Clinical Terms (The Read Codes) – April 2018 Release

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Deprecation of Read Codes Version 2 and Clinical Terms Version 3

Information Standard Notices 1552 and 1553 confirm the schedule for deprecation (phasing out) and retirement of the already formally deprecated standards, the Read v2 and v3 clinical terminologies.

The final updated release of Read v2 was 01/04/2016
The date of retirement of Read v2 is 1/4/2020
The final updated release of Read v3 is 1/4/2018
The date of retirement of Read v3 is 1/4/2020

To view the notices and to see the latest information on the phasing out of Read v2 and Read v3 please go to the Read Codes webpage and the SNOMED CT implementation webpage on the NHS Digital site.

In line with the above Information Standard Notices, this is the last updated release of Clinical Terms Version 3, and no further updates to either Read v2 or Clinical Terms Version 3 will be made.

Read Codes Version 2 and Clinical Terms Version 3 Cross-maps

This is the final updated release of the classification cross-maps from Read Codes Version 2 to ICD-10 and OPCS-4 (first provided in April 2016, and unchanged from that release).

This is the final updated release of the classification cross-maps from Clinical Terms Version 3 to ICD-10 and OPCS-4 (first provided in April 2017, and unchanged from that release). This is in line with the expectations of healthcare to move to SNOMED CT for which cross-maps will continue to be provided.

Static files for the April 2016 release of the classification cross-maps from Read Codes Version 2 and Clinical Terms Version 3 to ICD-10 5th edition and OPCS-4.7 will continue to be available.

Products:

- **Clinical Terms Version 3 (The Read Codes)**
  - ♦ 332,113 concepts
  - ♦ 351,470 terms

- **The Read Codes Version 2**
  - ♦ 89,616 concepts
  - ♦ 105,953 terms

- **New this release**

  Additions: Version 3 ♦ 145 concepts and 152 terms have been added

  Version 2 ♦ 0 concepts and 0 terms have been added

  Version 3 ♦ Support for nGMS – Enhanced Services

- **Cross-Maps - Mapping Read Codes to National and International Classifications**

The Read Codes are designed to support a fully computerised clinical record of each patient encounter. It may also be desirable to code the encounter to one of the national statistical classifications for summary and classification purposes, therefore mapping tables are provided to this end. This April 2018 release of Version 3 of the Read Codes is supplied with cross-maps to the mandated classifications, ICD-10 5th Edition and OPCS-4.8. The final release of Version 2 of the Read Codes was supplied with cross-maps to the mandated ICD-10 5th edition classification, and to the previous edition of the OPCS-4 classification (OPCS-4.7).

- **Supporting Documentation**

Full supporting documentation is included with the release data.
Technical and Terming updates
Specific changes to The Read Codes are notified in the Technical and Terming updates. They can be found in the sub-directory Document\Reldocs.
New Additions
Files listing new concepts and terms added to Clinical Terms Version 3 since the last release can be found in the sub-directory Document\Changes. They are published on TRUD (Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service):
https://isd.hscic.gov.uk/trud3/user/guest/group/0/home

- **Clinical Terminology Browser**

NHS Digital produces a Clinical Terminology Browser to accompany each release of the Read Codes. It allows the user to display both versions at once (Read Version 2 and Clinical Terms Version 3). The Read browser manual can be found in the sub-directory under NHS_READBROWSER as part of the release package. The NHS Read Browser will be continue to be available as a static product after the final release of CTV3 in April 2018, until full implementation of SNOMED CT.

- **Pathology Bounded Code List**

The Pathology Bounded Code List (PBCL) is published as a separate sub-pack via TRUD. Please note that there is no new PBCL sub-pack with this release as there were no changes

from the previous file. For more information please see the Release Notes included in the previous version of the sub-pack, which will continue to be available.

- **The Drug and Appliance Dictionary (DAAD) - Read Version 1 Drugs and Version 2 Drugs**

Read Version 1 and Read Version 2 drug data are not included in the integrated release. The last release of the Read Codes Drug and Appliance Dictionary (v1 and V2) was on 1 April 2016. There will be no further releases. All DAAD releases have been removed from TRUD and access to the release is now via FTP only on request.

The April 2017 release of the Clinical Terms Version 3 included the last updated Version 3 DAAD files, all future content in biannual releases will be static (no updates).

The CTV3 integrated release contains Version 3 DAAD files populated by a simple conversion of Version 2 DAAD terms to CTV3 format.   It should be noted that this data is no longer intended for use in live clinical systems.

Note: Please be advised that not all Read drug content is visible when searching by term key using the Drug & Appliance view within the Clinical terminology browser and it is therefore recommended to use the unrestricted view when searching for drug content.

SNOMED CT®

SNOMED Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT) is the result of combining two standard clinical vocabularies - Clinical Terms Version 3 (The Read Codes) and SNOMED RT - following a three-year collaboration between NHS Connecting for Health and the College of American Pathologists (CAP).

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For the latest information about SNOMED Clinical Terms, browse our web site at: https://digital.nhs.uk/snomed-ct

CTV3 Read Codes: Term History – the Description Change File (DCF) and associated files

The DCF and its associated files (below) will be included in the release pack, in this and all subsequent releases.

DCF.V3
FBTERMV3.V3
FBTMSCOT.V3
V2TERMV3.V3
V2TMSCOT.V3

Further Information

All cross-maps from CTV3 to the OPCS-4 classification are to the OPCS-4.8 edition. All cross-maps from Read Version 2 to the OPCS-4 classification remain to the OPCS-4.7 edition.

Requests for new content or changes

This is the last updated release of CTV3. The last updated release of Read v2 was April 2016. No further requests for new content, or for changes to existing content for either of these terminologies, can now be made. New content requests for consideration for SNOMED CT (or for NICIP), should be made via the web-based **Request Submission Portal** (https://isd.hscic.gov.uk/rsp/). You can then select the product to which the request relates. You can also go directly to the Product page by using the following links:

SNOMED: https://isd.hscic.gov.uk/rsp-snomed/

NICIP: https://isd.hscic.gov.uk/rsp-nicip

Important Note: The Read / CTV3 section of the Request Submission Portal will be closed following this (April 2018) release. Any outstanding requests will be transferred across to the SNOMED CT section of the Request Portal.

<u>Enquiries</u>

Any queries, requests for products or further information should be directed to the Terminology and Classifications Delivery Service (contact details below).

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