



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.

Resources available

NHS Digital are continuing to work with the Professional Record Keeping Standards Body (PRSB), the Pathology Standards Governance Board and the Faculty of Clinical Informatics (FCI) to provide appropriate concepts related to COVID-19 recording with associated guidance. We recommend you also consult the websites of [PRSB](#) and [FCI](#) for additional resources.

For end users:

A new release of the UK SNOMED CT Clinical Edition was published this week; the focus of the content is pathology tests and results. The [descriptions](#) of Concepts has been updated to include this new content; this was undertaken in collaboration with the PRSB. The [diagram](#) previously published to enable clinical staff to quickly identify the

COVID-19 related terms for entry into patient records remains unchanged. A full list of the concepts in the 22 April release is provided in [Issue 1](#).

For suppliers, information managers, CIOs, CCIOs

A [guidance document](#) in relation to the message flows for pathology tests has been published; its main focus is General Practice and how pathology tests and results will be messaged to General Practice systems. NHS Digital have also developed a mapping table to support the approach documented here. This will shortly be available via our TRUD platform to ensure version control; but is available on request via COVID19information.standards@nhs.net.

Classifications ICD-10 and OPCS-4

Following further feedback from the World Health Organisation, we are updating the guidance relating to ICD-10 code **U07.2 Emergency use of U07.2**. Please visit the [COVID-19 National Clinical Coding Standards and Guidance](#) for more information.

Pathology tests and results

See Resources update.

SNOMED CT Clinical and Drug Extensions

UK SNOMED Drug releases will continue to be every 4 weeks as current.

5 new refsets to support the identification of patients at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 infection were published in 22 April Drug release, further details on each can be found on the [DD4C webpage](#) using the links below. These refsets are used in the [data collection](#) on COVID-19 at risk patients.

- [COVID-19 general practice extraction - COPD medication](#)
- [COVID-19 general practice extraction - post-transplant immunosuppressant medication](#)
- [COVID-19 general practice extraction - prednisolone medication](#)
- [COVID-19 general practice extraction - corticosteroid medication](#)
- [COVID-19 general practice extraction - severe asthma medication](#)

The 22 April release of UK Clinical Edition of SNOMED CT is in some GP systems now; for information on availability within your system please contact your supplier direct OR your IM&T department (e.g. secondary care where your organisation hosts your EPR).

A number of further interim UK SNOMED CT Clinical Edition releases are planned to meet requests for new content to support COVID-19. Concepts planned for the next release will be published in the next issue.

The next planned release of the UK SNOMED CT Clinical Edition is 20 May 2020.

The next planned full release of the UK SNOMED CT Clinical Edition is 01 October.

Previous Snap Updates

SNAP updates, including previous issues, are also available on [COVID-19 Information standards](#).

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