED CT should become the accepted international terminological resource for healthcare
- The most comprehensive, multilingual clinical healthcare terminology in the world.
- Created by the merging of SNOMED RT (Reference Terminology) with CTV3 (Clinical Terms version 3, famously known as Read Codes V3) in 2002.



SNOMED CT

- SNOMED covers several types of medical terminologies (named as hierarchies) for
 - Disorders and finding (what was observed)
 - Procedures (what was done)
 - Body structure (locations and literality)
 - Event (what happened)
 - Substance/Medication (what was consumed/administered)
 - + anything to capture Medical data
- SNOMED is designed and formulated as an Ontology
 - i.e. Each Concept could have relationships with other Concepts



SNOMED-CT Building Blocks: Three parts

Concepts

The anchors for meaning

Concepts have Descriptions

- Terms (strings of readable characters) used to express the meanings of the concepts in human language Relationships
- All Concepts are divided in "Hierarchies"
 - Hierarchies do not overlap- e.g. Clinical Finding/Disorder, Procedure, Substance, etc.
 - More than 20 main hierarchies in SNOMED-CT

Relationships

 Concept-to-concept links used to express information in computer-processable language



SNOMED-CT: Code vs Concept vs Class vs Instance

Code:

- any sequence of characters used to represent something in a coding system
- SNOMED Clinical Terms Identifier (SCTID):
 - a sequence of 6 to 18 digits that identifies a component

Concept:

 an idea which has meaning. Through its meaning, a person can identify specific instances of the concept

Class:

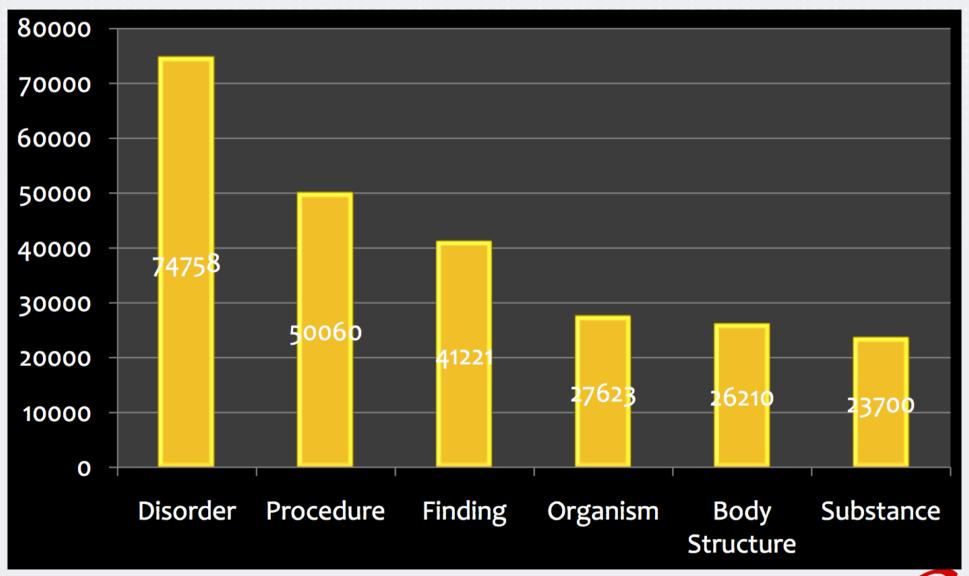
An abstract category of things sharing common features

Instance:

A particular real member of a class



SNOMED-CT Top Hierarchies

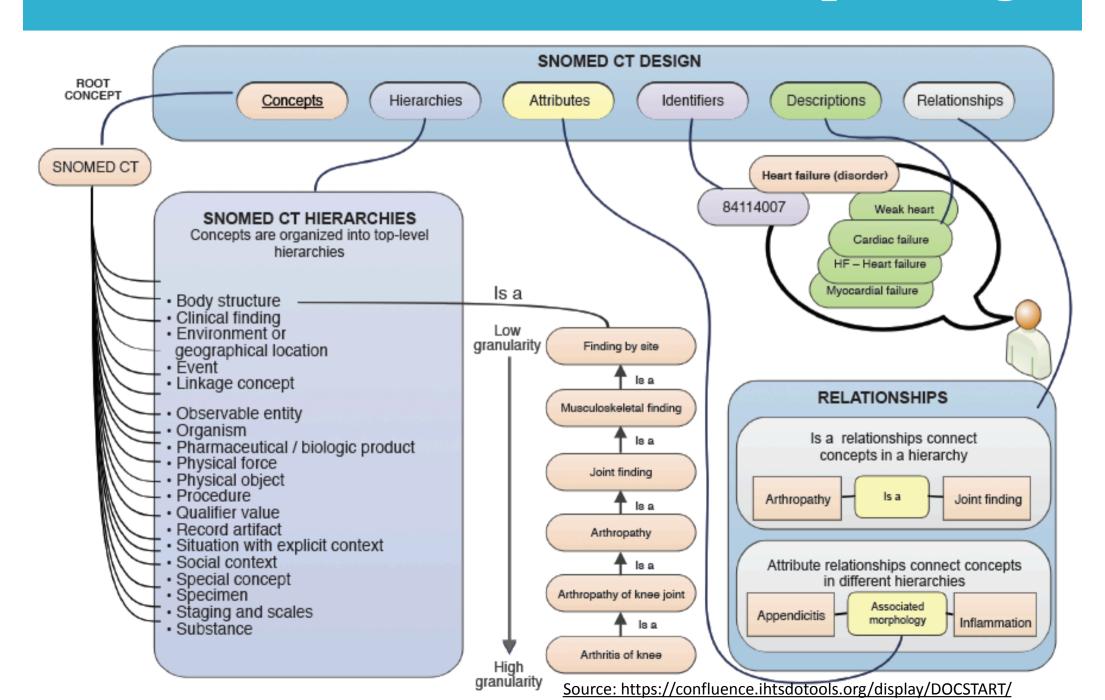


SNOMED-CT: Disorders Vs findings

- Disorders and findings often used interchangeably
- "Finding"
 - is a general observation or a judgment of the patient's physical, mental or social condition (current or historical).
 - can be vague. e.g.:
 - Patient complaints/Symptoms (e.g., cough, shivering)
 - Lab result observations (e.g., Allergy Skin Test Positive)
 - Social setting (e.g., Unsafe play area, Patient's dependents)
- A "Disorder" or "Disease" is
 - a sub-set of "Finding" concept that are necessarily abnormal physical or mental conditions for the patient. e.g.:
 - Tuberculosis; Angina, Class I
- A Finding may be the initial diagnosis of the patient's condition which may lead to the discovery of a Disorder. e.g.,
 - A complaint of Chest pain (Finding) may lead to a final diagnosis of Angina, Class I (Disorder)
 - Bleeding of Gums (Finding) may lead to Hematoma of gingiva (Disorder)
 - Cough (Finding) may lead to Tuberculosis (Disorder)

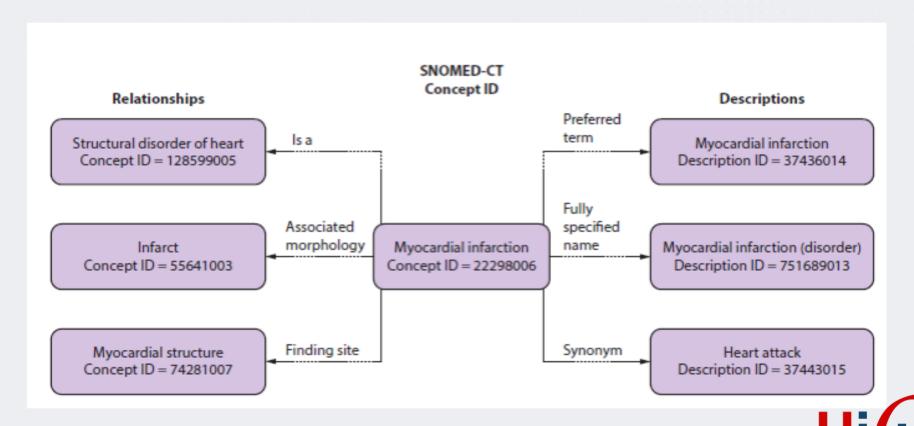


SNOMED CT – General Concept Design



SNOMED CT: Classification Structure

- The SNOMED CT core structure includes concepts, descriptions (terms) and the relationships between them.
- Like SNOMED-RT and CTV3, SNOMED CT is a compositional and hierarchical terminology.



SNOMED CT Building Blocks: Concept Id

1. Concept-Id

- Unique identifiers which defines hierarchies of concepts
- Concept hierarchies are identified according to concepts' areas in clinical recordings such as
 - Clinical finding
 - Procedure
 - Event
 - Body structure
 - Special concept

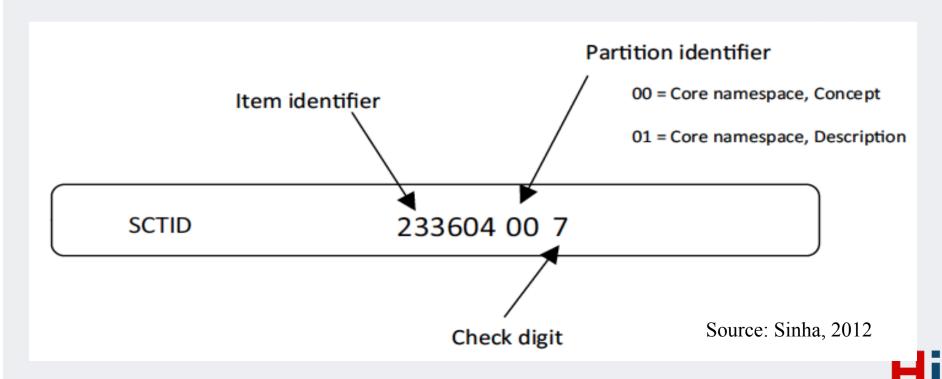
Example

- Blood bank inventory control IS-A
 - Blood bank procedure IS-A
 - Procedure



SNOMED CT: Concept-Id

- Concept-Id consists of three parts:
 - Item identifier: It identifies a particular concept.
 - Partition identifier: It represents the namespace for the identifier (e.g., Concept, Description, or Relationship).
 - Check digit: It represents validity of the Concept-Id and acts as a checksum digit.



SNOMED CT Codes

- More Examples
 - 333164 00 8 | Alcohol products (product) |
 - 249368 00 6 |Bleeding point in nose (finding)|
 - 127848 00 9 | Spouse (person) |
 - 185349 00 3 |Encounter for check up (procedure)|



SNOMED CT Building Blocks: Descriptions

2. Descriptions:

- A set of associated phrases, each representing a synonym that describes the same clinical concept/term
- It is also providing a human readable description to concept
- Every description has a unique numeric description identifier

Example:

- Myocardial Infarction is a SNOMED CT concept with Id 22298006
- It is synonymous to **Heart Attack**
- Myocardial Infarction having Description-Id 751689013.
- Heart Attack having Description-Id 37443015.
- The same concept can have multiple descriptions (?)
- Different health practices may describe it in different way
 - But essentially their meaning is the same.



SNOMED CT Building Blocks: Relationships

3. Relationships:

- define the meaning of a concept in relation to other concepts using relationships such as *IS-A*
- Different concepts are related with IS-A relationship, called defining relationship
- IS-A relationship describe general to specific categories of a particular concept

Example

Open fracture foot IS-A (more specific)
Fracture of foot IS-A (Specific)
Injury of foot IS-A (general)
Disorder of foot. (more general)



SNOMED CT Building Blocks: Relationships

3. Relationships:

- Subtype relationships
 - Create a hierarchy linking each concept to more general concepts

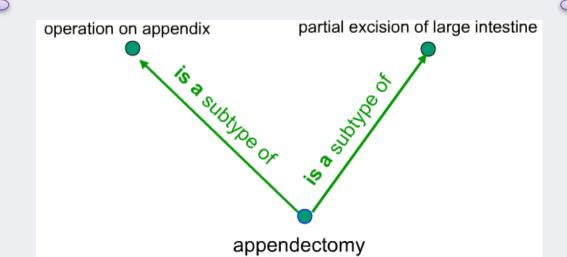
• Enable retrieval of specific concepts in response of to general concepts

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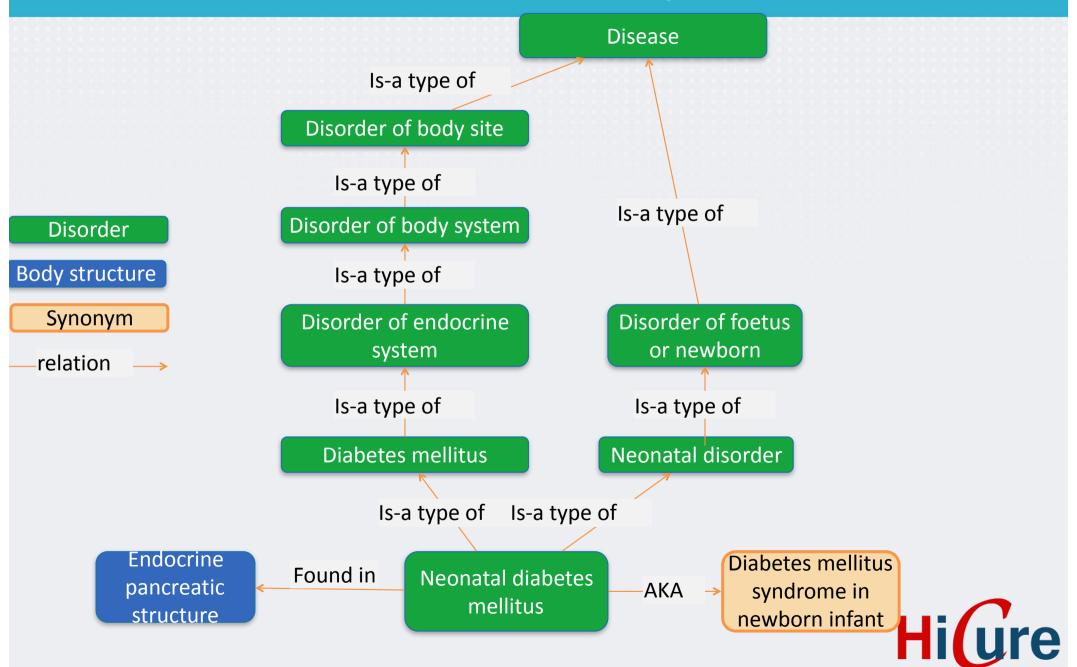
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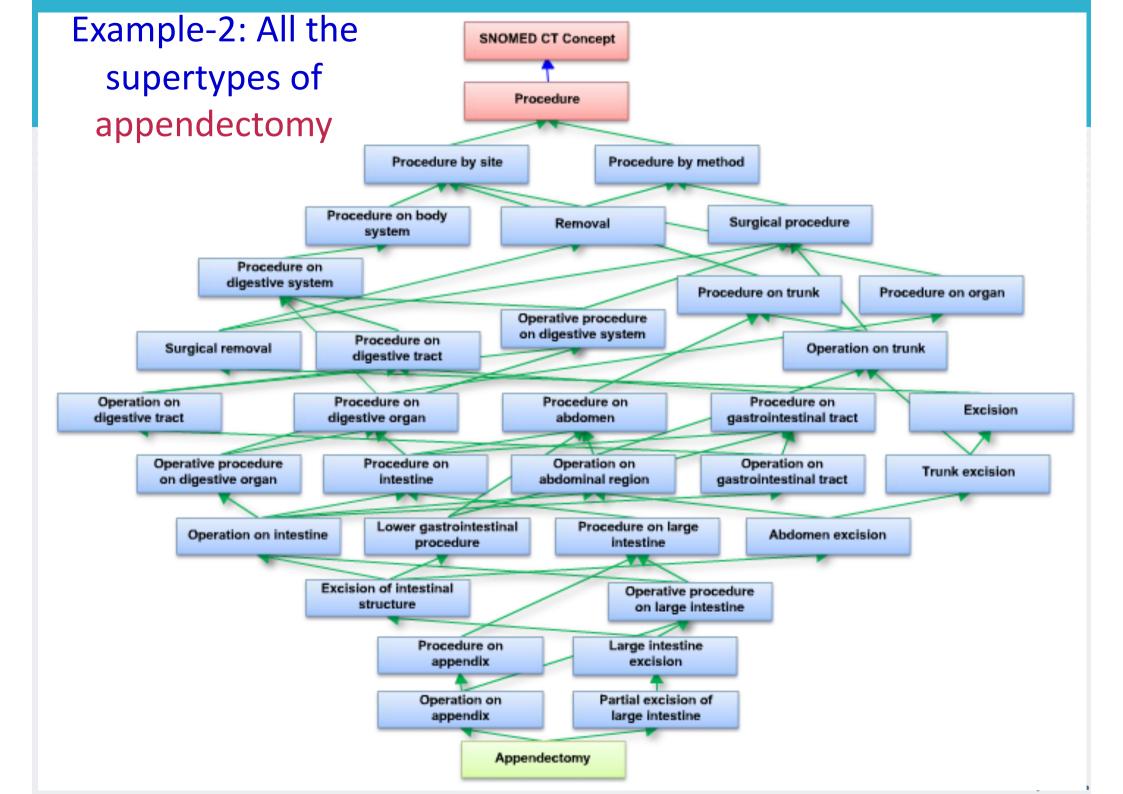
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SNOMED-CT: Example-1





SNOMED CT: Relationship Types

- SNOMED CT defines the following relationships types:
 - 1. **Defining**: relationships represent **IS-A** relationships to define an attribute.
 - 2. Qualifying: relationships represent non-defining, qualifying attributes
 - 3. Historical: relationships assist in retiring concepts in SNOMED CT. These relationships relate retired/inactive concepts to active concepts.
 - 4. Additional: relationships represent other non-defining characteristics. For example, previous version of SNOMED CT, called SNOMED RT, had a relationship called PART_OF. SNOMED CT retains this as an additional relationship



SNOMED CT & Patient's Health Status

- SNOMED CT coding terminology uses **concept identifiers** and their **relationships** to represent health status of a patient such as **health problem** as follows:
 - Description of the health problem
 - Finding site
 - Position of organ
 - Characteristics of the problem

Example: next slides



SNOMED CT: Example

Headache

- IS-A ache: finding-site = head structure
- (and headache is marked as "defined" in concepts table).
- The class "headache" is sufficiently defined as the set of instances of the class "ache"
- Which also have at least one finding-site relationship to an instance of the class "head structure".
- And all instances of class "ache" with some finding-site relationship to an instance of "head structure" are instance

=> That's what we mean when you say "headache"? i.e. ache in head



SNOMED CT & Patient's Health Status

Example

Assume a patient that has a Hand pain in his/her left hand's thumb structure. The pain is evaluated as severe

SNOMED CT describes this problem using formal expression as follows:

- Attribute: represented as attributeName" = "attributeValue"
- Refinements: represented by ": " explaining parameters of preceding code.

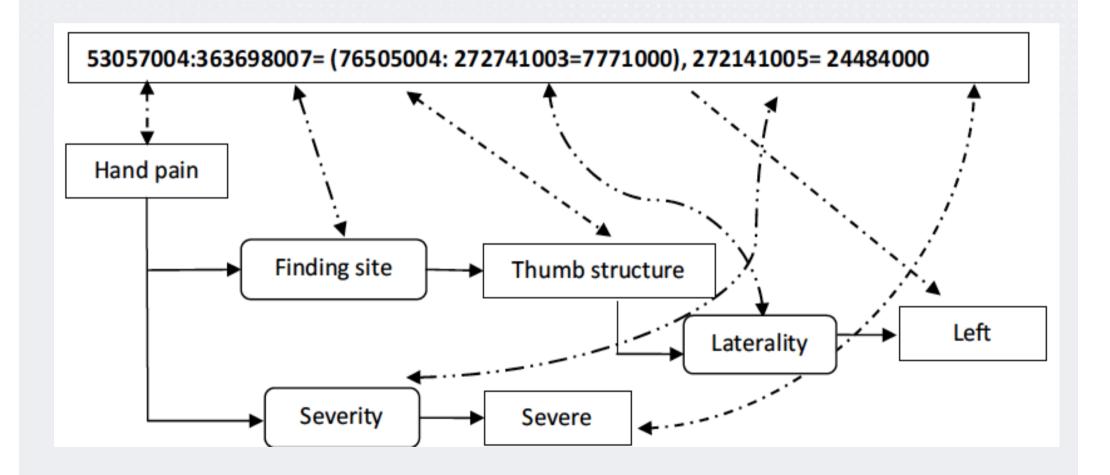
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Example → 53057004:363698007 represents 53057004 (Hand pain) that having 363698007 (Finding Site).
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 Attribute Set: represented by (attribute, attribute) defining list of attributes refining previously described concept.



SNOMED CT & Patient's Health Status

Complete Example represented as:





SNOMED CT: Pre- & post-coordination

- Pre-coordination:
 - how to represent a concept individually using a SNOMED-CT code or concept-id

Terminology producer provides a single conceptid for the

meaning

- 31978002
 - means "fracture of tibia"



SNOMED CT: Pre- & post-coordination

Post-coordination:

 how to represent a concept complete with its relationships within SNOMED-CT

A user composes a combination of conceptids to represent

the meaning

- 31978002 : 272741003 = 7771000
 - (fracture of tibia : laterality = left)
 - In human readable form ... "fracture of left tibia"

SNOMED-CT Vs ICD-9/10

- ICD-9/10 are relatively old:
 - ICD9 was developed in 1970s! ICD10 is ~27 years old!
- ICD is a classification whereas SNOMED is a Nomenclature (complete terminology)
 - ICD tends to be more abstract.
 - With SNOMED the user can get a more accurate description
 - ICD-9/10 tend to have a "unspecified" slot for most disorders.
- SNOMED is far more extensive than ICD9/10 ICD
 - ICD covers disorders/diseases and procedures
- SNOMED is implemented as an ontology
 - Any number of relationships can be defined for each concept



SNOMED-CT Vs ICD-9/10

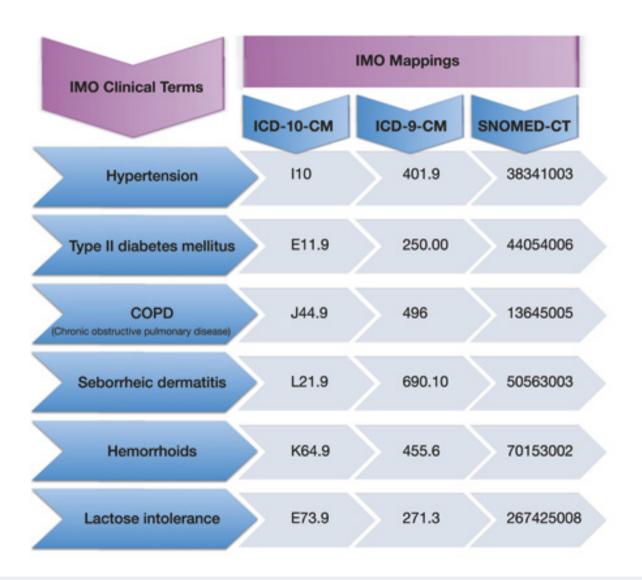
SNOMED CT:

- is better suited for capturing relevant data during an encounter
- Allows the user to capture the various aspects associated with a disorder
- Allows the user to capture associated information like Severity, Body part affected, Cause (force or substance), laterality (viz., left or right), Morphology (form) in structured form
- ICD9/10 used in cases where data need NOT be very granular
 - Each code is very rigidly defined and does not support qualifiers
 - Used in Insurance billing, Morbidity recording (death cause etc.),
 Epidemiological tracking (public health surveillance)
- Usually, SNOMED CT is considered a good way to enter the medical information and ICD9/10 is considered a good way to export information



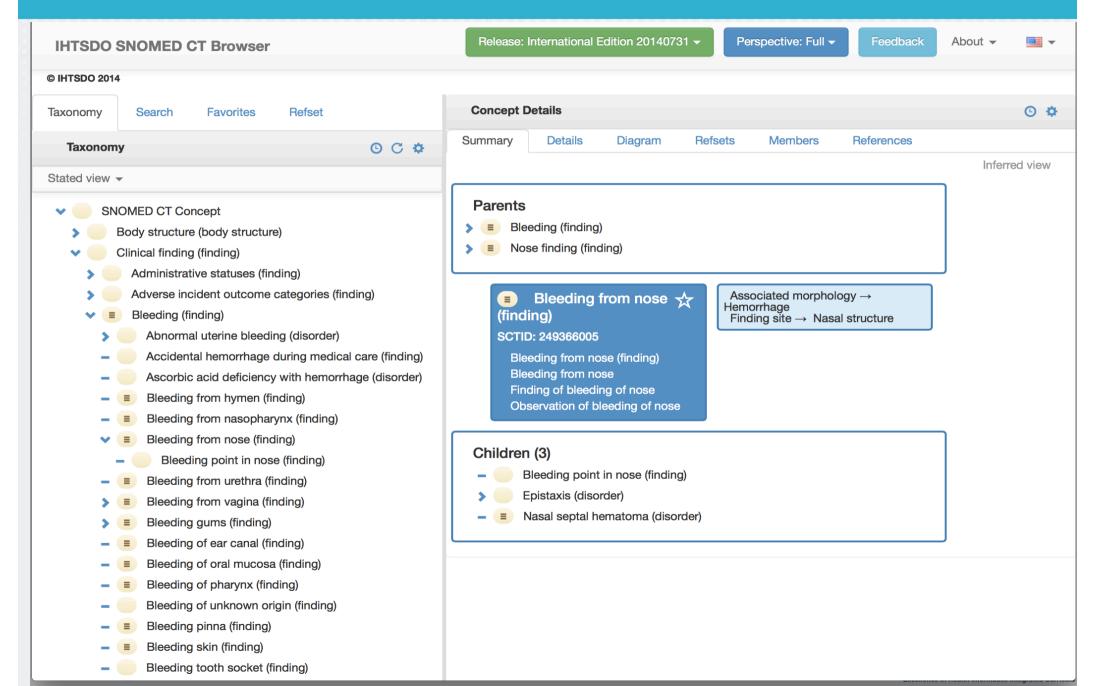
Mapping ICD-10, ICD-9, & SNOMED

Clinical Interface to the Standards





Concepts/Coding Standards SNOMED CT – Online Browser



The Read Codes Clinical Terms Version 3 (CTV3)



- The Read codes (now called Clinical Terms) are used in
 - primary care to record the every day care of a Patient
 - Developed in the United Kingdom and were originally produced for clinician use.
- Developed by Dr James Read (GP, Loughborough), 1982
- Purchased and adopted by NHS 1990
- Recognized standard for General Practice

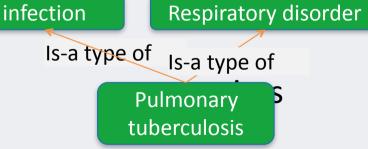
• The Clinical Terms Version 3 (CTV3) was intended, to code events in the electronic patient record.



- The Read codes have undergone substantive changes through their various revisions.
 - In Versions 1 and 2, Read Codes structure was a strictly hierarchical classification system.
 - Read Version 3 was released in two stages and was a 'superset' of all previous releases, containing all previous terms, to allow retro-compatibility with past versions.
- Version 3.0 is (a kind of) compositional classification system.
 - i.e. composed from several related concepts, or relationships may be derived from several concepts



- A term can appear in several different 'hierarchical structures', classified against different axes.
- Unlike the ICD, the codes themselves do not reflect a given hierarchy. They simply act as a unique identifier for a clinical concept.
- The 'hierarchy' exists as a set of links between concepts. Terms can inherit properties across these links.
 - For example, 'pulmonary tuberculosis' may naturally be inherited from a parent 'respiratory disorder' or a parent 'infection' term.
- When terms are combined, these exist outside any strict hierarchy.





- To combine qualifiers with terms, terms are grouped into templates (instead of using an explicit ontology)
- Like other major systems, Read Codes offers mapping to ICD codes to permit international reporting.

Table 23.2 Example Read Version 3.1 template showing allowable combinations of terms with qualifier attributes and attribute values

Object	Applicable attribute	Applicable values
Bone operation	Site	Bone, part of bone
Fixation of fracture	Reduction method	Percutaneous, open, closed
Fixation of fracture using intramedullary nail	Reaming method	Hand, powered rigid, powered flexible, etc.
Fixation of fracture using intramedullary nail	Nail type	Flexible, locking, rigid, etc.



The Read Codes: Structure

- Sorted into categories and chapters
- Has a hierarchical structure
- Code: Combination of letters and numbers
- CaSe-SeNsItIve
- Version 1: Maximum of 4 characters (1983)
 - Version 2: Maximum of 5 characters (1985)



The Read Codes: Chapters

Diagnoses

- Codes all begin with a capital letter
- e.g. H33 (Asthma), C10E (Type 1 diabetes mellitus)

Processes of Care

- Codes all begin with a number
- Used to record history, symptoms, examinations, tests, screening, operations and patient administration, etc
- e.g. 44P (Serum cholesterol), 65E (Influenza vaccination)

Medication

- Codes all begin with a small case letter
- Automatically entered into the patient record when any treatment is prescribed
- e.g. bu25 (Aspirin 75mg tablets)



The Read Codes: Chapters

Example:

Endocrine, nutritional, metabolic and immunity disorders

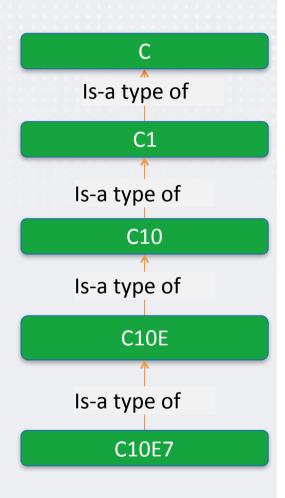
Other endocrine gland diseases

C10 Diabetes mellitus

C10E Type 1 diabetes mellitus

C10E7 Type 1 diabetes mellitus with retinopathy

- Could refer to these as "families" of codes Parent and Child Codes
- C10 is a parent code to C10E, and a child code to C1
- Each code begins the same way as the one before but contains an extra layer of detail
- Enables data to be entered at the required level of detail





The Read Codes: Example Structure

Level On Codes	e Level Two Codes	Level Three Codes		
		Benign Essential Hypertension (G201)		
	Hypertensive Disease(G2)	Secondary Hypertension(G24)		
Circulatory		Acute MI (G30)		
System Disease (G)	Ischaemic Heart	Angina Pectoris (G33)		
	Disease(G3)	TIA (G65)		
	Cerebrovascular Disease(G6)	Stroke and CVA unspecified (G66)		
		Subarachnoid Haem. (G60)		



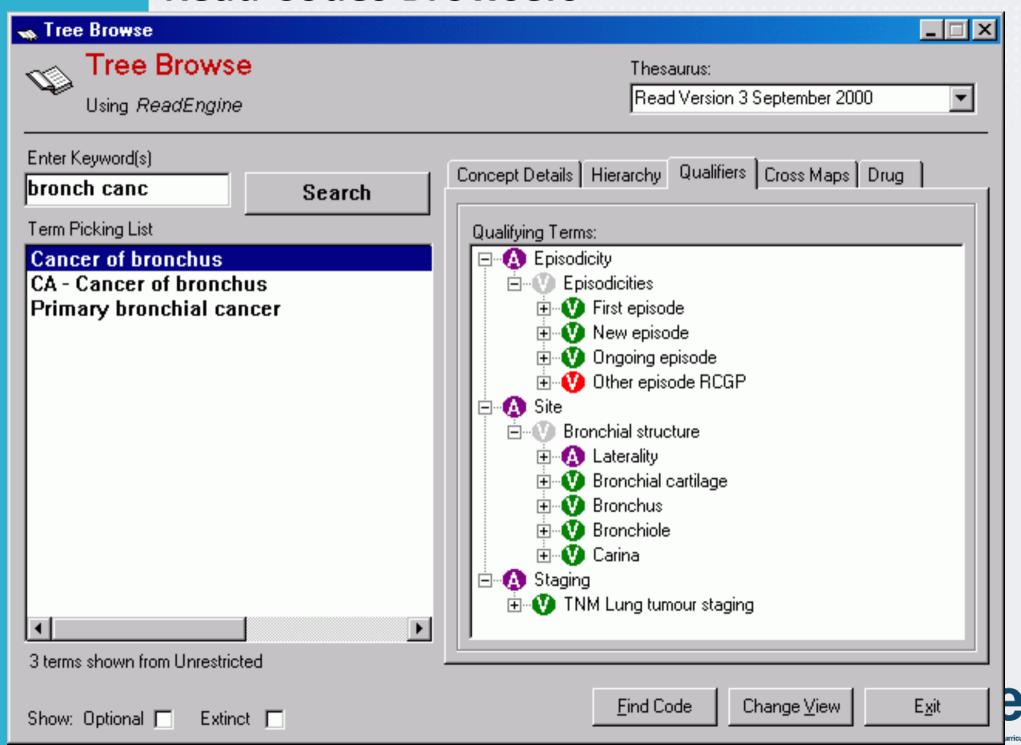
Read Codes V3, Clinical Terms

- Known as
 - Read version 3, clinical terms
 - Clinical Terms version 3

 Was combined with SNOMED-RT to create SNOMED-CT



Read Codes Browsers



LOINC

Logical Observations, Identifiers, Names and Codes



LOINC

- A standard for electronic exchange of lab results transmitted to hospitals, clinics, and payers.
- The database has more than 72,000 terms (and increasing!) used for lab results.
- Widely accepted internationally.
- Have been cross referenced to SNOMED-CT





LOINC design summary

LOINC Term

Represents a measurement, question or observation

LOINC Part

 Represents a value for one of six dimensions used to specify a LOINC Term



LOINC design summary

LOINC Term

- Consists of (3-7 long, but may increase!)
 - LOINC Code (Numeric with dash and check-digit)
 - LOINC Name (in SNOMED CT called a term)

2951-2: The LOINC code for serum sodium



LOINC design summary

LOINC Part

- Consists of
 - LOINC Part Number (LP prefix, numeric then dash and check-digit)
 - LOINC Part Name (in SNOMED CT called a term)
- Is specified by values applied to six dimensions or Part Types
 - Component: the name of the measurement
 - **Property**: kinds of quantities of the substance: Mass, Substance, Catalytic Activity, Arbitrary, and Number
 - **Time**: A measurement may be taken at a moment in time or measured over a specified time interval
 - **System**: system used for lab test measurement
 - Scale: Quantitative(Qn), Ordinal(Ord), Nominal(Nom), Narrative(Nar)
 - Method: method of testing

2951-2: The LOINC code for serum sodium

SODIUM: SCNC: PT: SER/PLAS:QN

(component:property:timing:specimen:scale)



LOINC Part: Code structure



COMPONENT (ANALYTE)

The substance or entity being measured or observed.



PROPERTY

The characteristic or attribute of the analyte.



TIME

The interval of time over which an observation was made.



SYSTEM (SPECIMEN)

The specimen or thing upon which the observation was made.



SCALE

How the observation value is quantified or expressed: quantitative, ordinal, nominal.



METHOD

OPTIONAL A high-level classification of how the observation was made. Only needed when the technique affects the clinical interpretation of the results.



LOINC: manual count of white blood cells in cerebral spinal fluid specimen

Lab test: manual count of white blood cells in cerebral spinal fluid specimen

LOINC code: 806-0



COMPONENT (ANALYTE)

Leukocytes (white blood cells)



PROPERTY

NCnc (Number concentration)



TIME

Pt (Point in time)



SYSTEM (SPECIMEN)

CSF (Cerebral spinal fluid)



SCALE

Qn (Quantitative)



METHOD

Manual Count



LOINC Example – Sodium concentration in serum of plasma

	LOINC Code	LOINC Name
LOINC Term	2951-2	Sodium [Mass or Moles/volume] in Serum or Plasma
Part Type	Part No.	Part Name
Component	LP15099-2	Sodium
Property	LP6860-3	SCnc [Substance Concentration]
Time	LP6960-1	Pt [Point in time (spot)]
System	LP7576-4	Ser/Plas [Serum or Plasma]
Scale	LP7753-9	Qn
Method		

LOINC Example – Colour of Urine

	LOINC Code	LOINC Name
LOINC Term	5778-6	Colour of Urine
Part Type	Part No.	Part Name
Component	LP28806-5	Colour
Property	LP6886-8	Туре
Time	LP6960-1	Pt [Point in time (spot)]
System	LP7681-2	Urine
Scale	LP7750-5	Nom [Nominal]
Method		

LOINC Browser

https://search.loinc.org/searchLOINC/search.zul

LOINC LongName Component Component Property Timing System 58410-2 Complete blood count (hemogram) panel - Blood by Automated count ✓ 24359-2 Hemogram without Platelets and with Manual Differential panel - Blood CBC W Differential panel - Pt Bld ✓ 24359-2 CBC W Differential panel - Cord blood CBC W Differential panel - Pt Bld ✓ 24359-2 CBC W Differential panel - Cord blood CBC W Differential panel - Pt Bld ✓ 24317-0 Hemogram and platelets WO differential panel - Blood Hemogram & platelets W Manual Differential panel - Pt Bld ✓ 24317-0 Hemogram and platelets WO differential panel - Blood Hemogram & platelets WO differential panel - Pt Bld	Complete blood count Search							
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	<u> 24317-0</u>	Hemogram and platelets WO differential panel - Blood	Hemogram & platelets WO differential panel	-	Pt	Bld		
✓24358-4 Hemogram without Platelets panel - Blood Hemogram WO platelets panel - Pt Bld	<u> </u>	Hemogram without Platelets panel - Blood	Hemogram WO platelets panel	-	Pt	Bld		



RxNorm

Standardized (NORMalized) names for Clinical Drugs



RxNorm

- Developed as part of UMLS, maintained and distributed by NLM (USA)
- Free dataset published monthly (with weekly FDA adds) by NLM
 - Also a browser and API access to the data
- RxNorm takes terms and codes from several sources and vendors
 - It indicates when names from different sources are synonymous, and gives them the same RxNorm identifier (RxCUI)



RxNorm and its sources

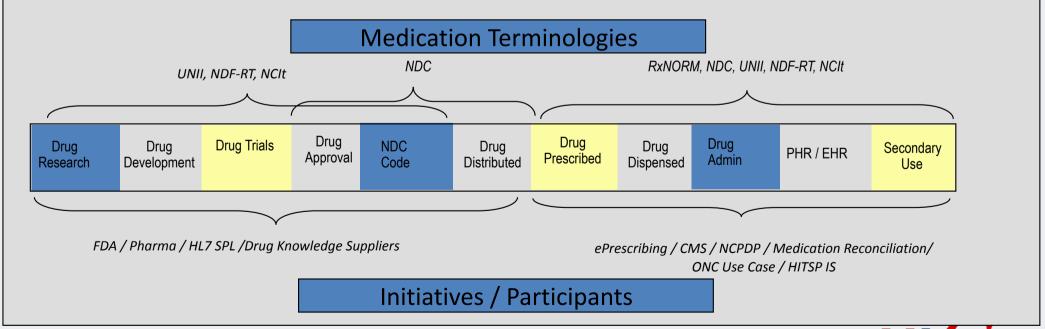
- Data sources aggregated and organized
 - FDA: Structured Product Label SPL (DailyMed)
 - First Databank
 - Multum
 - MicroMedex
 - Gold Standard
 - Medi-Span
 - VA: NDF-RT and VANDF
 - SNOMED CT



RxNorm: Background

- Consolidated Health Informatics (CHI) 2003-2006
 - National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) / CHI endorsed selection of medication standards http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/chiinitiative.html
 - Drug code, semantic clinical drug, classifications, ingredients, units

Need for standardization of medication terminology





The Clinical Drug Problem

- Ciprofloxacin 100mg/50mL IV Infusion
- Ciprofloxacin 400mg/200 ml IV Infusion
- Ciprofloxacin Lactate 0.2% in Saline (Base Equiv)
- Ciprofloxacin IV Soln 2 MG/ML
- → Are these the Same or Different?

- Clinical Drug Defined
 - Ingredient plus Strength or Form or Both?



Source names vs. normalized name

"Ranitidine Hydrochloride 15 MG ORAL SYRUP"

"Ranitidine Hydrochloride 16.8 MG ORAL SYRUP"

"Ranitidine Hydrochloride 75 MG ORAL SOLUTION"

Ranitidine 15 MG/ML Oral Solution (normalized name)

- SY: ranitidine 15 MG (ranitidine hydrochloride 16.8 MG)
 per ML Oral Solution
- SY: ranitidine 75 MG per 5 ML Syrup



Normalized Names

- Name of a clinical drug combines its ingredient(s), strength(s), form, and brand name if present:
 - Acetaminophen 500 MG Oral Tablet
 - Acetaminophen 500 MG Oral Tablet [Tylenol]



RxNorm building blocks: term types (TTYs)

- SCD Semantic Clinical Drug
- SBD Semantic Branded Drug
- SCDC Semantic Clinical Drug Component
- SBDC Semantic Branded Drug Component
- IN Ingredient
- SCDF Semantic Clinical Drug Form
- SBDF Semantic Branded Drug Form
- DF Dose Form



RxNorm building blocks: term types (TTYs)

- SCD (Semantic Clinical Drug): Core concept for RxNorm
 - Ingredient + strength+ Unit + dose form
 - Azithromycin 250 MG Oral Tablet RxCUI 308460
 - Diazepam 10 MG Oral Tablet RxCUI 197590
- SBD (Semantic Branded Drug):
 - <SCD> [Brand name (BN)]
 - Azithromycin 250 MG Oral Tablet [Zithromax]
 = 212446
 - Amoxicillin 250 MG / Clavulanate 125 MG [Augmentin] RxCUI = 824184





RxNorm as a set of "concepts"

- The names in a single concept mean (essentially)
 the same thing
- RxCUI = 392151
 - AMOXICILLIN 200 MG ORAL TABLET
 - Amoxicillin 200 MG Oral Tablet
 - Amoxicillin trihydrate 200mg tablet
 - Amoxicillin trihydrate 200mg tablet (product)





Relationships

constitutes / consists_of

SCD<->SCDC SBD<->SBDC,SCDC

dose_form_of / has_dose_form

DF<-> SCD,SCDF,SBD,SBDF

ingredient_of / has_ingredient

IN<->SCDC,SCDF

BN<->SBDC,SBD,SBDF

tradename_of / has_tradename

BN<->IN

SBDC<->SCDC

SBD<->SCD

SBDF<->SCDF

form_of / has_form

IN<->IN

contains / contained_in

SCD<->"Drug delivery device"

isa / inverse_isa

SCD<->SCDF

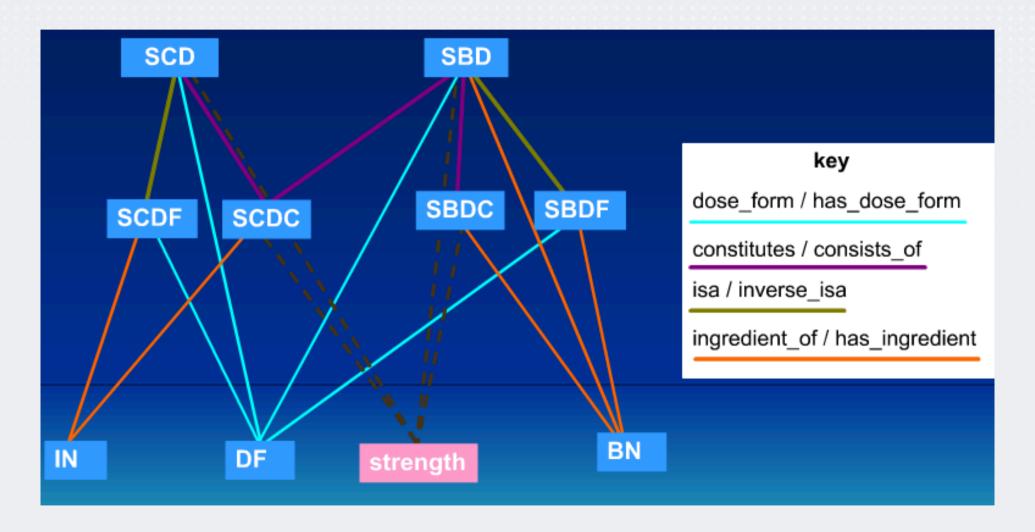
SBD<->SBDF

precise_ingredient_of / has_precise_ingredient

SCD<->IN (precise ingredient)

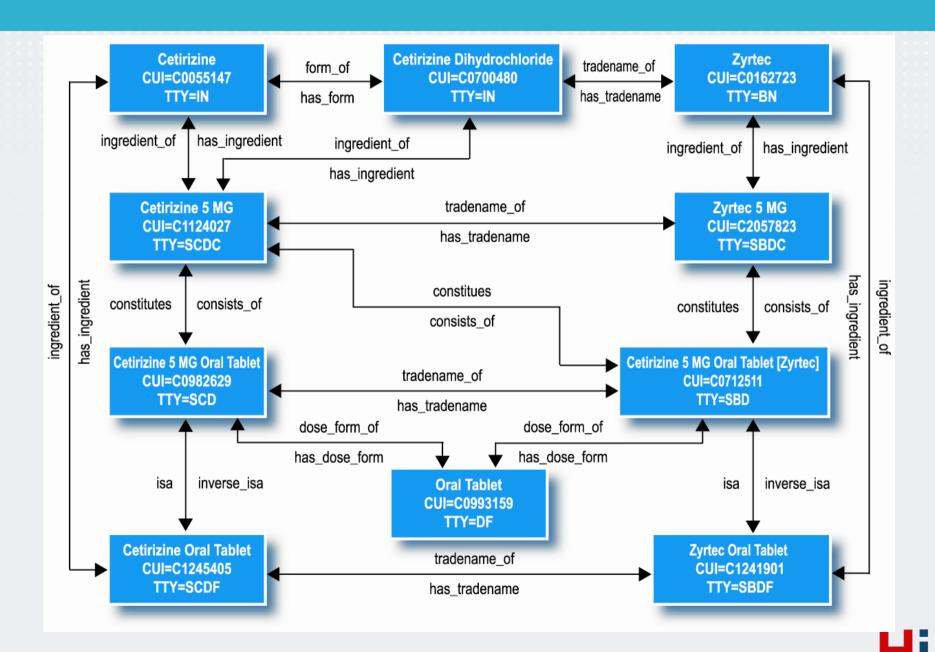


RxNorm Term Types: Relationships



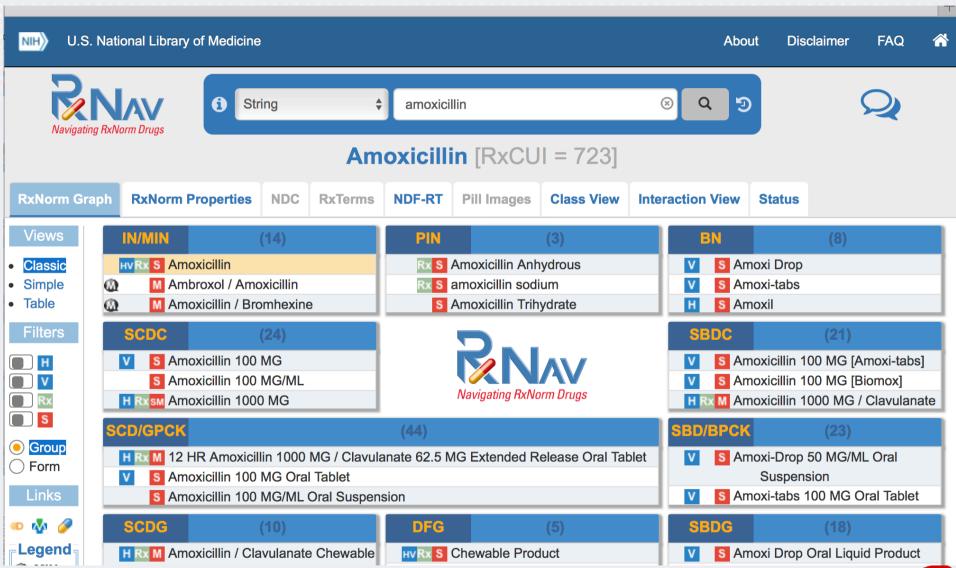


The RxNorm Model



RxNorm Browser: RxNav

https://mor.nlm.nih.gov/RxNav/



The Unified Medical Language System



 UMLS links the major international terminologies into a common structure and provides a translation mechanism between them.

• Designed to retrieve and integrate electronic biomedical information from a variety of sources and to permit the linkage of disparate information systems (i.e. EHRs, bibliographic databases and decision support systems).



- The UMLS is composed of three 'knowledge sources':
 - a Metathesaurus,
 - a semantic network, and
 - a lexicon.
- The UMLS Metathesaurus
 - is intended for system developers
 - provides a uniform format for more than 150 different biomedical vocabularies and classifications.
- Terminologies integrated within the UMLS include the ICD-9, ICD-10, Medical Subject Headings (MeSH), ICPC, WHO Adverse Drug Reaction Terminology and SNOMED CT.



- The Metathesaurus is conceptualized as
 - a web (rather than as a hierarchical tree), by linking alternative names and views of the same concept together and identifying useful relationships among different concepts.
- Major UMLS semantic types include
 - More than 132 sematic types
 - They include organisms, anatomical structures, biologic function, chemicals, events, physical objects and concepts or ideas.
- The UMLS Semantic Network is used
 - to ensure the integrity of meaning between different concepts.



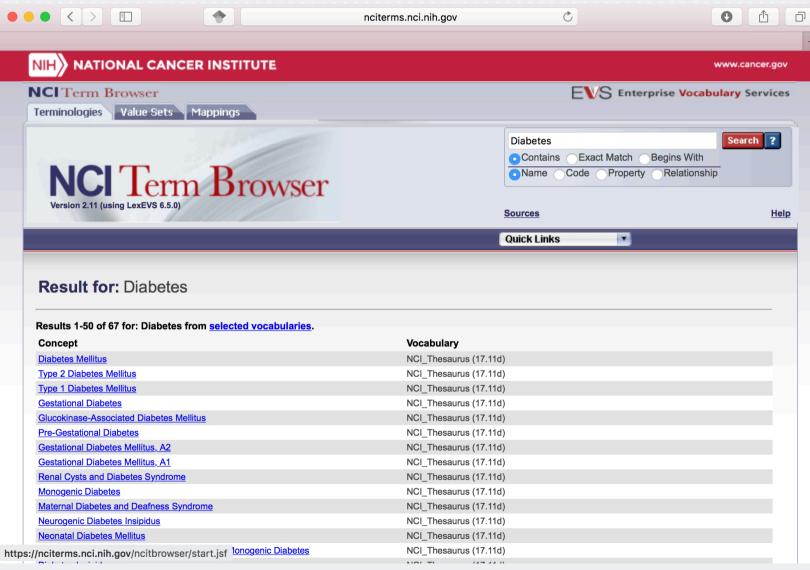
The SPECIALIST Lexicon

- is intended to assist in producing computer applications that need to translate free-form or natural language into coded text.
- It contains syntactic information for terms and English words, including verbs that do not appear in the Metathesaurus, and multi-word expansions of generally used acronyms and abbreviations.
- It can be used to generate natural language or lexical variants of words. For example:
 - the word 'treat' has three variants that all have the same meaning as far as the Metathesaurus is concerned – treats, treated or treating.



UMLS Browser:

https://nciterms.nci.nih.gov/ncitbrowser/pages/multiple_search.jsf?nav_type=terminologies





A comparison of coding for four different clinical concepts using some of the major coding systems

Table 23.7 A comparison of coding for four different clinical concepts using some of the major coding systems

Clinical concept	UMLS	ICD-10	ICD-9-CM 4th edition	Read, 1999	SNOMED International, 1998	SNOMED CT, 2002
Chronic ischaemic heart disease	448589 Chronic ischaemic heart disease	I25.9 Chronic ischaemic heart disease	414.9 Chronic ischaemic heart disease	XEOWG Chronic ischaemic heart disease NOS	14020 Chronic ischaemic heart disease	84537008 Chronic ischaemic heart disease
Epidural haematoma	'453700 Hematoma, epidural'	S06.4 Epidural haemorrhage	432.0 Nontraumatic extradural haemorrhage	Xa0AC Extradural haematoma	89124 Extradural haemorrhage	68752002 Nontraumatic extradural haemorrhage
Lymphosarcoma	'1095849 Lymphoma, diffuse'	C85.0 Lymphosarcoma	200.1 Lymphosarcoma	B601z Lymphosarcoma	'95923 Lymphosarcoma, diffuse'	'1929004 Malignant lymphoma, non-Hodgkin'
Common cold	1013970 Common cold	J00 Acute nasopharyngitis (common cold)	460 Acute nasopharyngitis (common cold)	XE0X1 Common cold	35210 Common cold	82272006 Common cold



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