SNOMED CT: The Clinical Data Standard

Overview and Application to eHRs



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SNOMED CT

The <u>Systematized NO</u>menclature of <u>MED</u>icine

SNOMED

<u>C</u>linical <u>T</u>erms

CT

Objectives

- To DESCRIBE the background and importance of SNOMED CT as a global healthcare data standard
- To DEMONSTRATE how SNOMED CT represents clinical data and how it differs from classification systems (e.g. ICD9CM, ICD10)
- TO DISCUSS the components of SNOMED CT and how they relate to one another
- To ILLUSTRATE how it is applied to eHRs
- To PROPOSE recommendations for how to successfully implement SNOMED CT

Outline

- Definition
- Background
- Features
- Importance
- SNOMED CT structure and contents
- Application to eHRs

SNOMED Clinical Terms

SNOMED Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT) is a comprehensive clinical terminology that provides clinical content and expressivity for clinical documentation and reporting. It can be used to code, retrieve, and analyze clinical data."

> SNOMED Clinical Terms® User Guide January 2013 International Release

A <u>clinical reference terminology</u> machine readable, uniquely identified concepts

SNOMED CT = Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine

A clinical reference terminology-....not just a list of diagnoses or procedures

complaining of cough (finding)

on examination - pain over mastoid (finding)

physical finding

More robust, more granular..... allows for better representation of clinical events

Background

- 1965: Systematized Nomenclature of Pathology (SNOP) (College of Am. Pathologists)
- 1974: SNOMED First Edition
- 1979: SNOMED Second Edition
- 1993: SNOMED International Version 3.0
- 1998: SNOMED International Version 3.5
- ▶ 1999: SNOMED Int. agreement w/UK NHS
- > 2000: SNOMED Reference Terminology
- > 2002: SNOMED CT (SNOMED RT + CTV3)
- > 2002: SNOMED CT Spanish Edition
- > 2003: SNOMED CT German Edition
- > 2003: Agreement with NLM
- 2007: IHTSDO established SNOMED CT intellectual property –registered and headquartered in Denmark

Background: SNOMED CT

SNOMED RT + CTV3

Body structure Organism Substance Morphology

Finding Disorder Procedures

Categories and related concepts

SI138875005 SNOMED CT Concept

Blood vessel structure 59820001 **123037004** bodv structure clinical finding **404684003** Hypertension 8341003 environment or acoaraphical location **1** 308916002 272379006 event **106237007** linkage concept **1** 363787002 observable entity Blood pressure 75367002 **PC**410607006 organism **1** 373873005 pharmaceutical / biologic product Antihypertensive agent 1182007 **P** 78621006 physical force **1** 260787004 physical object Blood pressure cuff, device 70665002 **F** 71388002 **procedure** Blood pressure monitoring (regime/therapy) 135840009 **1** 362981000 dualifier value **P-**419891008 record artifact **1**243796009 situation with explicit context Family history: Hypertension 160357008 social context **14**8176007 **1** 370115009 special concept **P 123038009** specimen **P** 254291000 staging and scales EC 105590001 substance Antihypertensive agent 372586001

SNOMED CT: a global healthcare data standard



The most comprehensive, multilingual clinical healthcare terminology in the world

National Release Centers



Denmark: Health Information Standards Office

NZ: Ministry of Health



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US: National Library of Medicine



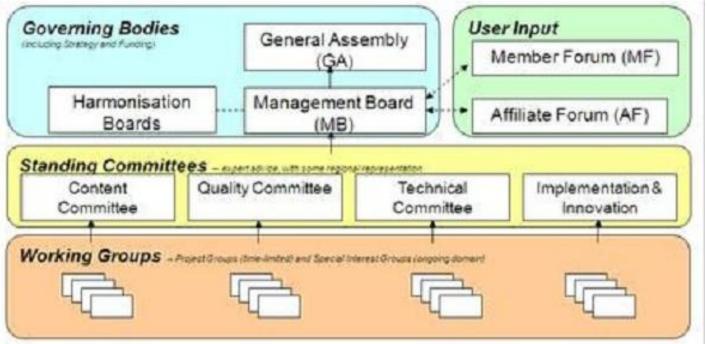
Australia: National E-Health Transition Authority

NHS Connecting for Health

UK: National Health Service

IHTSDO

Organization



http://www.ihtsdo.org

Collaboration with WHO and standardization bodies to facilitate harmonization and interoperability of the terminology ICD-11 (2015)

What is produced

- > 2 international (core) releases per year
- Distributed by the National Release centers
- Includes: Terminology (core tables), Crossmaps, Refsets, Subsets, different formats, documentation

Now all guides are online at: http://www.SNOMED.org

BROWSER LIST

CliniClue: <u>http://www.cliniclue.com</u>

ITS:<u>http://www.itserver.es/ITServer/common/index.faces</u>

MedTalk:

http://www.pyebrook.com/medtalk%E2%84%A2-snomedct%C2%AE-browser

HealthTerm: <u>http://www.healthterm.com/</u>

SNOB: <u>http://snob.eggbird.eu</u>

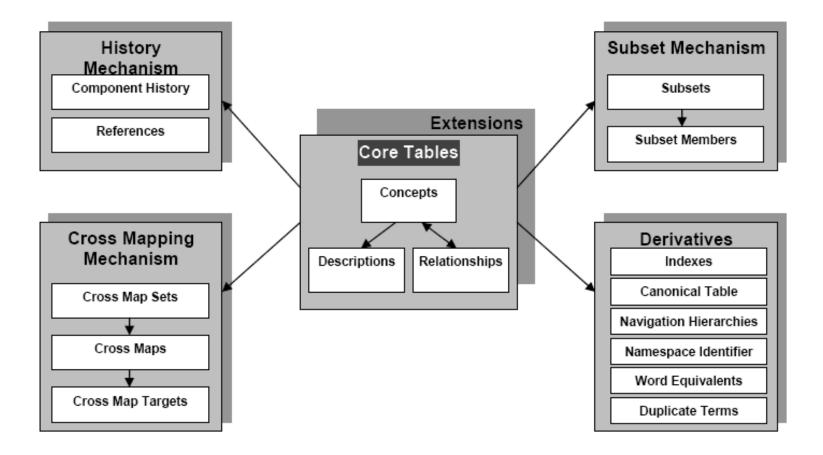
Snoflake: <u>http://snomed.dataline.co.uk</u>

Snow Owl: http://www.b2international.com/portal/snow-owl

Visual Read: <u>http://www.visualread.com</u>

VTSL browser: http://vtsl.vetmed.vt.edu/

SNOMED CT date structure files



Features

19 upper-level hierarchies
 more than 297,000 active concepts
 more than 777,000 descriptions
 more than 890,000 logically-defining relationships
 several cross mappings/integrations

January 2013 release

Features of SNOMED CT

- Composed of concepts, descriptions, hierarchies and relationships
- Concept-based: Each code represents a single meaning and can have multiple descriptions (terms)
- Has associated computer-readable codes (422504002 Ischemic Stroke)
- Has description logic ("built-in" medical info)
- Special features (multi-axial, attributes)

Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine Clinical Terms [®](SNOMED CT)

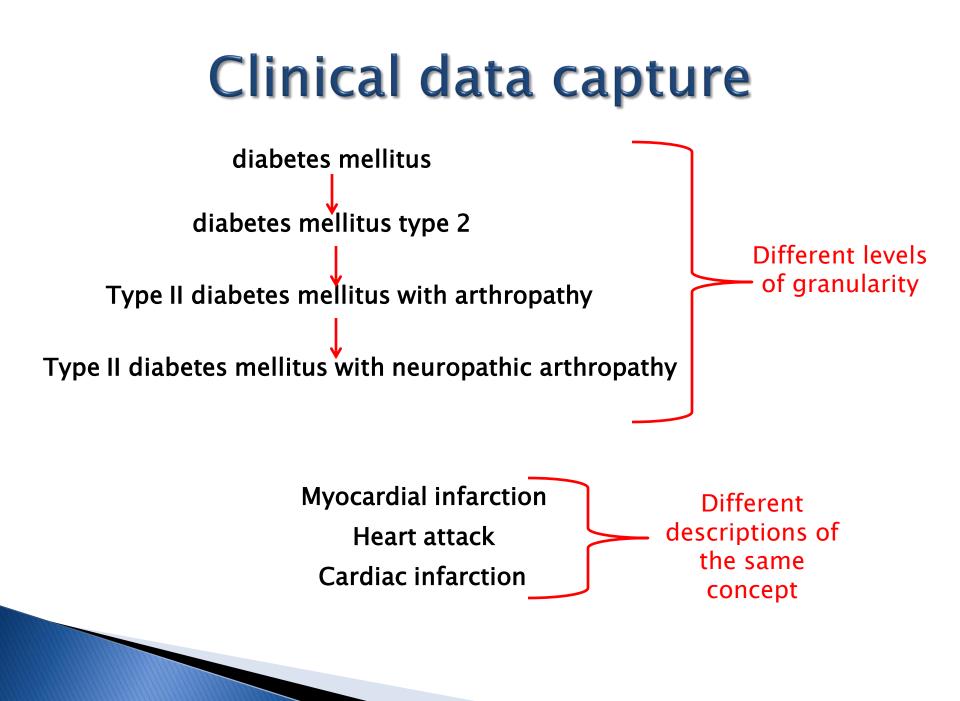
Categories and related concepts

SI138875005 SNOMED CT Concept

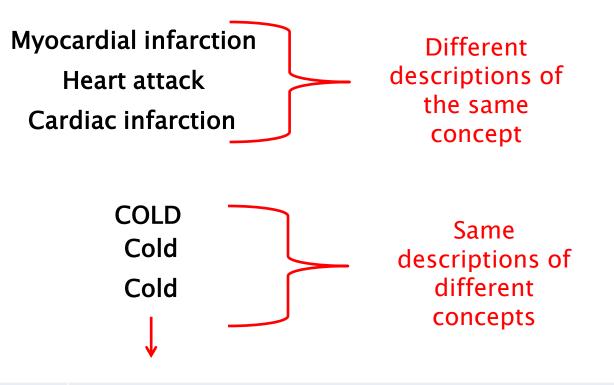
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Importance

- <u>Ability to capture clinical ideas or expressions at the appropriate level of detail (machine-readable)</u>
- <u>Useful</u> for clinical documentation, data re-use, information retrieval (research), reporting, surveillance
- Interoperability between systems for clinical data
- Data integration across systems...for aggregation, analysis and standardized reporting
- <u>Clinical decision support (CDS)</u>-patient safety, medical decision making
- Integration with other code sets required for billing (insurance)
- Aims to reduce medical errors, avoid duplication of tests, reduce costs, improve clinical outcomes
- <u>Required</u> for clinical data reporting from EHRs (government recommendation for quality measures, reimbursement, etc.)

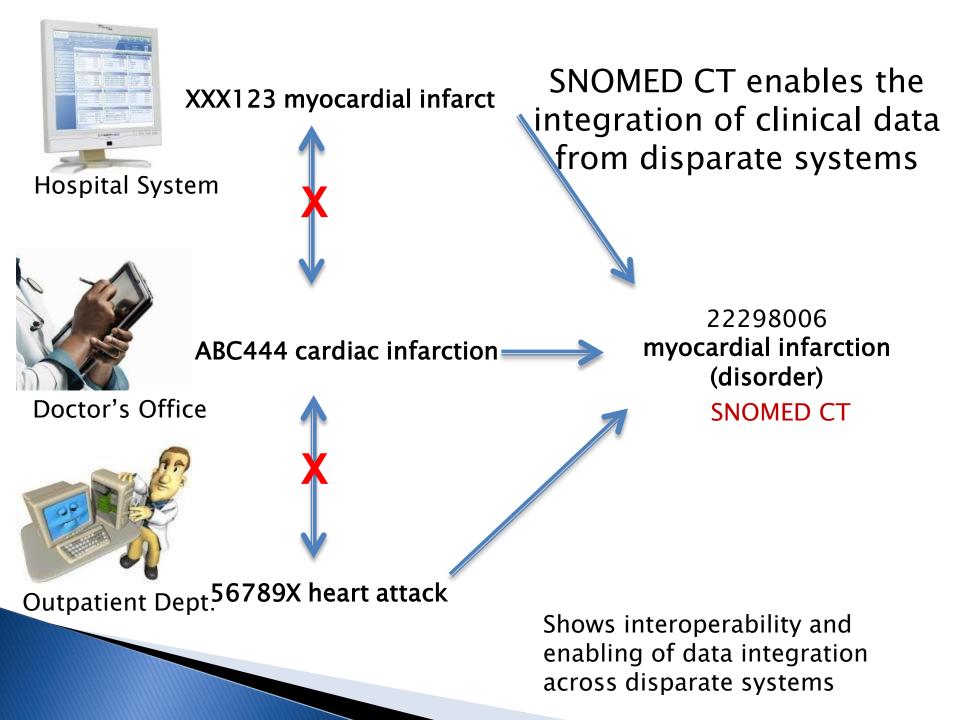


Clinical data capture

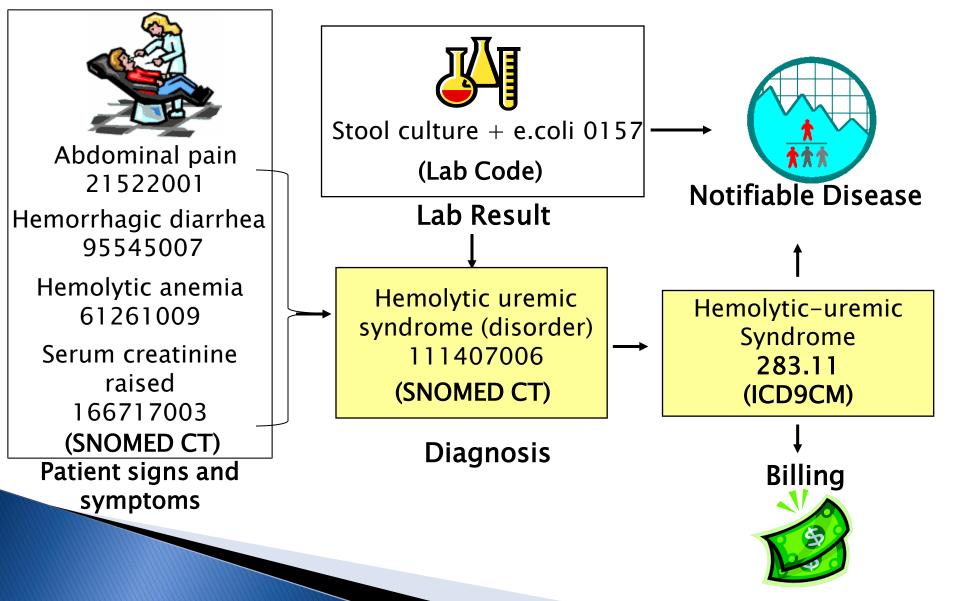


COLD	chronic obstructive lung disease (disorder)	
Cold	common cold (disorder)	
Cold	Cold sensation quality (qualifier value)	

..... still not like natural language



Integrating data electronically



Integrating with other code systems

Polyneuropathy in rheumatoid arthritis (193180002) SNOMED CT



M053D: Rheumatoid arthritis with involvement of other organs and systems

G636A: Polyneuropathy in other musculoskeletal disorders

714.0: RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS 357.1: POLYNEUROPATHY IN COLLAGEN VASCULAR DISEASE COPCM

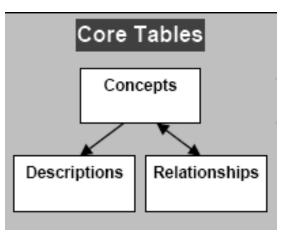
Required by governments

- * big driver
- The ways we measure <u>quality</u> are changing...from chart review to electronic data capture
- Tied to <u>reimbursement</u>
- Aims to improve outcomes and lower costs
- Government priorities vary ..affects SNOMED CT data (ICD10CM transition in US, sexual orientation codes for NHS etc.)

SNOMED CT Structure

- Hierarchies
- Concepts
- Descriptions
- Relationships

CORE TABLES



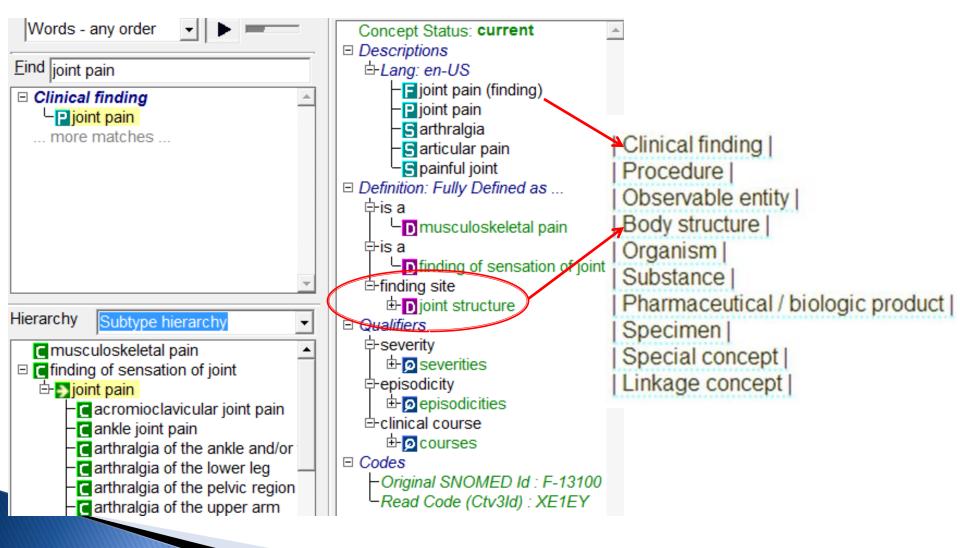
SNOMED CT structure and components

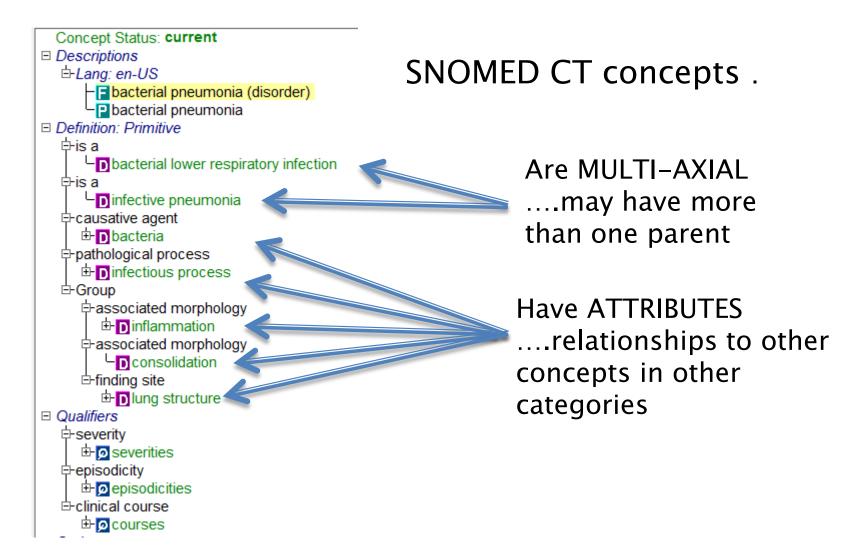
19 top-level categories

Table 1. Top Level Concepts



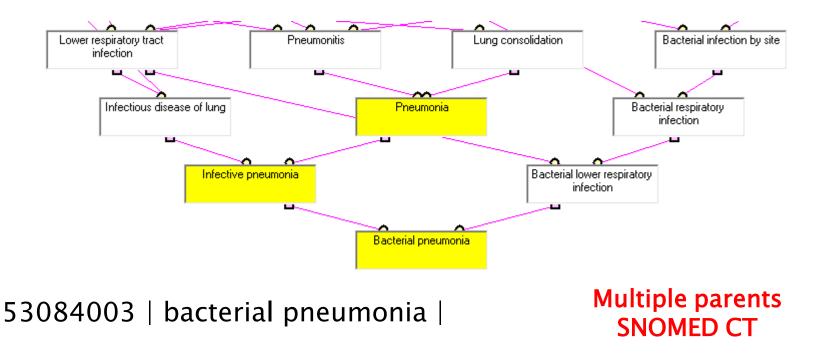
How they relate to one another





CliniClue Xplore: http://www.cliniclue.com/

SNOMED CT is different from ICD10



J 15 Bacterial pneumonia, not elsewhere classified 1 parent term J15.9 Bacterial pneumonia, unspecified ICD10

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Categories with Single Parents

ICD-9-CM Vol. 1 Diagnostic Codes

7. DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM (390-459)

CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE (430-438)

433 Occlusion and stenosis of precerebral arteries

433.0 Occlusion and stenosis of; basilar artery

433.00 - Occlusion and stenosis of; basilar artery; without mention of cerebral infarction

433.01 - Occlusion and stenosis of; basilar artery; with cerebral infarction

433.1 Occlusion and stenosis of; carotid artery

433.10 - Occlusion and stenosis of; carotid artery; without mention of cerebral infarction

433.11 - Occlusion and stenosis of; carotid artery; with cerebral infarction

433.2 Occlusion and stenosis of; vertebral artery

433.20 - Occlusion and stenosis of; vertebral artery; without mention of cerebral infarction

433.21 - Occlusion and stenosis of; vertebral artery; with cerebral infarction

433.3 Occlusion and stenosis of; multiple and bilateral arteries

433.30 - Occlusion and stenosis of; multiple and bilateral arteries; without mention of cerebral infarction

433.31 - Occlusion and stenosis of; multiple and bilateral arteries; with cerebral infarction

433.8 Occlusion and stenosis of; other specified precerebral artery

433.80 - Occlusion and stenosis of; other specified precerebral artery; w/o mention of cerebral infarction

433.81 - Occlusion and stenosis of; other specified precerebral artery; with cerebral infarction

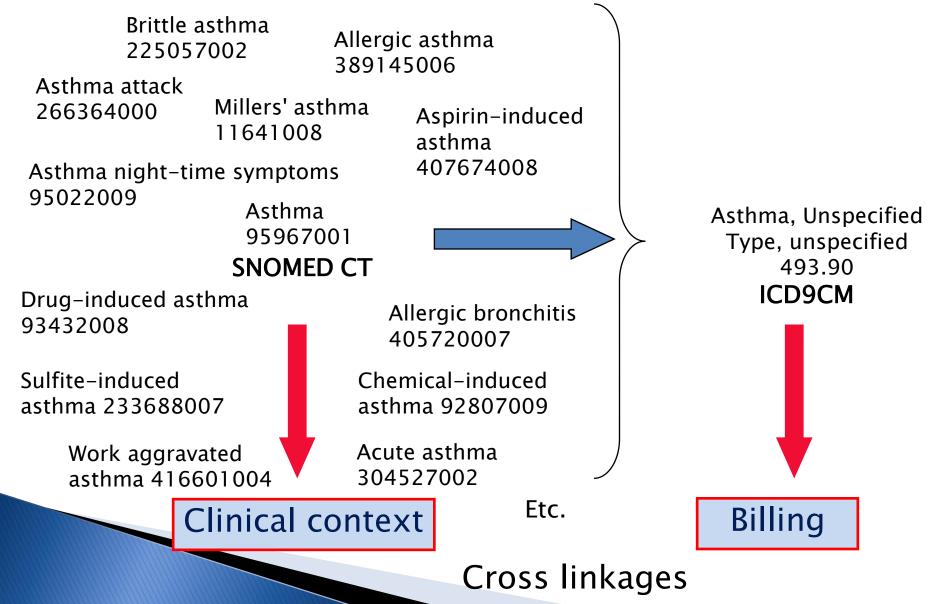
433.9 Occlusion and stenosis of; unspecified precerebral artery

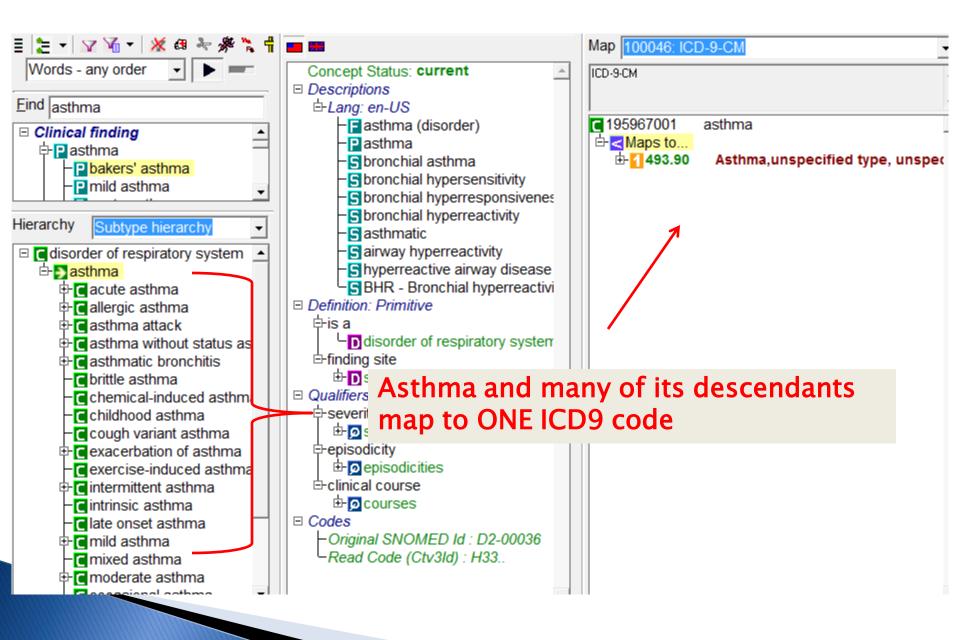
433.90 - Occlusion and stenosis of; unspecified precerebral artery; without mention of cerebral infarction

433.91 - Occlusion and stenosis of; unspecified precerebral artery; with cerebral infarction

Ischemic Stroke

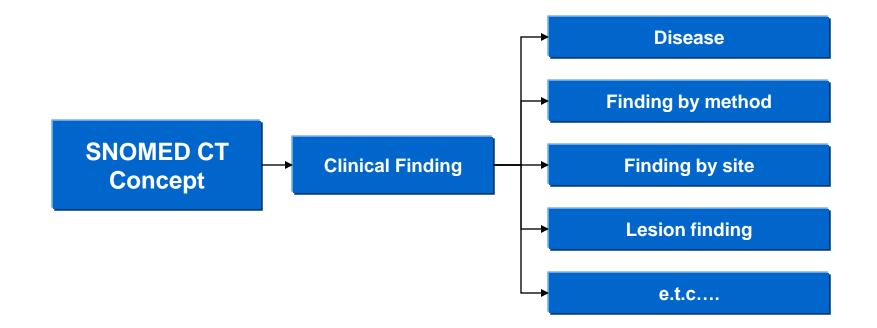
SNOMED CT vs ICD9 for diagnoses





SNOMED CT	ICD10 or ICD9
Reference terminology	Classification system
Multi-hierarchy	Single hierarchy
Grouped by one or more characteristics (IS_ A and attributes)	Grouped into categories (single IS_A relationships)
More clinically granular (detailed) (more clinical terms)	Less granular- grouping of diseases (less clinical terms)
More robust data retrieval/ Inheritance	Limitations to data retrieval/ No inheritance/
Used for clinical data capture at the point-of-care	Used for statistical purposes/billing/administrative use, usually aftercare

May have multiple subhierarchies



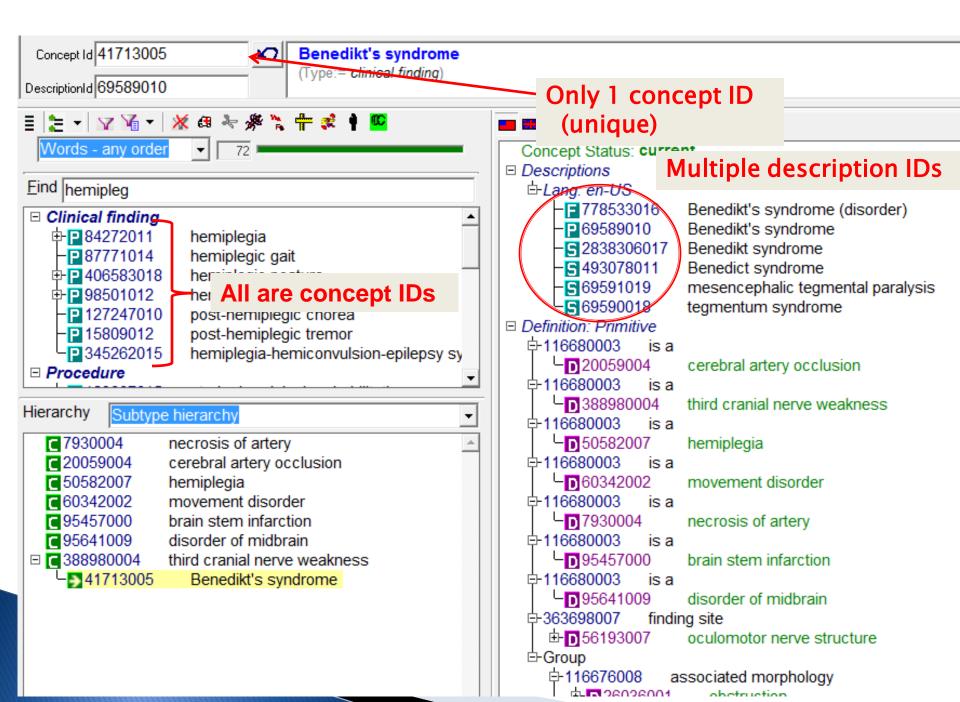
Many subhierarchies

Disease is a sub hierarchy of clinical findings

Hierarchy Subtype hierarchy			
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E 307824009	administrati∨e statuses		
Fa 405533003	ad∨erse incident outcome cateαories		
🗉 🖬 313413008	calculus findina		
E 250171008	clinical history and observation findings		
■■ 80631005	clinical stade finding		
1 3415004	cvanosis		
±C417893002	deformity		
GC 64572001	disease		
±1069449002	diud action		
	effect of exposure to physical force		
	enzyme activity finding		
	e∨aluation finding		
	fetal findina findina by method		
	finding by method finding by site		
FC 118234003 FC 384740007	finding of grade		
a 127357005	finding related to physiologic substance		
418799008	finding reported by subject or history provider		
+ 365860008	general clinical state finding		
18165001	iaundice		
217020008	medical and surgical procedures as the cause		
102957003	neurological finding		
267038008	edema		
365858006	prognosis/outlook finding		
285153007	sequelae of external causes and disorders		
65124004	swelling		
225552003	wound findina		

Concept

- "Unit of meaning" or clinical idea
- Each concept is a collection of terms and relationships
- Concepts are assembled in "logical definitions"
- Synonyms can be added as long as the meaning of the concept does not change
- Concepts are permanent (never deleted)
- Concepts have unique identifiers and are free of hierarchical or other implicit meaning
- The code numbers to not relate to a specific hierarchy – a concept can belong to more than one node



Concepts Table meaning

ConceptId	FullySpecifiedName	Concept Status	SNOMEDId	CTV3Id	IsPrimitive
236003	Incision of vein (procedure)	4	P1-38100	XUSTv	0
237007	Annona (organism)	0	L-D2100	XUA2a	0
238002	002 Heptachlor (substance)		C-23115	X8084	0
239005	Ophthalmologic (qualifier value)	0	G-B106	XUA53	0
240007	D07 Biopsy of scent gland (procedure)		P1-40322	XUA6E	0
241006	Epilepsia partialis continua (disorder)	0	DA-30250	X007F	0
242004	Noninfectious jejunitis (disorder)	0	D5-41620	XUA8W	0
	Replacement of cerebral ventricular	0	P1-91578	XUA9e	0
	tube (procedure)				

- Each row represents a single concept
- Each concept has 3 identifiers
- Each concept has a "status" (current or not)
- Each concept is either "primitive" or "fully defined"

Concepts Table summary

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239005	Ophthalmologic (qualifier value)	0	G-B106	XUA53	0
240007	Biopsy of scent gland (procedure)	0	P1-40322	XUA6E	0
241006	Epilepsia partialis continua (disorder)	0	DA-30250	X007F	0
242004	Noninfectious jejunitis (disorder)	0	D5-41620	XUA8W	0
243009	Replacement of cerebral ventricular	0	P1-91578	XUA9e	0
	tube (procedure)				

Key Fields				
ConceptId	The unique SNOMED Clinical Terms Identifier for this Concept.			
Data Fields				
ConceptStatus	The status of a <i>Concept</i> indicates whether it is in active use and, if not, indicates the reason for withdrawal from current use.			
FullySpecifiedName	A unique phrase that describes a <i>Concept</i> in a way that is intended to be unambiguous. The <i>Fully Specified Name</i> is also present in the <i>Descriptions</i> <i>Table</i> . It is not the same as the <i>Preferred Term</i> , which is also in the <i>Descriptions Table</i> . The <i>Fully Specified Name</i> explains the meaning of the concept more fully than the <i>Preferred Term</i> to remove or reduce ambiguity.			
CTV3ID	The Read Code for this Concept.			
SNOMEDID	The SNOMED identifier for this Concept.			
IsPrimitive	Indicates whether a <i>Concept</i> is <i>Primitive</i> or <i>Fully defined</i> by its current set of <i>Defining characteristics</i> .			

Description

- Human readable terms assigned to a concept
- Each concept has:

Fully Specified Name (FSN)

Preferred Name (display name)

Many concepts have one or more synonyms

Concept Id 41713005 Concept Id 41713005	
DescriptionId 69589010 (Type:= clinical finding)	
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Words - any order 🚽 72	Concept Status: current
	□ Descriptions
Eind hemipleg Fully specified name -	Ė-Lang: en-US
□ Clinical finding	- 778533016 Benedikt's syndrome (disorder)
Preferred name	→ P 69589010 Benedikt's syndrome
	-S2838306017 Benedikt syndrome
	493078011 Benedict syndrome
₽ 98501012 hemiplegic	-569591019 mesencephalic tegmental paralysis
-P127247010 post-hemic Synonyms	tegmentum syndrome
-P 15809012 post-hemin	Definition: Primitive
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	□ □ 20059004 cerebral artery occlusion □ □ 20059004 is a
	□ □ 18 a third cranial nerve weakness
Hierarchy Subtype hierarchy	₽-116680003 is a
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C 20059004 cerebral artery occlusion	₽-116680003 is a
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C 60342002 movement disorder	p-116680003 is a
95457000 brain stem infarction	D 7930004 necrosis of artery
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Fully Specified Name: FSN ()

- Each concept has one Fully Specified Name (FSN) intended to provide an <u>unambiguous</u> way to name a concept. The purpose of the FSN is to uniquely describe a concept and clarify its meaning.
- The FSN is not a commonly used term or natural phrase and would not be expected to appear in the human-readable representation of a clinical record.

Preferred term

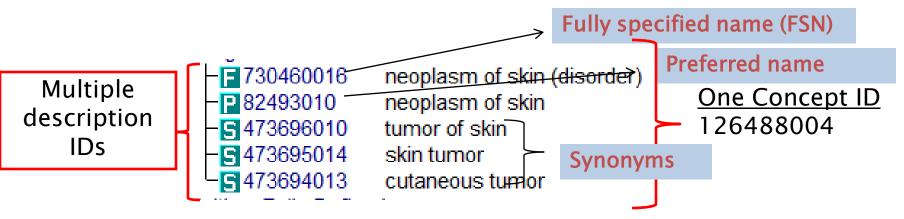
Each concept has one Preferred Term in a given language dialect. This is a common word or phrase used by clinicians to name

that *concept*.

Concept Status: current Descriptions -Lang: en-US - repair of common bile duct (procedure) - Choledochoplasty Frepair of common bile duct Definition: Fully Defined as ... Ė-is a repair of bile duct E-Group E-method D repair - action -procedure site - Direct common bile duct structure Qualifiers E-access surgical access values priority priorities Codes -Original SNOMED Id : P1-5C890 Read Code (Ctv3ld) : XUGIM

Remember....

A single concept may have multiple descriptions



Separate concepts may share the same text description

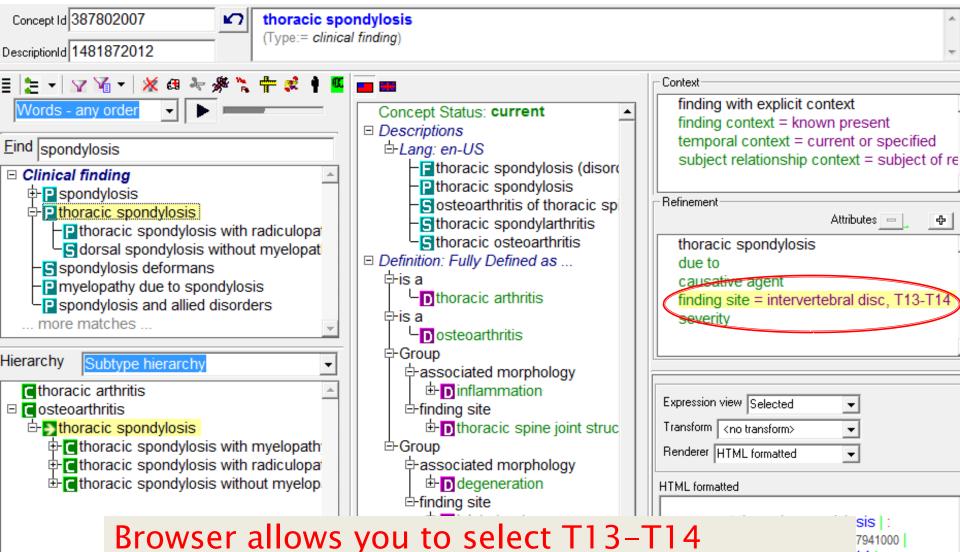
Antihypertensive agent 372586001 — substance

Note of caution

*SNOMED CT contains both Human and non-Human content

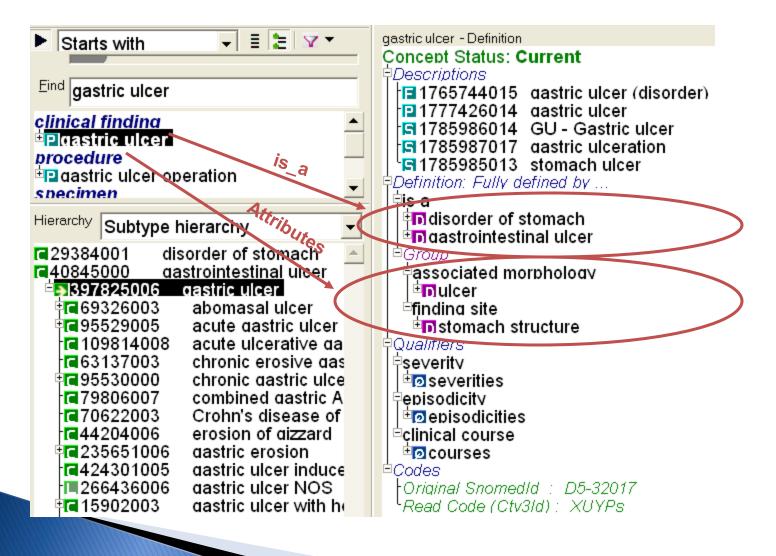
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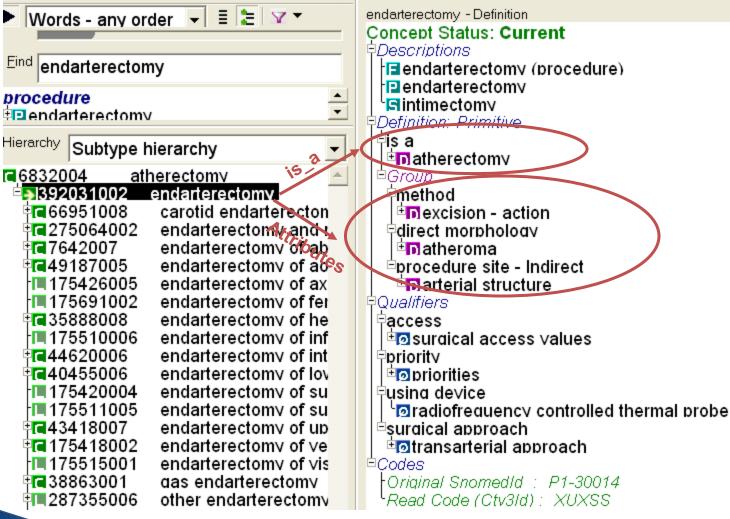
*Can remove from system using the non-human subset file



...a non-human code

- A relationship is an association between two concepts
- Two types of relationships within SNOMED
- Is_a relationships: Relationships that link concepts within a hierarchy
- Attribute relationships (roles): Allow links between concepts across hierarchies (defining, qualifying, historical, additional)





SNOMED CT Core Tables

Concepts

ConceptId

Concept Status Fully Specified Name CTV3ID SNOMEDID IsPrimitive

Relationships

RelationshipId ConceptId1 RelationshipType ConceptId2 Characteristic Type Refinability RelationshipGroup

Descriptions

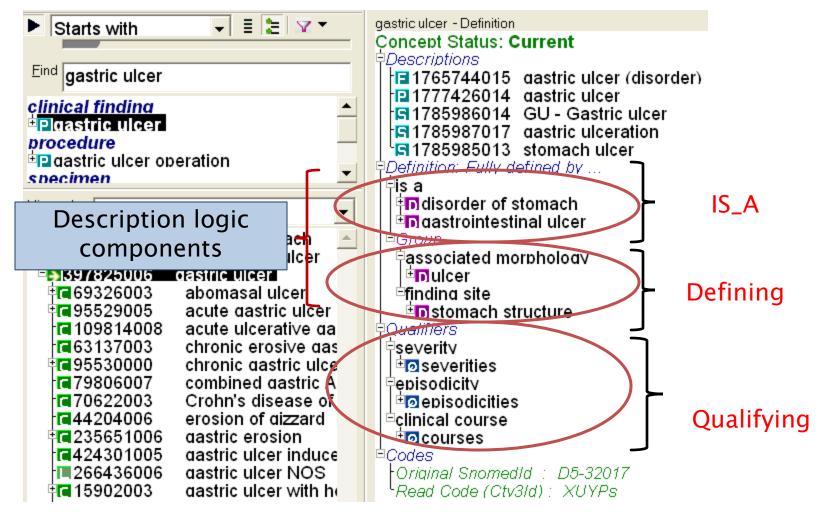
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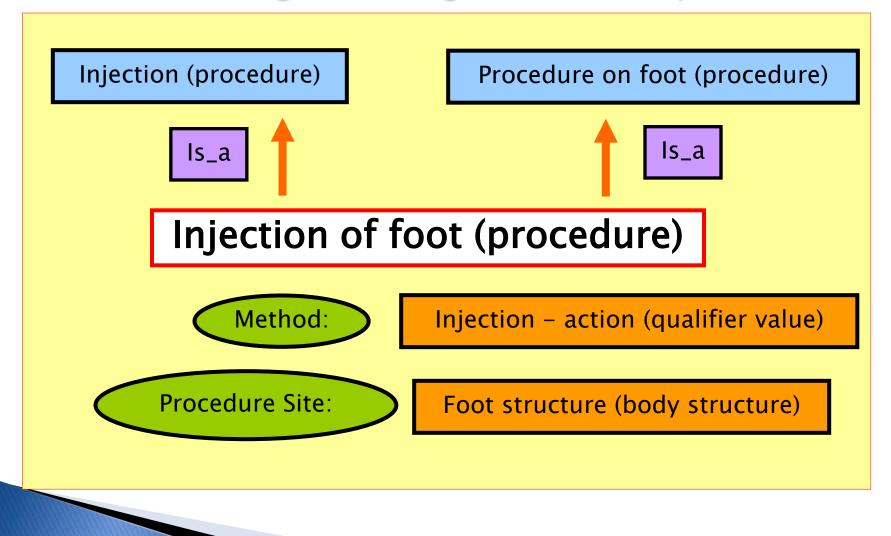
SNOMED CT is indexed by ConceptIDs

Description logic

- IS_A + defining attributes
 = defining characteristics
- Iogical representation of the *meaning* of a concept



Logical definition of a concept (using defining relationships)



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