You have a query on SNOMED CT… Is it on…

...the implementation of SNOMED CT in the English primary care estate?

Check the SNOMED CT FAQs on the Primary Care Delen page OR
Contact the SNOMED CT in Primary Care helpdesk

snomedprimarycare@nhs.net

...your GP clinical system?

Contact your supplier helpdesk

Refer to your supplier’s website for current contact details.

...the content of SNOMED CT?

Contact NHS Digital’s Information Standards Team OR
Ask on one of the Delen forums

information.standards@nhs.net

...QOF?

Contact the QOF Business Rules Team

gofrules@nhs.net

For anything else, contact the NHS Digital Contact Centre to help you identify the appropriate team to resolve your query

0300 303 5678
centre@nhsdigital.nhs.uk

If you aren’t sure where your query fits, follow the information icon to see example queries.

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Example implementation queries

How do I get added onto the NHS Digital SNOMED CT SNAP Update?

What is the deployment timetable for my GP system supplier?

Are there any resources that can give me an overview of SNOMED CT in addition to those on my supplier support centre?

I want to get my new colleague onto the Delen collaborative forum for Trainers.

Is there any training material that can give me an overview of SNOMED CT and the rationale for the change from Read?

How can I look up a SNOMED CT concept from a Read code?

I want to know if there are any housekeeping tips I could follow before we transition.
Example Clinical System queries

Our team work in GP practices and we regularly use Read code searches to identify patients for review via Read codes. These searches are created as part of the review writing process and used time and time again.

I am wondering if the move to SNOMED will cause an issue for our team as the searches that we have already written will need to be re-written as they include Read codes?

This function doesn’t work like it did before, I’d wonder if there is a crib sheet about it

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Are all my reports going to be converted?

My template uses local codes, how should I re-create it?
GP System Suppliers – support pages
Has the constituent code list changed between the TRUD publication and the new SNOMED CT refset publication?

Is there a master table for SNOMED CT codes that are used in England that I can look at?

How often are updates made to the SNOMED CT terminology and when is the next one?

Can you provide a hierarchical structure of data around cancer types and any other associated information about cancer?
Example QOF queries

My practice system recently updated the system to comply with the QOF Business Rules v 41 2018-2019 October code release [http://content.digital.nhs.uk/qofbrv41](http://content.digital.nhs.uk/qofbrv41). Practices have noticed issues since the update where patients have been added to registers incorrectly.

I have investigated and spoken with my system supplier and the issues lie with the mapping of some CTV3 codes to the SNOMED codes. Examples I have are:

1. CTV3 code- E2A2. [Post-concussion][post-traum brain][post-head inj] syndrome has been mapped to the SNOMED code 230282000 Traumatic encephalopathy. This has subsequently classified patients with Dementia.
2. CTV3 code – H30 Bronchitis: [unspecif (& chest infectn)] or [recurr wheezy] has been mapped to the SNOMED code 195949008 Chronic asthmatic bronchitis. This has subsequently classified patients with COPD.

Are these mappings correct/appropriate? Are practices expected to change previous CTV3 codes within patients records to a different SNOMED code which is more suitable? Or is this a potential breach under the UK DPA 2018?

On reviewing the QOF guidance for coding people on the SMI register as “in remission”, it states not being on meds/having an episode for at least 5 years, whereas initial communication mentioned 2 years.

I assume we should go with the 5-year definition, as per 18/19 QOF guidance – but wanted to double check?

It has been brought to our attention that some practices might be using Read and CTV3 code 685.. ‘Cervical neoplasia screening’ as an administrative code or problem heading to manage cervical screening recalls.

This Read/CTV3 code’ 685..’ was not included in the code cluster SMEAR _COD for QOFv38 (Payment QOF2017-18).