



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.

COVID-19 related Pathology Messaging guidance

Changes to Antibody Result Clinical Finding Concepts:

The May 2021 UK Clinical Edition includes updates aligning UK SNOMED CT with the latest SNOMED International Core. As part of this update, two SARS-COV-2 result findings concepts relating to non-specific antibody test results will be changing to their international edition equivalents. These codes are not used in Pillar 3 testing, as those results flow specifically as IgG Antibody results, but the change may affect local implementations.

Input		EPR Entry	
Standardised description	SNOMED CT Concept ID	SNOMED CT Description ID	SNOMED CT Preferred Term
OLD CODES - Detection of Antibody (Non-specific or mixed single results)			
SARS-CoV-2-ANBY	1322871000000109	2832251000000118	SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) antibody detection result positive
SARS-CoV-2-ANBN	1322891000000108	2832301000000113	SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) antibody detection result negative
NEW CODES - Detection of Antibody (Non-specific or mixed single results)			
SARS-CoV-2-ANBY	897034005	2847651000000117	SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) antibody detection result positive
SARS-CoV-2-ANBN	897035006	2847661000000119	SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2) antibody detection result negative

The most recent version of the Pathology messaging Guidance (v2.5.10) can be accessed [here](#)

May 2021 UK SNOMED Edition: Advice on competing international and UK codes relating to SARS-COV-2 and COVID-19

[This document](#) is aimed at users preparing to implement the May 2021 UK Edition of SNOMED CT. The document:

- Highlights and explains issues regarding overlap between concepts included in the UK Extension and those included in the January 2021 International data relating to the documentation of a number of COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2 items, and the potential data quality risks of such overlap.
- Describes steps to mitigate against these risks, including:
 - Data modifications undertaken by NHS Digital.
 - Promoting awareness and use of published guidance materials.
 - Additional suggestions and guidance relating to data retrieval.

Previous Snap Updates

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