SNOMED CT Implementation in Primary Care

Snap Update for CCGs, CSUs/GP Practices

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SNOMED CT is the clinical terminology chosen to replace Read codes within the NHS. Systems used by, or communicating coded clinical data to General Practice service providers must use SNOMED CT as the clinical terminology within the system before 1 April 2018.

New!

- NHS Digital has been running workshops for CSUs and GP IT service providers to support their analytics capabilities to utilise SNOMED CT and their training provision.
- NHS Digital is running two “Train the Trainer” workshops in London and Leeds in September 2017; register NOW.
- The end of year QOF will be undertaken using the Read code for 2017/18 and SNOMED CT for 2018/19.
- Microtest and EMIS Implementation Approach Documents are NOW available: these provide responses to various questions raised about supplier approaches to the change.

Reminder!

- Check that organisations providing tools, reports, audits are transitioning to SNOMED CT.
- Become familiar with the content provided in SNOMED CT using a browser.
- Ensure any training that involves READ codes is updated to SNOMED CT.

Tip!

- Keep up to date with supplier developments through their support centres and news.
- Provide NHS Digital with a nominated contact so we can keep you informed.
- Explore your frequently used Read codes in SNOMED CT using our on-line Look-up.

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