UK Terminology Centre

Clinical Terms (The Read Codes) – October 2012 Release

Products:

- **Clinical Terms Version 3 (The Read Codes)**   ♦ 310,072 concepts   ♦ 333,218 terms
- **The Read Codes Version 2**   ♦ 85,282 concepts   ♦ 97,486 terms

- **New this release**
  Additions: Version 3   ♦ 2040 concepts and 1530 terms have been added

          Version 2   ♦ 585 concepts and 654 terms have been added

          All versions   ♦ 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. Version 2 and Version 3 of the Read Codes are supplied with cross-maps to the mandated classifications, ICD-10 4th Edition and OPCS-4.6.

- **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 and Read Version 2 since the last release can be found in the sub-directory Document\Changes. They are published on the TRUD (Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service; http://www.uktcregistration.nss.cfh.nhs.uk/

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- **Clinical Terminology Browser**

  NHS Connecting for Health 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**.**

- **Pathology Bounded Code List**

  The Pathology Bounded Code List (PBCL) is published as a separate sub-pack via TRUD; http://www.uktcregistration.nss.cfh.nhs.uk/

- **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 and are only available in the monthly Read drugs releases in a separate subpack NHS_READDRUGS. License holders will need to sign up to this subpack on the TRUD registration site if they wish to receive the data. This ensures that the latest data is provided, and allows pharmaceutical systems to utilise only the Read Drug concepts.

- **The Drug and Appliance Dictionary (DAAD) - Clinical Terms Version 3**

  The CTV3 integrated release now contains Version 3 DAAD files populated by a simple conversion of Version 2 DAAD terms to CTV3 format. This is not part of the monthly Read Drugs data update and so will continue to be released as part of the bi-annual integrated release.
  It should be noted that this data is no longer intended for use in live clinical systems.

  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).

  This release is aligned with the October 2012 SNOMED CT UK Edition release. The Copyright of SNOMED CT rests with the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation (IHTSDO). The UK Terminology Centre has been delegated authority to licence UK users to use SNOMED CT. Enquiries regarding licences for the use of SNOMED CT in applications within the UK should be directed to the Helpdesk (see contact details below).

  For the latest information about SNOMED Clinical Terms, browse our web site at:
  http://www.connectingforhealth.nhs.uk/systemsandservices/data/snomed

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

A Scottish Change report is available on request. Please contact datastandards@nhs.net

Further Information

For the October 2012 release and onward, new interventional procedure/disorder content will be authored in relevant chapters of Read Version 2 (Alpha and 7) even when out of scope of ICD/OPCS. For existing content, a small number of duplicates will be tolerated but not perpetuated with the production of future content.

Diagnostic imaging procedures are now included in the OPCS-4 classification, and therefore, in order to support cross-mapping, for the October 2012 release and onward, clinical imaging/diagnostic imaging procedures will usually be authored in Chapter 7, rather than Chapter 5, although there will be some unavoidable duplication of existing Chapter 5 content as above.

Requests and Feedback

Requests for new content or changes can be made via the web-based utility myCodePlace (http://www.rcr.nhs.uk/).

Enquiries

Any queries, requests for products or further information, should be directed to the UK Terminology Centre.

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