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# SNOMED CT<sup>®</sup> UK Drug Extension

## General Overview of UK Drug Extension Subsets

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## Glossary of Terms

Term / Abbreviation	What it stands for
dm+d	NHS Dictionary of Medicines and Devices
IHTSDO	International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization
NHSBSA	National Health Service Business Services Authority

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## Purpose of this Document

This document provides information relating to the subsets provided within the SNOMED CT<sup>1</sup> UK Drug Extension. Further information on SNOMED CT and subsets can be found at: <https://digital.nhs.uk/snomed-ct>

For a full description on the use, technical structure and implementation of SNOMED CT and subsets, please refer to the SNOMED International Starter Guide and the SNOMED International Technical Implementation Guide (TIG) provided within the Document Library on the SNOMED International website (<https://confluence.ihtsdotools.org/display/DOC>).

## Introduction

This document is provided for those who may wish to use the SNOMED CT subsets provided within the release files of the UK Drug Extension in Release Format 2 (RF2). Subsets provided in RF2 are referred to as reference sets or *refsets* (see Section 5.6 in the TIG for further information). This document uses the term 'subsets' throughout but the information provided also relates to the equivalent refset in RF2.

SNOMED CT subsets have a range of purposes and vary in size from a single member to ones with over 100,000 members. The common use of subsets in systems include:

- To simplify the user interface
- To improve data quality
- To maintain consistency between different organisations
- To enable interoperability between different clinical systems
- To support statutory reporting requirements

A brief description of the UK subsets included in the SNOMED CT UK Drug Extension can now be found within the on-line [Data Dictionary for Care](#); information on international subsets can be found with the international release.

Subsets are a derivative of the SNOMED CT UK Drug Extension and should be used in conjunction with the SNOMED CT UK Edition files. Except where otherwise specified, all subsets are of national use rather than local use and of potential relevance to all health professions, system suppliers, record and messaging designers.

## Scope

The scope of this document is the SNOMED CT UK subsets (RF2) released in the UK Drug extension.

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## Release Formats

The SNOMED CT UK Clinical Edition was previously released in 2 formats: Release Format 1 (RF1) and Release Format 2 (RF2).

From 18 April 2018 the SNOMED CT UK Drug Extension is only fully supported in RF2 format.

The 1 April 2018 Edition will be the final one in RF1 format.

In most cases each of the concept subsets within the RF1 release have been provided as a simple reference set<sup>2</sup> in the RF2 release, and each description subset in RF1 has an equivalent language reference set in RF2. This is the delivery mechanism RF2 uses for such artefacts. At present there is little difference in CURRENT content between the two formats, however RF2 has an inbuilt mechanism for managing the history of such a subset at a given point within its file structure and data. Please refer to the SNOMED International SNOMED CT Starter Guide<sup>3</sup> and the SNOMED International SNOMED CT Technical Implementation Guide<sup>4</sup> to aide your understanding of the structure and content of SNOMED CT and also of the specific detail relating to subsets and reference sets.

The refsets provided in the UK RF2 release are semantically equivalent to the respective subset in RF1. Therefore content information within this document relevant to the subset is also applicable to the refset provided in RF2; for consistency the term subset is used throughout this document unless the information is specific to RF2 when refset will be used. An index is provided in the resources folder in the RF2 release which provides for each RF1 subset the refset name and folder location of the equivalent RF2 refset.

The subset files are additional to the core tables included in the release and are provided in the Refset folder in RF2. Refsets of the same type in a folder are provided in a single file within that folder for ease of implementation.

## Management, Quality Assurance and Validation

Subsets are dynamic (based on a query specification) and can vary from release to release, (based on a specific hand-picked set of concepts). Future releases of subsets are subject to iterative refinement both as a result of end-user feedback and upon review at each subsequent SNOMED CT release in relation to the original specification. Subsets may need to change in both the size and scope of the files if underpinning policy is revised or underlying SNOMED CT content changes.

Where subsets have no current owner or specific use case defined, they are only maintained using a technical process for SNOMED CT content updates; i.e. there is no clinical effort applied over and above re-running the subset specification and reconciling any retirements to their replacements.

Named subset owners are responsible for the quality assurance and maintenance of their subset and for managing changes to the subset which may result from the content changes

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<sup>2</sup> This document, in common with many others, will predominantly use the term subset which may refer to either RF1 or RF2, the term reference set (also known as a refset) is only applicable in RF2.

<sup>3</sup> <http://snomed.org/starter>

<sup>4</sup> <http://snomed.org/tig>



in the bi-annual release or dm+d data. The details of who owns each subset is provided in the Data Dictionary for Care.

A Subset Service has been established within NHS Digital and has begun the work of cataloguing, re-establishing purpose and ownership, and refining the subset membership to meet the intended purpose. Additionally, some subsets may be owned by the Subset Service where the purpose is universal, clearly defined and particularly where they are principally to support national or international digital infrastructure requirements.

Information on individual subsets including ownership, purpose, scope and status are now made available on line at the [Data Dictionary for Care](#) rather than in this document.

## General Information in relation to subsets

### NHS Realm Description Subset

Some domains of use require description subsets (language refsets in RF2) to identify their preferred descriptions for use with the concepts identified by the subset (as opposed to concept based subsets where the preferred term is used for the description of the concept). Wherever possible, descriptions are harmonised with the NHS Realm Description subset, but where this is not possible a description subset enables the required synonym to be identified. As a general rule the specialist professional bodies for a given domain of use will guide the content of the NHS Realm Description subset and thus individual description subsets will only be developed where a particular professional body identifies specific descriptions different to those in the NHS Realm Description Subset.

In an implementation using the RF2 files, the NHS Realm Description Refset should be used to provide the UK FSN, Preferred Term and Synonyms.

### Requests for Change

Unless stated otherwise (for example where requests go through the owner of the subset), requests for changes to SNOMED CT UK Drug Extension subsets will be handled via [information.standards@nhs.net](mailto:information.standards@nhs.net) with the subject line 'SNOMED CT UK Drug Extension Subset Request'.

### Historical subsets

Subsets may become withdrawn over time for a number of reasons. This information will now be provided within the Data Dictionary for Care as part of the information held on the subset. Subsets which are no longer released will be shown with the status of "Deprecated". In RF2 the details will be available in the release of type 'Full' but they and the members of the subset will be inactive.

## List of Subsets included in the SNOMED CT UK Drug Extension Release

Subset Original ID	Refset ID	Subset Name
<b>Clinical Messaging</b>		
1391000000139		Manufactured Material
<b>DMD</b>		
801000001139		NHS dm+d AMP
1001000001133		NHS dm+d AMPP
9801000001139		NHS dm+d CFC Free
9301000001130		NHS dm+d CSM Black Triangle Drug List
838401000001139		NHS dm+d Dose Form
30001000001134		NHS dm+d realm description subset
9601000001138		NHS dm+d Gluten Free
838301000001133		NHS dm+d Ingredient
9701000001134		NHS dm+d Preservative Free
9401000001136		NHS dm+d Parallel Import
9501000001137		NHS dm+d Sugar Free
	999000991000001107	NHS dm+d Unit of Measure
701000001134		NHS dm+d VMP
901000001131		NHS dm+d VMPP
601000001138		NHS dm+d VTM
	10991000001109	NHS dm+d association
<b>Drug</b>		
32901000001132		NHS dm+d TF
33001000001137		NHS dm+d TFG
716601000001132		NHS dm+d Combination VTM concepts
922301000001137		Allergy Archetypes Drug Groups
	999000901000001102	Learning Disabilities Observatory laxatives
	999000401000000107	Device type simple
	30931000001101	Allergy or adverse effect causative agent
	31491000001101	Radiotherapy units of measure
	51971000001109	Radiotherapy routes and methods of administration
	115231000001104	Vaccine route of administration simple reference set (foundation metadata concept)
<b>EPrescribing</b>		
44601000001133		ePrescribing breath actuated inhaler marker
59701000001138		ePrescribing cements 17
44701000001137		ePrescribing co-name drugs rule 4
44801000001132		ePrescribing creams ointment and gels 6a
44901000001135		ePrescribing creams ointment and gels 6b
	999001081000001103	ePrescribing dose forms
45001000001135		ePrescribing dressings 14a
45101000001139		ePrescribing dressings 14b
45201000001132		ePrescribing dry powder inhaler marker
45301000001137		ePrescribing endotracheopulmonary 11b

45401000001131	ePrescribing enemas and rectal solutions 7a
45501000001130	ePrescribing enemas and rectal solutions 7b
45601000001134	ePrescribing enteral feeds 8
45701000001138	ePrescribing eye ear nose liquids and powders 4
45801000001133	ePrescribing foams 28
45901000001136	ePrescribing gases 25a
46001000001131	ePrescribing gases 25b
46101000001132	ePrescribing granules and powders 9a
46201000001139	ePrescribing granules and powders 9b
46301000001134	ePrescribing implants and sticks 15
46401000001135	ePrescribing infusions 22a
46501000001136	ePrescribing infusions 22b
46601000001137	ePrescribing inhalers and sprays 3
46701000001133	ePrescribing injections 20
46801000001138	ePrescribing instillations 29a
46901000001130	ePrescribing instillations 29b
47001000001134	ePrescribing insulin 21
47101000001130	ePrescribing IUDs 16
47201000001137	ePrescribing metered dose inhaler marker
49001000001138	ePrescribing modified release 12 hour
49101000001137	ePrescribing modified release 24 hour
47301000001132	ePrescribing multi-ingredient rule 1
47401000001138	ePrescribing nebuliser liquids 13a
47501000001139	ePrescribing nebuliser liquids 13b
47601000001135	ePrescribing never valid as a VMP rule 3
47701000001131	ePrescribing not recommended to prescribe as VMP bio-availability rule 5a
47801000001136	ePrescribing not recommended to prescribe as VMP patient training rule 5b
679201000001137	ePrescribing not recommended to prescribe as VMP no published specification rule 5c
841000001104	ePrescribing caution – actual medicinal product level prescribing advised rule 5d
47901000001133	ePrescribing no VTM rule 2
48001000001130	ePrescribing oral liquids 2a1
58301000001130	ePrescribing oral liquids 2a2
48101000001131	ePrescribing oral liquids 2b
48201000001138	ePrescribing oral solids 1
30101000001130	NHS e-Prescribing method subset
30201000001137	NHS e-Prescribing route of administration subset
48301000001133	ePrescribing schedule 1 to 3 rule 6
48401000001139	ePrescribing suppositories and pessaries 10
48501000001135	ePrescribing topical liquids 5a
48601000001136	ePrescribing topical liquids 5b
48701000001132	ePrescribing topical patches 12a
48801000001137	ePrescribing topical patches 12b
48901000001134	ePrescribing TPN 23
<b>NHSRealmDescription</b>	
625701000001130	NHS realm description subset (pharmacy part)

<b>QOF Prescribable</b>	
633801000001136	QOF - angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors prescribable within general practice
633901000001133	QOF - angiotensin II receptor antagonists prescribable within general practice
634901000001130	QOF - antiepileptic medication prescribable within general practice
635101000001131	QOF - beta-adrenoceptor blockers excluding those used in heart failure prescribable within general practice
633701000001131	QOF - beta-adrenoceptor blockers for use in coronary heart disease prescribable within general practice
635201000001138	QOF - beta-adrenoceptor blockers for use in heart failure prescribable within general practice
635401000001139	QOF - bone sparing agents prescribable within general practice
633001000001134	QOF - chronic asthma medication prescribable within general practice
633401000001138	QOF - clopidogrel medication prescribable within general practice
634001000001131	QOF - combined hormonal oral contraceptives prescribable within general practice
	999000961000001103 QOF - Drug Tariff appliance intra-uterine contraceptive devices prescribable within general practice
634101000001132	QOF - diaphragm contraceptive devices prescribable within general practice
633501000001139	QOF - dipyridamole medication prescribable within general practice
	999001001000001106 QOF - duloxetine medication prescribable within general practice
634301000001134	QOF - emergency hormonal contraceptives prescribable within general practice
	999001051000001107 QOF - enemas for treatment or prevention of constipation prescribable within general practice
634801000001138	QOF - influenza vaccines prescribable within general practice
635301000001133	QOF - lithium medication prescribable within general practice
	999001021000001104 QOF - nefopam medication prescribable within general practice
635001000001130	QOF - smoking pharmacotherapy
633201000001137	QOF - oral anticoagulant medication prescribable within general practice
	999001061000001105 QOF - prescription only medicines for treatment or prevention of constipation prescribable within general practice
634401000001135	QOF - progestogen only implant contraceptives prescribable within general practice
634501000001136	QOF - progestogen only intrauterine contraceptive systems prescribable within general practice
634601000001137	QOF - progestogen only oral contraceptives prescribable within general practice
634201000001139	QOF - progestogen only parenteral contraceptives prescribable within general practice
633301000001132	QOF - salicylate antiplatelet medication prescribable within general practice
633601000001135	QOF - statins prescribable within general practice
	999001031000001102 QOF - strong opioids for use in pain management prescribable within general practice
634701000001133	QOF - transdermal contraceptives prescribable within general practice

999001011000001108	QOF - tricyclic antidepressants for use in pain management prescribable within general practice
999001041000001109	QOF - weaker opioids for use in pain management prescribable within general practice
999000971000001108	Indicators no longer in Quality and Outcomes Framework general practice extraction - direct renin inhibitors
999000981000001105	Indicators no longer in Quality and Outcomes Framework general practice extraction - hypothyroidism medication
<b>Enhanced Services</b>	
999000951000001101	Enhanced Services Antipsychotic drugs
999001101000001107	Enhanced Services Haemophilus type b (Hib) Meningitis C vaccines
989701000001136	Enhanced Services Meningococcal ACWY vaccines
989901000001139	Enhanced Services Meningococcal B vaccines
990001000001134	Enhanced Services Pneumococcal vaccines
999001091000001101	Enhanced Services Pneumococcal conjugate vaccines
990101000001130	Enhanced Services Diabetic drugs
990201000001137	Enhanced Services Immunosuppressant drugs
999000921000001109	Enhanced Services Seasonal Flu asthma inhaled corticosteroids
999000891000001103	Enhanced Services Seasonal Flu injectable vaccines
999000881000001100	Enhanced Services Seasonal Flu nasal spray vaccines
999000931000001106	National Diabetes Audit - Metformin
999000941000001104	National Diabetes Audit and NHS Health Checks - antihypertensive medication
115131000001105	Cardiovascular Disease Prevent general practice extraction - ezetimibe medication simple reference set (foundation metadata concept)
115171000001107	Cardiovascular Disease Prevent general practice extraction - proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9 inhibitor medication simple reference set (foundation metadata concept)