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This guide provides practical examples of SNOMED CT subsets that can be used to code a variety of COVID-19 related data elements, such as symptoms, risk factors and test results. These SNOMED CT subsets can be used to record, communicate and integrate clinical data related to COVID-19, for the purposes of healthcare service delivery, pandemic surveillance, international collaboration and retrospective data analysis. A set of computable SNOMED CT subset artefacts also accompanies this guide.

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1. Introduction

Background

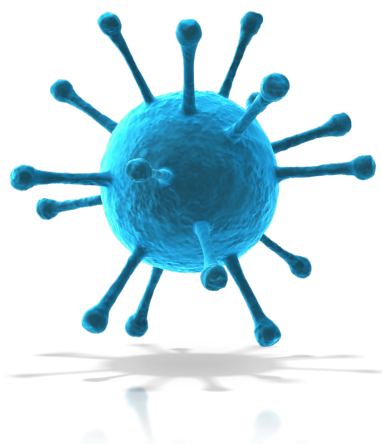
On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization formally characterized coronavirus, COVID-19, as a [global pandemic](#) and health systems globally are continuing their efforts to manage the outbreak. Coronavirus disease COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus.

As part of the global effort to manage and contain this global public health emergency, SNOMED International is doing their part to support care teams and researchers in their efforts to address its containment. SNOMED International took swift action by publishing a set of coronavirus related concepts in the January 31st 2020 International Edition of SNOMED CT, with updated descriptions and SNOMED CT to ICD-10 maps in the interim [March 2020 International Edition release](#). Since then, SNOMED International has published additional COVID-19 related content requested by the international community. This [SNOMED CT Coronavirus Content](#) will be made available as part of the [Global Patient Set \(GPS\)](#) in the September 2020 GPS release. In the meantime, this content is available and can be used under the same open license as the GPS, the [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License](#).

Purpose

As the global terminology for health, SNOMED CT can serve as a common language for recording, sharing, integrating and analyzing COVID-19 related data. This guide provides practical examples of SNOMED CT subsets that can be used to code a variety of COVID-19 related data elements, such as symptoms, risk factors and test results. These SNOMED CT subsets can be adapted to meet local requirements for healthcare service delivery, pandemic surveillance, international collaboration and retrospective data analysis. A set of computable [SNOMED CT subset artefacts](#) also accompanies this guide.

For more information on performing data analytics using SNOMED CT please refer to [Data Analytics with SNOMED CT](#). Additional guidance can be found in the [SNOMED CT Document Library](#).



Scope

The scope of this document has been guided by the collective needs and experiences of our SNOMED International Members.

The primary focus of the guide is to provide example SNOMED CT subsets for data elements covering the following key areas:

- [Provider and facility details](#) - e.g. healthcare profession, site of care, personal protective equipment

- [Patient demographics](#) - e.g. biological sex, foreign travel history, living arrangements
- [Clinical assessment](#) - e.g. symptoms, diagnosis, complications
- [Tests and procedures](#) - e.g. specimen, laboratory test results
- [Treatment and education](#) - e.g. vaccination, therapy

These subsets provide examples of SNOMED CT concepts that may be used to code data elements in national reporting requirements, as part of a healthcare data standard (e.g. a HL7 FHIR profile or openEHR archetype), or a newly developed information model (data set). Before they can be used in a production system, these subsets should be carefully reviewed and updated to ensure that they fully meet the requirements of the intended use case.

The example subsets included in this guide use concepts that are in (or are planned to be added to) the SNOMED CT International Edition. This provides a foundation for international collaboration and research on COVID-19. Some examples of SNOMED CT extension concepts, added in National Editions of SNOMED CT, are also provided for a number of data elements. Please note that all concepts referenced in this guide should be used only in implementations where the relevant Edition is deployed.

Audience

The primary audience of this guide is the SNOMED National Release Centers (NRCs), who themselves may be required to provide national or regional guidance to their local implementations during or after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Acknowledgments

This guide has been developed in collaboration with our SNOMED National Release Centers (NRCs) and other Member representatives. We would like to thank you all for sharing your knowledge and experience to collectively help in the development of this COVID-19 guide.

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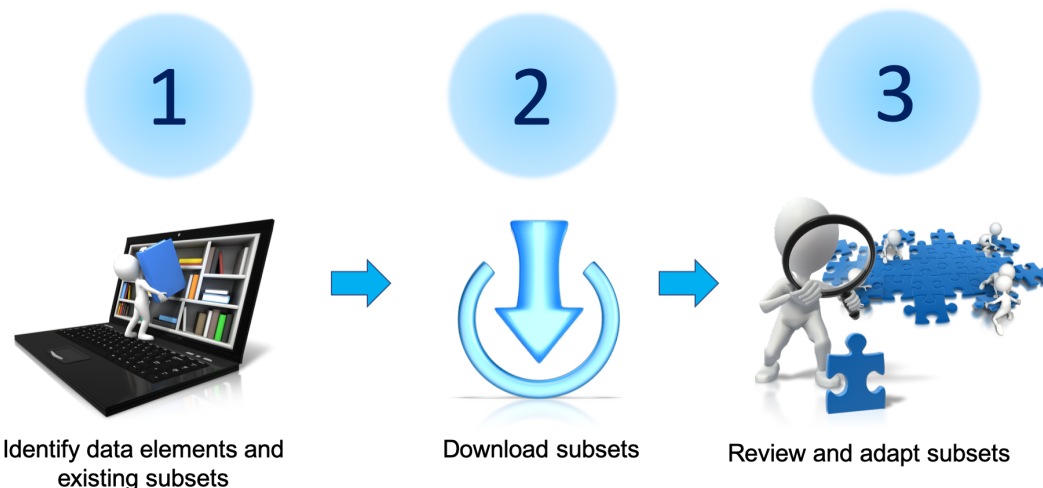
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1.1 How to Use this Guide

Overview

Any SNOMED CT subset used to code COVID-19 data should be designed based on its purpose and the context in which it will be used.

To make the process of planning and designing your SNOMED CT subsets more efficient and internationally consistent, we recommend the following three steps.



These three steps are explained in more detail below.

Step 1 - Identify Data Elements

The first step is to identify the data elements that may require SNOMED CT coding. These data elements may already be defined in national reporting requirements [1](#) [2](#) [3](#), as part of a healthcare data standard you are using (e.g. a HL7 FHIR profile [4](#) or openEHR archetypes [5](#)), or you may be developing a new information model (or data set) for this purpose. Your requirements for coded content will depend on your specific use case and the data items in your information model. In addition, different countries, regions, and hospitals may apply different clinical techniques or practices, which can also result in differing coding requirements. Therefore, deciding which subsets to implement requires clarification of the scope of content needed, by answering questions such as:

- What will your SNOMED CT subsets be used for?
 - Will they be used to capture new data in a clinical information system to support frontline service delivery?
 - Will they be used for disease surveillance?

- Will they be used to integrate data from various sources?
- Will they be used for international collaboration?
- Will they be used for retrospective analysis of data?
- Which data elements are required for your use case?
 - What coded data needs to be collected to support clinical care?
 - What coded data needs to be collected to provide disease surveillance?
 - What coded data needs to be shared between or integrated from different sources?
 - What coded data is required for international collaboration?
 - What coded data may be needed for retrospective data analysis?
- What existing subsets are available for the data elements of interest?
 - Where these subsets designed based on the same or compatible requirements?

Answering these questions will help in understanding which of the existing subsets are relevant for your context. It may also help to identify potential content gaps in the subsets, or extraneous concepts which are not required for your specific scenario. Please note that the questions above are provided for inspiration only. Additional questions specific to your use case are likely to be needed.

Step 2 - Download Subsets

The second step is to [download any available existing subsets](#) that are associated with your required data elements.

The example COVID-19 subsets in this guide can be downloaded from [Appendix A - Example Subsets](#).

Subset Naming Convention

The example COVID-19 subsets provided by SNOMED International have been named using the following convention.

- Subset Naming Convention Templates**
- SNOMED CT COVID-19 subsets: **CV19-*<category>*-*<subset>***
 - SNOMED CT COVID-19 subsets including subtypes of members: **CV19-*<category>*-*<subset>*-withSubtypes**

The table below shows some examples of subsets named using this convention.

Examples of Named Subset		
Category	Subset	Name
Provider and Facility Details (PFD)	Site of care subset	CV19-PFD-SiteOfCare
Patient Demographics (PAT)	Marital status subset	CV19-PAT-MaritalStatus
	Marital status subset including subtypes	CV19-PAT-MaritalStatus-withSubtypes
Clinical Assessment (ASS)	Symptoms subset	CV19-ASS-Symptoms
	Symptoms subset including subtypes	CV19-ASS-Symptoms-withSubtypes

Subset Categories

The international SNOMED CT subsets have been organized into a number of categories, based on groupings of data elements that are likely to be recorded together. The five categories identified are:

- [Provider and Facility Details \(PFD\)](#)
- [Patient Demographics \(PAT\)](#)
- [Clinical Assessment \(ASS\)](#)
- [Tests and Investigations \(INV\)](#)
- [Prevention, Treatment, and Education \(PTE\)](#)

Please follow the links above for information on the specific subsets within each category.

Subset Types

Some of the international subsets have been developed **intensionally**, while others have been developed **extensionally**. Please refer to the Practical Guide to Reference Sets, section [2.1.1. Subset Definitions](#) for information on the difference between intensionally and extensionally defined subsets.

For each extensionally-defined subset, where the members have subtypes, we provide two versions:

1. One subset which includes only the listed members. This version supports use cases (e.g. reporting, data integration) that require more abstract concepts.
2. One subset which includes the members listed **and** all the subtypes of each of these members. This version supports use cases that may require more specific values (e.g. data collection where more clinical detail is required).
 - Please note that this second type of subset is automatically generated from the corresponding subset with listed members. No manual curation has been performed, and therefore these subsets may contain concepts that are not relevant for the context of use.

Step 3 - Review and Adapt

The third step is to carefully review each international subset, and adapt it to meet your specific requirements. The subsets provided represent a collection of concepts that have been contributed from a range of SNOMED International Members. It is therefore important to review each subset member to:

1. Remove any concepts that are not required for your use case
2. Add any concepts missing from the subset that may be required for your specific use case
 - Please note, if the concept you require is not included in the SNOMED CT Edition you are using, please follow the content request processes in each country. For more information, refer to the relevant [SNOMED International Member page](#).
 - SNOMED International National Release Centers and other authorized users may request additions or changes to the SNOMED CT International Edition via the SNOMED CT Content Request Service. For more information, refer to the [CRS User Guide](#) or contact info@snomed.org.
3. Remove any concepts that are **not** included in the SNOMED CT versioned edition being used. This may involve
 - Checking the effective time of each international concept to ensure that it is less than or equal to the International Version used by your local SNOMED CT edition
 - Checking that any extension concepts are published in the SNOMED CT edition you are using
4. Ensure that your subset aligns with best practice principles for subset creation.
 - For example, this may involve checking that all members of the subset belong to a single hierarchy (in most cases), and that no two members subsume [subsume](#) each other (in most cases).
 - For more information, please watch our e-learning presentation on this topic - [Subset Creation Principles](#).

Unpublished Content

Please note that the subsets in this guide may include some unpublished content that is planned for a future SNOMED CT edition. This content should not be used until it has been officially published, as we cannot guarantee that the identifiers or terms will not change. For this reason, these unpublished concepts are not included in the downloadable versions of the subsets. Unpublished concepts are included in this guide to assist with planning (e.g. planning of national extensions).

Unpublished content is shown in this guide using grey, italic font on a pink background, as shown in the example below.

308906005	Secondary bacterial pneumonia (disorder)	Secondary bacterial pneumonia	20160131	-
75570004	Viral pneumonia (disorder)	Viral pneumonia	20130731	Yes
138389411000119105	Acute bronchitis caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Acute bronchitis caused by SARS-CoV-2	20200731	Yes
674814021000119106	Acute respiratory distress syndrome caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Acute respiratory distress syndrome caused by SARS-CoV-2	20200731	Yes

Unpublished concepts

Extension Content

In response to an immediate need for COVID-19-specific concepts, various Member countries have developed concepts within their national SNOMED CT Extensions. Some of these extension concepts are documented in this guide, for the interest of other Members, see [4. Extension Content for COVID-19](#). Please note, however, that extension concepts should only be used when the module in which they are published is included in the implemented SNOMED CT Edition. SNOMED CT extension concepts are not included in the subsets downloadable from the Reference Set tool.

Feedback

SNOMED International welcomes comments on this guide and suggestions for new or updated content. Please use the *Feedback* button at the bottom of each page to send us your feedback.

Footnotes

[1](#)

"Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)", Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/reporting-pui.html>

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Logica Implementation Guide: Covid-19 - Terminology Value Sets, U.S.

[5](#)

openEHR Clinical Knowledge Manager (COVID-19 incubator)

2. Coding COVID-19 Related Data

The collection of coded COVID-19 related data can be critical for frontline service delivery, pandemic surveillance, and retrospective data analysis.

The following table lists a collection of data elements for which SNOMED CT can be used to capture COVID-19 related data.



Data Group	Data Element
Provider and facility details (section 2.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare profession Site of care Health management finding Personal protective equipment
Patient demographics (section 2.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biological sex Gender identity Marital or partnership status Nationality Ethnic group Racial group Occupation Travel history Residential location type Next of kin relationship Living arrangements Care and support circumstances
Clinical assessment (section 2.3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptoms Severity Clinical measurements Clinical examination findings Diagnosis and certainty Secondary conditions and complications Potential risk factors Comorbidities Exposure event Covid-19 and viral co-infections
Tests and Investigations (section 2.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specimen Laboratory tests Radiology procedures Substances and virus Laboratory test results Other investigations

Data Group	Data Element
Prevention, treatment and education (section 2.5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention • Prevention findings • Education • Medication • Administrative procedures • Therapeutic procedures • Treatment findings • Treatment equipment
Note	
The SNOMED CT subsets are provided as a guide only, and may need to be constrained or extended to meet local requirements.	

2.1 Provider and Facility Details

Information about the healthcare providers and facilities involved with the investigation, treatment, and care of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are usually recorded in electronic health records. The monitoring of medical equipment availability at healthcare facilities, such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and respiratory devices, is also of utmost importance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Relevant details, which can be recorded using SNOMED CT include:

- [Healthcare profession](#)
- [Site of care](#)
- [Health management finding](#)
- [Personal protective equipment](#)

These data elements are described below, with example SNOMED CT subsets for each.



2.1.1 Healthcare Profession

The healthcare profession is the occupation or qualification of the healthcare provider who is involved in the investigation, treatment, care or education of the patient - for example [224547003 |Intensive therapy nurse \(occupation\)|](#) or [76899008 |Infectious disease specialist \(occupation\)|](#).

CV19-PFD-HealthcareProfession

Intensional Definition:

< 223366009 |Healthcare professional (occupation)|

2.1.2 Site of Care

The site of care refers to the location of the specific investigation, treatment or care setting - for example 22232009 |Hospital (environment)| , 309904001 |Intensive care unit (environment)| , or 702917005 |Respiratory disease clinic (environment)| .

CV19-PFD-SiteOfCare

Intensional Definition:

< 43741000 |Site of care (environment)|
 OR << 224884006 |Location within hospital premises (environment)|
 OR << 441480003 |Primary care department (environment)|
 OR << 440654001 |Inpatient environment (environment)|
 OR << 440655000 |Outpatient environment (environment)|
 OR << 272497004 |Residential environment (environment)|

2.1.3 Health Management Finding

Health management finding includes concepts that describe the circumstances which affect whether the planned patient outcomes are attained, that different areas within a health organization are running appropriately, that tasks are correctly defined and assessed and that resources are used efficiently. -for example 305456005 |Under care of own general practitioner (finding)| , 706877002 |Problem with high complexity of treatment regime (finding)| or 129837009 |Ineffective protection (finding)| .

CV19-PFD-HealthManagementFinding

Intensional Definition:

< 129843006 |Health management finding (finding)|

2.1.4 Personal Protective Equipment

Personal protective equipment is protective clothing, or other garments or equipment designed to protect the wearer's body from injury or infection - for example 409528009 |Surgical face mask (physical object)| and 255716002 |Latex rubber gloves (physical object)|

CV19-PFD-PersonalProtectiveEquipment

Intensional Definition:

<< 409526008 |Personal protective equipment (physical object)|
 OR << 6919005 |Protective clothing material, device (physical object)|
 OR << 706724001 |Face shield (physical object)|
 OR << 261382003 |Mask (physical object)|
 OR << 52291003 |Glove, device (physical object)|
 OR << 15922004 |Gown, device (physical object)|
 OR << 706154004 |Shoe cover (physical object)|
 OR << 465982004 |Surgical hood (physical object)|

2.2 Patient Demographics

General demographic characteristics are important to record for each patient being investigated or treated for COVID-19. Relevant patient demographics, which can be recorded using SNOMED CT includes:

- [Biological sex](#)
- [Gender identity](#)
- [Marital or partnership status](#)
- [Nationality](#)

- Ethnic group
- Racial group
- Occupation
- Travel history
- Residential location type
- Next of kin relationship
- Living arrangements
- Care and support circumstances

These data elements are described below, with example SNOMED CT subsets for each.



2.2.1 Sex and Gender

Multiple types of sex and/or gender are recorded in clinical practice, including biological sex and gender identity. [1](#)

SNOMED CT supports the distinction between biological sex (e.g. 248152002 |Female (finding)|) and gender identity (e.g. 703118005 |Feminine gender (finding)|), as shown in the two subset definitions below.

CV19-PAT-BiologicalSex
Intensional Definition:
< 429019009 Finding related to biological sex (finding)
MINUS << 302081005 Finding of sex of baby (finding)

CV19-PAT-GenderIdentity
Intensional Definition:
< 365873007 Gender finding (finding)

2.2.2 Marital or Partnership Status

The marital or partnership status of a patient describes their legal, civil or personal relationship with their significant other, for example 87915002 |Married (finding)|.

CV19-PAT-MaritalOrPartnershipStatus
Intensional Definition: < 365581002 Finding of marital or partnership status (finding)

2.2.3 Nationality

Nationality refers to a particular legal relationship between an individual person and a *sovereign state*. The nationality of a patient may refer to the nation in which they were born, have citizenship, or have other legal ties - for example 223610001 |Jordan (geographic location)| or 223625001 |New Zealand (geographic location)|.

CV19-PAT-Nationality
Intensional Definition: < 223369002 Country (geographic location)

2.2.4 Ethnic Group

The ethnic group (or ethnicity) of a patient is the social or cultural group with whom they identify - for example, 33897005 |Chinese (ethnic group)| or 735001008 |Scandinavian (ethnic group)|.

CV19-PAT-EthnicGroup

Intensional Definition:

< 372148003 |Ethnic group (ethnic group)|

2.2.5 Racial Group

The racial group (or race) of a patient is the group (or groups) with whom they share inherited physical characteristics - for example, 414408004 |Hispanic (racial group)| or 413773004 |Caucasian (racial group)| .

CV19-PAT-RacialGroup
Intensional Definition:

< 415229000 |Racial group (racial group)|

2.2.6 Occupation

Occupation is the patient's job or profession - for example, 158942005 |Residential child care worker (occupation)| or 308223007 |Hairdresser (occupation)|.

CV19-PAT-Occupation
Intensional Definition:

< 14679004 |Occupation (occupation)|

2.2.7 Travel History

The travel history of a patient is a record of their past visits to locations both inside and outside their country of residence. This may include a list of the specific countries and/or regions that they have travelled to (e.g. 223498002 |Africa (geographic location)| or 223585008 |South east Asian country (geographic location)|), or a descriptive travel history finding (e.g. 161090005 |Travel abroad for business (finding)|).

CV19-PAT-TravelHistory
Intensional Definition:

< 223496003 |Geographical and/or political region of the world (geographic location)|

OR < 365457007 |Foreign travel history finding (finding)|

OR < 420008001 |Travel (event)|

2.2.8 Residential Location Type

The residential location type is the type of place in which the patient is currently living, or was living prior to admission to hospital - for example, 257564005 |Apartment (environment)| or 257670006 |Private house (environment)|.

CV19-PAT-ResidentialLocationType
Intensional Definition:

< 272497004 |Residential environment (environment)|

2.2.9 Next of Kin Relationship

The next of kin relationship is the relationship that the patient has with their closest living relative (as chosen by the patient) - for example 444053001 |Husband of subject (person)| or 444301002 |Mother of subject (person)|.

CV19-PAT-NextOfKinRelationship
Intensional Definition:

< 444148008 |Person in family of subject (person)|

2.2.10 Living Arrangements

The living arrangements of the patient describes the familial and non-familial relationships of a person to all the other people with whom they usually reside - for example 105529008 |Lives alone (finding)| or 224133007 |Lives with family (finding)|.

CV19-PAT-LivingArrangements

Intensional Definition:

< 365481000 |Finding of household composition (finding)|

2.2.11 Care and Support Circumstances

The care and support circumstances of the patient describe how and by whom they are looked after when living at their usual place of residence - for example 427454004 |Cared for by neighbors (finding)| or 301887005 |Needs assistance at home (finding)|.

CV19-PAT-CareAndSupportCircumstances

Intensional Definition:

< 365483002 |Finding related to care and support circumstances and networks (finding)|

Footnotes

[1](#)

<https://confluence.hl7.org/display/VOC/The+Gender+Harmony+Project>

2.3 Clinical Assessment

The first step in delivering comprehensive care is to undertake a clinical assessment. Clinical assessment data which can be recorded using SNOMED CT includes:

- [Symptoms](#)
- [Severity](#)
- [Clinical Measurements](#)
- [Clinical Examination Findings](#)
- [Diagnosis and Certainty](#)
- [Clinical History](#)
- [Secondary Conditions and Complications](#)
- [Potential Risk Factors](#)
- [Comorbidities](#)
- [Exposure Event](#)
- [Covid-19 and Viral Co-Infections](#)

These data elements are described below, with example SNOMED CT subsets for each.

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2.3.1 Symptoms

Symptoms represent physical or mental features which are regarded as an indication of a condition or disease, particularly those features that are apparent to the patient. This SNOMED CT subset of COVID-19 symptoms has been developed based on a range of literature, including relevant articles found in Pubmed [1](#), research performed by Kings College London [2](#), and a review of COVID-19 data collection forms (e.g. [3](#)). Please note that this subset includes the concept 84387000 |Asymptomatic (finding)|, which can be used to represent the absence of symptoms.

CV19-ASS-Symptoms			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
21522001	Abdominal pain (finding)	Abdominal pain	20050131
84387000	Asymptomatic (finding)	Asymptomatic	20020131
131148009	Bleeding (finding)	Bleeding	20050131
29857009	Chest pain (finding)	Chest pain	20040731
43724002	Chill (finding)	Chill	20020131
82272006	Common cold (disorder)	Common cold	20030131
9826008	Conjunctivitis (disorder)	Conjunctivitis	20040731
49727002	Cough (finding)	Cough	20020131
3415004	Cyanosis (finding)	Cyanosis	20020131
62315008	Diarrhea (finding)	Diarrhea	20020131
3006004	Disturbance of consciousness (finding)	Disturbance of consciousness	20020131
267036007	Dyspnea (finding)	Dyspnea	20020131
271807003	Eruption of skin (disorder)	Eruption	20020731
84229001	Fatigue (finding)	Fatigue	20020131
103001002	Feeling feverish (finding)	Feeling feverish	20020131
386661006	Fever (finding)	Fever	20030131
25064002	Headache (finding)	Headache	20100131
66857006	Hemoptysis (finding)	Hemoptysis	20020131

248567008	Indrawing of ribs during respiration (finding)	Indrawing of ribs during respiration	20020131
57676002	Joint pain (finding)	Joint pain	20020131
79890006	Loss of appetite (finding)	Loss of appetite	20020131
44169009	Loss of sense of smell (finding)	Loss of sense of smell	20200131
36955009	Loss of taste (finding)	Loss of taste	20020131
30746006	Lymphadenopathy (disorder)	Lymphadenopathy	20020131
367391008	Malaise (finding)	Malaise	20020131
68962001	Muscle pain (finding)	Muscle pain	20020131
26544005	Muscle weakness (finding)	Muscle weakness	20020131
68235000	Nasal congestion (finding)	Nasal congestion	20020131
64531003	Nasal discharge (finding)	Nasal discharge	20020131
422587007	Nausea (finding)	Nausea	20070131
44077006	Numbness (finding)	Numbness	20170731
162397003	Pain in throat (finding)	Pain in throat	20020131
38880002	Rigor (finding)	Rigor	20020131
91175000	Seizure (finding)	Seizure	20020131
46742003	Skin ulcer (disorder)	Skin ulcer	20020131
23924001	Tight chest (finding)	Tight chest	20020131
282145008	Unable to walk (finding)	Unable to walk	20080731
422400008	Vomiting (disorder)	Vomiting	20180731
56018004	Wheezing (finding)	Wheezing	20020131

2.3.2 Severity

Severity represents the quality of the condition - for example, 24484000 |Severe (severity modifier) (qualifier value)|. Severity may be recorded for each symptom, or as a general statement of their disease state ⁴.

CV19-ASS-Severity			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
84387000	Asymptomatic (finding)	Asymptomatic	20020131
255604002	Mild (qualifier value)	Mild	20020131
6736007	Moderate (severity modifier) (qualifier value)	Moderate	20020131
24484000	Severe (severity modifier) (qualifier value)	Severe	20020131
442452003	Life threatening severity (qualifier value)	Life threatening severity	20090731

2.3.3 Clinical Measurements

Clinical measurements involve the performance of physiological tests to diagnose and refine therapeutic management of an already established disease. The following clinical measurements (and related observables) can be used in the assessment of a COVID-19 patient.

CV19-ASS-ClinicalMeasurements			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
413384008	Ability to perform cognitive activity (observable entity)	Ability to perform cognitive activity	20050131
442476006	Arterial oxygen saturation (observable entity)	Arterial oxygen saturation	20090731

CV19-ASS-ClinicalMeasurements			
386725007	Body temperature (observable entity)	Body temperature	20170131
75367002	Blood pressure (observable entity)	Blood pressure	20170131
248592006	Character of cough (observable entity)	Character of cough	20020131
364533002	Color of skin (observable entity)	Color of skin	20020131
709017009	Compliance behavior to safety precaution (observable entity)	Compliance behavior to safety precaution	20150731
263731006	Coughing (observable entity)	Coughing	20020131
271626009	Depth of respiration (observable entity)	Depth of respiration	20020131
226379006	Food intake (observable entity)	Food intake	20020131
364075005	Heart rate (observable entity)	Heart rate	20170131
103228002	Hemoglobin saturation with oxygen (observable entity)	Hemoglobin saturation with oxygen	20020131
6942003	Level of consciousness (observable entity)	Level of consciousness	20020131
440398005	Level of fatigue (observable entity)	Level of fatigue	20090131
405161002	Pain level (observable entity)	Pain level	20040131
248750004	Peripheral blood flow (observable entity)	Peripheral blood flow	20020131
431314004	Peripheral oxygen saturation (observable entity)	Peripheral oxygen saturation	20080731
8499008	Pulse, function (observable entity)	Pulse	20020131
248565000	Respiratory effort (observable entity)	Respiratory effort	20020131
86290005	Respiratory rate (observable entity)	Respiratory rate	20170131
248582003	Rhythm of respiration (observable entity)	Rhythm of respiration	20020131
247433003	Skin elasticity (observable entity)	Skin elasticity	20020131
248598005	Sputum volume (observable entity)	Sputum volume	20020131
442349007	Venous oxygen saturation (observable entity)	Venous oxygen saturation	20090731

2.3.4 Clinical Examination Findings

Clinical examination findings are the result of measuring, questioning, evaluating, or otherwise examining a patient in healthcare. The following clinical findings are positive or negative indications that signs are present in a COVID-19 patient.

CV19-ASS-ClinicalExaminationFindings			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
288848001	Able to breathe (finding)	Able to breathe	20080731
77427003	Activity intolerance (finding)	Activity intolerance	20020131
20262006	Ataxia (finding)	Ataxia	20020131
371632003	Coma (disorder)	Coma	20020731
193894004	Conjunctival hyperemia (finding)	Conjunctival hyperemia	20100131
58840004	Decreased breath sounds (finding)	Decreased breath sounds	20020131
443371007	Decreased level of consciousness (finding)	Decreased level of consciousness	20100131
9763007	Expiratory wheezing (finding)	Expiratory wheezing	20020131
126664009	Exudative pharyngitis (disorder)	Exudative pharyngitis	20020131
386661006	Fever (finding)	Fever	20030131

CV19-ASS-ClinicalExaminationFindings			
442646005	Imaging of lung abnormal (finding)	Imaging of lung abnormal	20090731
67750007	Ineffective airway clearance (finding)	Ineffective airway clearance	20020131
70944005	Impaired gas exchange (finding)	Impaired gas exchange	20080731
75252003	Inspiratory crackles (finding)	Inspiratory crackles	20020131
419045004	Loss of consciousness (finding)	Loss of consciousness	20060131
274710003	Lung field abnormal (finding)	Lung field abnormal	20020131
91175000	Seizure (finding)	Seizure	20020131
3424008	Tachycardia (finding)	Tachycardia	20080731
271823003	Tachypnea (finding)	Tachypnea	20020131
288849009	Unable to breathe (finding)	Unable to breathe	20080731

2.3.5 Diagnosis and Certainty

A diagnosis is the identification of the nature of the illness, based on an examination of the symptoms, observations, measurements, test results and other investigation results. The following subset includes a range of diagnoses directly related to COVID-19.

CV19-ASS-Diagnosis			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
1119302008	Acute disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Acute COVID-19	20210131
189486241000119100	Asymptomatic severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 infection (finding)	Asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2	20200731
840539006	Disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	COVID-19	20200131
688232241000119100	Disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 absent (situation)	Disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 absent	20200731
840544004	Suspected disease caused by severe acute respiratory coronavirus 2 (situation)	Suspected COVID-19	20200131

To represent the certainty of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, the following subset may be used in conjunction with a diagnosis of 840539006 |COVID-19|.

CV19-ASS-DiagnosisPresentCertainty			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
410605003	Confirmed present (qualifier value)	Confirmed present	20040731
410592001	Probably present (qualifier value)	Probably present	20040731
415684004	Suspected (qualifier value)	Suspected	20050131

To represent the certainty of the absence of COVID-19, the following subset may be used in conjunction with a diagnosis of 688232241000119100 |Disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 absent (situation)|.

CV19-ASS-DiagnosisAbsentCertainty			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
410594000	Definitely NOT present (qualifier value)	Definitely NOT present	20040731
410593006	Probably NOT present (qualifier value)	Probably NOT present	20040731

2.3.6 Clinical History

The clinical history concepts are used to record information gained by a physician by asking specific questions, either of the patient or of other people who know the person and can give suitable information,

with the aim of obtaining information useful in formulating a diagnosis and providing medical care to the patient.

CV19-ASS-ClinicalHistory				
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time	In GPS
292508471000119105	History of disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (situation)	History of SARS-CoV-2	20200731	-

2.3.7 Secondary Conditions and Complications

A secondary condition is any additional health condition that occurs as a result of the natural progression or expected outcome of the primary condition. A complication is "a disorder caused by another disorder, procedure or event, which is not a natural progression or expected outcome of its cause [5](#).

The following subset includes SNOMED CT clinical findings that may be recorded as either secondary conditions or complications [6](#). Clinical judgement is required to determine whether these conditions are expected outcomes or unexpected complications of COVID-19.

CV19-ASS-SecondaryConditionsAndComplications			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
138389411000119105	Acute bronchitis caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Acute bronchitis caused by SARS-CoV-2	20200731
870590002	Acute hypoxemic respiratory failure due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Acute hypoxemic respiratory failure due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	20200731
870589006	Acute kidney injury due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Acute kidney injury due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	20200731
373895009	Acute respiratory distress (finding)	Acute respiratory distress	20020731
67782005	Acute respiratory distress syndrome (disorder)	Acute respiratory distress syndrome	20020131
674814021000119106	Acute respiratory distress syndrome due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Acute respiratory distress syndrome due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	20200731
64779008	Blood coagulation disorder (disorder)	Blood coagulation disorder	20020731
119731000146105	Cardiomyopathy due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome virus 2 (disorder)	Cardiomyopathy due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome virus 2	20200731
62914000	Cerebrovascular disease (disorder)	Cerebrovascular disease	20020131
1119304009	Chronic post-COVID-19 syndrome (disorder)	Chronic post-COVID-19 syndrome	20210131
119741000146102	Conjunctivitis due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Conjunctivitis due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	20200731
710027002	Cytokine-associated toxicity (disorder)	Cytokine release syndrome	20150731
419099009	Dead (finding)	Dead	20060131
128053003	Deep venous thrombosis (disorder)	Deep venous thrombosis	20020131
34095006	Dehydration (disorder)	Dehydration	20020131
67406007	Disseminated intravascular coagulation (disorder)	Disseminated intravascular coagulation	20020131
3006004	Disturbance of consciousness (finding)	Disturbance of consciousness	20020131

CV19-ASS-SecondaryConditionsAndComplications			
119981000146107	Dyspnea caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Dyspnea caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	20200731
1240561000000108	Encephalopathy due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome virus 2 (disorder)	Encephalopathy due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome virus 2	20200731
119751000146104	Fever caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Fever caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	20200731
25374005	Gastroenteritis (disorder)	Gastroenteritis	20020131
56265001	Heart disease (disorder)	Heart disease	20020131
80394007	Hyperglycemia (disorder)	Hyperglycemia	20020131
389086002	Hypoxia (disorder)	Hypoxia	20030131
70944005	Impaired gas exchange (finding)	Impaired gas exchange	20080731
1240541000000107	Infection of upper respiratory tract caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Infection of upper respiratory tract caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	20200731
90708001	Kidney disease (disorder)	Kidney disease	20020731
880529761000119102	Lower respiratory infection caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Lower respiratory infection caused by SARS-CoV-2	20200731
866151004	Lymphocytopenia due to Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Lymphocytopenia due to Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	20200731
59455009	Metabolic acidosis (disorder)	Metabolic acidosis	20020131
57653000	Multiple organ failure (disorder)	Multiple organ failure	20020131
1240531000000103	Myocarditis due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome virus 2 (disorder)	Myocarditis due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome virus 2	20200731
1240521000000100	Otitis media due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome virus 2 (disorder)	Otitis media due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome virus 2	20200731
183676005	Died in hospital (finding)	Died in hospital	20020131
882784691000119100	Pneumonia caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Pneumonia caused by SARS-CoV-2	20200731
1119303003	Post-acute COVID-19 (disorder)	Post-acute COVID-19	20210131
870591003	Rhabdomyolysis due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Rhabdomyolysis due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	20200731
302846007	Rhabdomyoma (disorder)	Rhabdomyoma	20040731
308906005	Secondary bacterial pneumonia (disorder)	Secondary bacterial pneumonia	20160131
91302008	Sepsis (disorder)	Sepsis	20200131
870588003	Sepsis due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Sepsis due to disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	20200731
76571007	Septic shock (disorder)	Septic shock	20050131
415623008	Stress ulcer (disorder)	Stress ulcer	20050131
238149007	Systemic inflammatory response syndrome (disorder)	Systemic inflammatory response syndrome	20020131
866152006	Thrombocytopenia due to Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	Thrombocytopenia due to Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	20200731
429340002	Traumatic injury of skeletal muscle (disorder)	Traumatic injury of skeletal muscle	20080131

CV19-ASS-SecondaryConditionsAndComplications			
75570004	Viral pneumonia (disorder)	Viral pneumonia	20130731
1017214008	Viremia caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	SARS-CoV-2 viremia	20210131

2.3.8 Potential Risk Factors

Potential risk factors are the patient conditions which may influence the course or outcomes of the COVID-19 disease. The following clinical findings may be recorded as potential risk factors [3](#) [7](#) [8](#).

CV19-ASS-RiskFactors			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
78648007	At risk for infection (finding)	At risk for infection	20020131
27624003	Chronic disease (disorder)	Chronic disease	20020131
49601007	Disorder of cardiovascular system (disorder)	Disorder of cardiovascular system	20020131
414029004	Disorder of immune function (disorder)	Disorder of immune function	20190131
235856003	Disorder of liver (disorder)	Disorder of liver	20020131
118940003	Disorder of nervous system (disorder)	Disorder of nervous system	20020131
50043002	Disorder of respiratory system (disorder)	Disorder of respiratory system	20020131
722499006	Electronic cigarette user (finding)	Electronic cigarette user	20170131
8517006	Ex-smoker (finding)	Ex-smoker	20020131
80141007	Hemoglobinopathy (disorder)	Hemoglobinopathy	20020131
107921000119107	History of immune disorder (situation)	History of immune disorder	20150731
90708001	Kidney disease (disorder)	Kidney disease	20020731
363346000	Malignant neoplastic disease (disorder)	Malignant neoplastic disease	20020131
75934005	Metabolic disease (disorder)	Metabolic disease	20020131
414825006	Neoplasm of hematopoietic cell type (disorder)	Neoplasm of hematopoietic cell type	20050131
414915002	Obese (finding)	Obese	20050131
370388006	Patient immunocompromised (finding)	Patient immunocompromised	20020731
370391006	Patient immunosuppressed (finding)	Patient immunosuppressed	20020731
77386006	Pregnant (finding)	Pregnant	20020131
77176002	Smoker (finding)	Smoker	20020131

Similarly, procedures performed on the patient within a clinically relevant timeframe may also influence the course or outcomes of the COVID-19 disease. The following procedures may be recorded as potential risk factors [8](#).

CV19-ASS-ProcedureRiskFactors			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
367336001	Chemotherapy (procedure)	Chemotherapy	20020131
788751009	Corticosteroid and corticosteroid derivative therapy (procedure)	Corticosteroid and corticosteroid derivative therapy	20200131
234336002	Hemopoietic stem cell transplant (procedure)	Hemopoietic stem cell transplant	20050131
86553008	Immunosuppressive therapy (procedure)	Immunosuppressive therapy	20020131

CV19-ASS-ProcedureRiskFactors			
76334006	Immunotherapy (procedure)	Immunological therapy	20020131
108290001	Radiation oncology AND/OR radiotherapy (procedure)	Radiation oncology AND/OR radiotherapy	20020131
312235007	Radiolabeled antibody therapy (procedure)	Radiolabeled antibody therapy	20020131
265764009	Renal dialysis (procedure)	Renal dialysis	20020131
313039003	Solid organ transplant (procedure)	Solid organ transplant	20060731

2.3.9 Comorbidities

Comorbidities are additional medical conditions of concern. The following SNOMED CT subset can be used to record comorbidities.

CV19-ASS-Comorbidities
<p>Intensional Definition:</p> <p>Intensional Definition: < 64572001 Disease (disorder) </p>

2.3.10 Exposure

An exposure event is when an individual comes into close contact with an infected person's contaminated droplets, carried in the air or on contaminated hands, surfaces or other objects. The subset below includes SNOMED CT events for recording exposure to COVID-19.

CV19-ASS-ExposureEvent			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
840546002	Exposure to severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (event)	Exposure to SARS-CoV-2	20200131
897036007	Occupational exposure to Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (event)	Occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2	20210131

An exposure finding is the result of an observation or evaluation that relates to the patient's exposure to an infection. The subset below includes SNOMED CT findings relating to COVID-19 exposure.

CV19-ASS-ExposureFinding			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
870577009	At increased risk of exposure to severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (finding)	At increased risk of exposure to severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	20200731

2.3.11 Covid-19 and Viral Co-Infections

The following organism should be used when recording the organism causing COVID-19 infections.

CV19-ASS-Organism			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
840533007	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (organism)	SARS-CoV-2	20200131

The following organisms can be used to record the cause of related viral co-infections.

CV19-ASS-ViralCoInfections
<p>Definition:</p>
<p>Intensional Definition: << 49872002 Virus (organism) MINUS 840533007 Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (organism) </p>

Footnotes

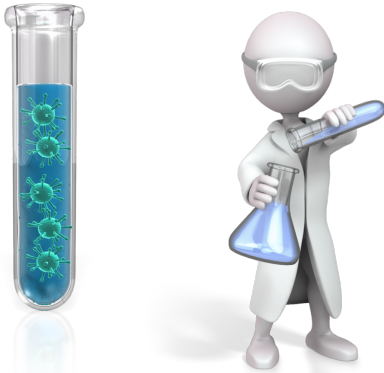
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[COVID-19 - High Risk Shielded Patient List Identification Methodology - Clinical Inclusion Criteria, NHS, UK](#)

2.4 Tests and Investigations

Laboratory testing for COVID-19 and the associated SARS-CoV-2 virus includes methods that detect the presence of the virus and antibodies produced in response to infection, in specimen samples taken from potentially infected individuals. Test and investigation data which can be recorded using SNOMED CT includes:

- [Specimen](#)
- [Laboratory Tests](#)
- [Radiology Procedures](#)
- [Substances and Virus](#)
- [Laboratory Test Results](#)
- [Other Investigations](#)

These data elements are described below, with example SNOMED CT subsets for each.



2.4.1 Specimen

Specimens are samples of substances taken from an individual for testing - for example [258500001 | Nasopharyngeal swab \(specimen\)](#) or [119339001 | Stool specimen \(specimen\)](#). The following specimens may be relevant to COVID-19 testing in one or more countries affected by the virus. [1](#)

CV19-INV-Specimen				
	Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
*	697989009	Anterior nares swab (specimen)	Anterior nares swab	20140131
	119297000	Blood specimen (specimen)	Blood specimen	20040731
*	258607008	Bronchoalveolar lavage fluid sample (specimen)	Bronchoalveolar lavage fluid sample	20080731
*	122554006	Capillary blood specimen (specimen)	Capillary blood specimen	20080731
*	119294007	Dried blood specimen (specimen)	Dried blood specimen	20020131
	168137004	Gastric aspirate sample (specimen)	Gastric aspirate sample	20060131
	258606004	Lower respiratory sample (specimen)	Lower respiratory sample	20080731
	258411007	Nasopharyngeal aspirate (specimen)	Nasopharyngeal aspirate	20080731
	258500001	Nasopharyngeal swab (specimen)	Nasopharyngeal swab	20080731
	258412000	Oropharyngeal aspirate (specimen)	Oropharyngeal aspirate	20080731
	418564007	Pleural fluid specimen (specimen)	Pleural fluid specimen	20080731
	119342007	Saliva specimen (specimen)	Saliva specimen	20040731
*	119364003	Serum specimen (specimen)	Serum specimen	20050131
	734427005	Specimen from duodenum obtained by aspiration (specimen)	Specimen from duodenum obtained by aspiration	20180131
	122610009	Specimen from lung obtained by biopsy (specimen)	Specimen from lung obtained by biopsy	20080731
	445447003	Specimen from trachea obtained by aspiration (specimen)	Specimen from trachea obtained by aspiration	20100731
	119334006	Sputum specimen (specimen)	Sputum specimen	20080731
	119339001	Stool specimen (specimen)	Stool specimen	20030731
*	472901003	Swab from nasal sinus (specimen)	Swab from nasal sinus	20130131
	445297001	Swab of internal nose (specimen)	Swab of internal nose	20100731

CV19-INV-Specimen				
*	871810001	Swab specimen from nasal mid-turbinate (specimen)	Mid-turbinate nasal swab	20200731
	461911000124106	Swab specimen from oropharynx (specimen)	Oropharyngeal swab	20200731
	258529004	Throat swab (specimen)	Throat swab	20080731
	122877000	Upper respiratory fluid specimen obtained by tracheal aspiration (specimen)	Upper respiratory fluid specimen obtained by tracheal aspiration	20040731
	309164002	Upper respiratory swab sample (specimen)	Upper respiratory swab sample	20080731
	122575003	Urine specimen (specimen)	Urine specimen	20080731
*	258580003	Whole blood sample (specimen)	Whole blood sample	20080731

- The specimens prefixed with a star '*' are a subtype of another member of this subset.

2.4.2 Laboratory Tests

Laboratory tests can be performed to detect the presence of the COVID-19 virus and antibodies produced in response to this virus. The following SNOMED CT concepts can be used to record laboratory tests that may be performed during the investigation process. [2](#)

CV19-INV-LaboratoryTests			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
60170009	Analysis of arterial blood gases and pH (procedure)	Analysis of arterial blood gases and pH	20020131
444077007	Analysis using reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction technique (procedure)	Analysis using reverse transcriptase PCR	20100131
61911006	Blood gases, venous measurement (procedure)	Blood gases, venous measurement	20020131
871555000	Detection of ribonucleic acid of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (observable entity)	Detection of ribonucleic acid of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	20200731
871559006	Detection of ribonucleic acid of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 in bronchoalveolar lavage fluid (observable entity)	Detection of ribonucleic acid of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 in bronchoalveolar lavage fluid	20200731
871556004	Detection of ribonucleic acid of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 in nasopharyngeal swab (observable entity)	Detection of ribonucleic acid of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 in nasopharyngeal swab	20200731
871557008	Detection of ribonucleic acid of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 in oropharyngeal swab (observable entity)	Detection of ribonucleic acid of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 in oropharyngeal swab	20200731
871558003	Detection of ribonucleic acid of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 in sputum (observable entity)	Detection of ribonucleic acid of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 in sputum	20200731
871560001	Detection of ribonucleic acid of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 using polymerase chain reaction (observable entity)	Detection of ribonucleic acid of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 using polymerase chain reaction	20200731
871562009	Detection of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (observable entity)	Detection of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2	20200731

CV19-INV-LaboratoryTests			
871553007	Detection of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen (observable entity)	Detection of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen	20200731
76978006	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (procedure)	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	20080731
30662005	Fluorescent immunoassay (procedure)	Fluorescent immunoassay	20020131
414464004	Immunoassay method (procedure)	Immunoassay method	20050131
1240461000000109	Measurement of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antibody (observable entity)	Measurement of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antibody	20200731
1240471000000102	Measurement of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen (observable entity)	Measurement of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen	20200731
122435008	Measurement of viral antibody (procedure)	Measurement of viral antibody	20100131
9718006	Polymerase chain reaction analysis (procedure)	Polymerase chain reaction analysis	20080731
122433001	Viral antigen assay (procedure)	Viral antigen assay	20050131
118147004	Viral nucleic acid assay (procedure)	Viral nucleic acid assay	20020131
88667002	Viral serologic study (procedure)	Viral serologic study	20150131

2.4.3 Radiology Procedures

Radiology procedures are procedures that obtain images of the inside of the body. The following SNOMED CT concepts may be used to record radiology procedures that may be performed during the investigation and treatment of suspected or confirmed Covid-19 patients.

CV19-INV-RadiologyProcedures			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
1633284100 0119106	Computed tomography angiography of pulmonary artery with contrast (procedure)	CT angiography of pulmonary artery with contrast	20170131
169069000	Computed tomography of chest (procedure)	CT of chest	20040731
399208008	Plain chest X-ray (procedure)	Plain chest X-ray	20050131
88628008	Ultrasonography of lung (procedure)	Ultrasonography of lung	20020131

2.4.4 Substances and Virus

An antibody is a protective protein produced by the immune system in response to the presence of a foreign substance, called an antigen. The following antibody/antigen and virus organism concepts can be used to record the focus of a COVID-19 investigation.

CV19-INV-SubstancesAndVirus			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
840535000	Antibody to severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (substance)	Antibody to SARS-CoV-2	20200131
840536004	Antigen of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (substance)	Antigen of SARS-CoV-2	20200131
870361009	Immunoglobulin G antibody to Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (substance)	SARS-CoV-2 IgG	20200731
870362002	Immunoglobulin M antibody to Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (substance)	SARS-CoV-2 IgM	20200731

CV19-INV-SubstancesAndVirus			
1119343008	Messenger ribonucleic acid of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (substance)	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 mRNA	20210131
1240411000000107	Ribonucleic acid of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (substance)	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 RNA	20200731
840533007	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (organism)	SARS-CoV-2	20200131

2.4.5 Laboratory Test Results

Laboratory test results are used to specify whether the Laboratory test focus was detected or not detected following the conducted laboratory test. The following qualifier values may be used for this purpose.

CV19-INV-LabTestResults			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
260373001	Detected (qualifier value)	Detected	20020131
419984006	Inconclusive (qualifier value)	Inconclusive	20060131
260415000	Not detected (qualifier value)	Not detected	20020131
895231008	Not detected in pooled specimen (qualifier value)	Not detected in pooled specimen	20200731
897035006	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antibody test negative (finding)	SARS-CoV-2 antibody test negative	20210131
897034005	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antibody test positive (finding)	SARS-CoV-2 antibody test positive	20210131
1240581000000104	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 detected (finding)	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 detected	20200731
1240591000000102	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 not detected (finding)	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 not detected	20200731
125154007	Specimen unsatisfactory for evaluation (finding)	Specimen unsatisfactory for evaluation	20020131

2.4.6 Other Investigations

Other investigative procedures - e.g. 719410009 |[Consultation via video conference \(procedure\)](#)| and 386472008 |[Telephone consultation \(procedure\)](#)| and 243791004 |[Viral screening \(procedure\)](#)| and 29303009 |[Electrocardiographic procedure \(procedure\)](#)|- may be performed to assess a COVID-19 patient. The following subset represents procedures that can be performed during the clinical assessment process.

CV19-INV-InvestigationProcedures
Intensional Definition: < 386053000 Evaluation procedure (procedure) OR < 308335008 Patient encounter procedure (procedure) OR < 17636008 Specimen collection (procedure)

The following subset represents a collection of findings with context that may be related to these investigations and captured using SNOMED CT - for example 269944001 |[Nasal swab taken \(situation\)](#)| or 168331006 |[Blood sent for virology \(situation\)](#)|.

CV19-INV-InvestigationFindings

Intensional Definition:

< 313333008 |Sample obtained (situation)|
 OR < 168123008 |Sample sent for examination (situation)|

Footnotes

[1](#)

[LOINC In Vitro Diagnostic \(LIVD\) Test Code Mapping for SARS-CoV-2 Tests](#), Division of Laboratory Systems, CDC, US

[2](#)

[Why We Need Antigen and Antibody Tests for COVID-19](#), The Native Antigen Company, UK

2.5 Prevention, Treatment and Education

Preventing the potential spread of COVID-19 can involve a range of precautions, such as isolation and the wearing of personal protective equipment, and education to patients, healthcare workers and the broader community. Once COVID-19 is diagnosed, various treatments may be considered, together with education for the patient and their families/caregivers

- [Prevention](#)
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- [Treatment Findings](#)
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These data elements are described below, with example SNOMED CT subsets where applicable.



2.5.1 Prevention

Precautionary measures, such as [840534001 |SARS-CoV-2 vaccination|](#), [225368008 |Contact tracing|](#), and [170499009 |Isolation of infection contact \(procedure\)|](#) are extremely important in the fight against infectious diseases such as COVID-19. The following preventative measures can be recorded using SNOMED CT. [1](#)

CV19-PTE-PreventionProcedures			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
1144997007	Administration of first dose of vaccine product containing only Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid (procedure)	Administration of first dose of SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine	20210131
1144998002	Administration of second dose of vaccine product containing only Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid (procedure)	Administration of second dose of SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine	20210131
840534001	Administration of vaccine product containing only Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen (procedure)	Administration of SARS-CoV-2 antigen vaccine	20210131
1119350007	Administration of vaccine product containing only Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid (procedure)	Administration of SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine	20210131
409524006	Airborne precautions (procedure)	Airborne precautions	20040731
422181004	Antibiotic prophylaxis (procedure)	Antibiotic prophylaxis	20060731
449399005	Application of personal protective equipment (procedure)	Application of personal protective equipment	20110731
386242000	Communicable disease management (procedure)	Communicable disease management	20030131
225368008	Contact tracing (procedure)	Contact tracing	20020131
409529001	Contact precautions (procedure)	Contact precautions	20040731
409686004	Disinfecting of equipment (procedure)	Disinfecting of equipment	20040731
449390009	Ensuring use of supplies and equipment within safe parameters (procedure)	Ensuring use of supplies and equipment within safe parameters	20110731
122467006	Fitting procedure (procedure)	Fitting procedure	20020131
77248004	Infection control procedure (procedure)	Infection control procedure	20020131
370832005	Initiation of traffic control (procedure)	Initiation of traffic control	20020731
361235007	Isolation of infected patient (procedure)	Isolation of infected patient	20020131
170499009	Isolation of infection contact (procedure)	Isolation of infection contact	20020131
170500000	Isolation of infection carrier (procedure)	Isolation of infection carrier	20020131
40174006	Isolation procedure (procedure)	Isolation technique	20020131
225995005	Maintaining a safe environment (procedure)	Maintaining a safe environment	20020131
275827007	Maintaining asepsis (procedure)	Maintaining asepsis	20020131
38883000	Preoperative disinfection of skin (procedure)	Preoperative disinfection of skin	20020131
29537000	Preoperative shaving of skin (procedure)	Preoperative shaving of skin	20080131
736762004	Provision of personal protective equipment (procedure)	Provision of personal protective equipment	20180131
409525007	Respiratory secretion precautions (procedure)	Respiratory secretion precautions	20040731
410410006	Screening surveillance (regime/therapy)	Screening surveillance	20040731
409522005	Standard precautions (procedure)	Standard precautions	20040731
409684001	Sterilization of equipment (procedure)	Sterilization of equipment	20040731

CV19-PTE-PreventionProcedures			
409583003	Transmission-based precautions (procedure)	Transmission-based precautions	20040731
243791004	Viral screening (procedure)	Viral screening	20080131

2.5.2 Prevention Findings

Clinical findings (or situations) relating to the COVID-19 preventative measures performed may be captured in a health record. The following prevention findings (or situations) may be recorded using SNOMED CT.

CV19-PTE-PreventionFindings			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
1142182006	Adverse reaction to component of vaccine product containing only Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen (disorder)	Adverse reaction to COVID-19 antigen vaccine	20210131
1142181004	Adverse reaction to component of vaccine product containing only Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid (disorder)	Adverse reaction to COVID-19 mRNA vaccine	20210131
1142180003	Adverse reaction to component of vaccine product containing Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen or Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid (disorder)	Adverse reaction to COVID-19 vaccine	20210131
1145003007	Hypersensitivity to vaccine product containing only Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid (finding)	Hypersensitivity to SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine	20210131
1145035007	Second dose of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine contraindicated (situation)	Second dose of SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine contraindicated	20210131
1145034006	Second dose of Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine declined (situation)	Second dose of SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine declined	20210131
1145026000	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen or Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine contraindicated (situation)	SARS-CoV-2 vaccine contraindicated	20210131
1145028004	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen or Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid vaccination not indicated (situation)	SARS-CoV-2 vaccination not indicated	20210131
1145031003	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen or Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine declined (situation)	SARS-CoV-2 vaccine declined	20210131
1145023008	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen vaccine contraindicated (situation)	SARS-CoV-2 antigen vaccine contraindicated	20210131
1145033000	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen vaccine declined (situation)	SARS-CoV-2 antigen vaccine declined	20210131
1145030002	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen vaccination not indicated (situation)	SARS-CoV-2 antigen vaccination not indicated	20210131
1145022003	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine contraindicated (situation)	SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine contraindicated	20210131
1145032005	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid vaccine declined (situation)	SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine declined	20210131

CV19-PTE-PreventionFindings			
1145029007	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid vaccination not indicated (situation)	SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccination not indicated	20210131

2.5.3 Education

Education is an important aspect of preventing and managing COVID-19 infection. The following SNOMED CT concepts may be used to record this data.

CV19-PTE-Education			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
736017006	Education about hand hygiene (procedure)	Education about hand hygiene	20180131
868263005	Education about infectious disease (procedure)	Education about infectious disease	20200731
223426009	Equipment use education (procedure)	Equipment use education	20020131
698608004	Hand washing education (procedure)	Hand washing education	20140131
385820004	Infection control education (procedure)	Infection control education	20100731

2.5.4 Medication

A number of countries are trialling the use of medication to treat COVID-19. Many of these medications can be found in the 373873005 |Pharmaceutical / biologic product (product)| hierarchy of SNOMED CT. However until there is sufficient evidence, the WHO is cautioning against associations recommending or administering these unproven treatments to patients with COVID-19 or people self-medicating with them². For this reason, we have not included a medication treatment subset at this time.

COVID-19 vaccines, however, have been proven to be effective in clinical trials. The following generic vaccine concepts may be recorded using SNOMED CT.

CV19-PTE-Vaccines			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
1119305005	Vaccine product containing only Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen (medicinal product)	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen only vaccine product	20210131
1119349007	Vaccine product containing only Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid (medicinal product)	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 mRNA only vaccine product	20210131
1142178009	Vaccine product containing Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 antigen or Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 messenger ribonucleic acid (medicinal product)	SARS-CoV-2 antigen vaccine or SARS-CoV-2 mRNA vaccine	20210131

2.5.5 Administrative Procedures

Patients with severe symptoms or complications may require admission to hospital, or other administrative procedures. The following administrative procedures may be recorded using SNOMED CT.

CV19-PTE-AdministrativeProcedures			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
183452005	Emergency hospital admission (procedure)	Emergency hospital admission	20020131
305376003	Admission to infectious diseases department (procedure)	Admission to infectious diseases department	20020131
305351004	Admission to intensive care unit (procedure)	Admission to intensive care unit	20020131

CV19-PTE-AdministrativeProcedures			
305360007	Admission to respiratory medicine department (procedure)	Admission to respiratory medicine department	20020131
32485007	Hospital admission (procedure)	Hospital admission	20020131
417005	Hospital re-admission (procedure)	Hospital re-admission	20020131
107724000	Patient transfer (procedure)	Patient transfer	20020131
397821002	Patient transfer to intensive care unit (procedure)	Patient transfer to intensive care unit	20030731
710112000	Transfer of care from hospital (procedure)	Transfer of care from hospital	20150731
429202003	Transfer of care to hospital (procedure)	Transfer of care to hospital	20080131

2.5.6 Therapeutic Procedures

Patients suffering from severe COVID-19 symptoms or complications may require a range of therapeutic procedures, many of them involving supportive care to help them breathe. The following therapeutic procedures may be recorded using SNOMED CT.

CV19-PTE-TherapeuticProcedures			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
40617009	Artificial respiration (procedure)	Artificial respiration	20020131
233573008	Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (procedure)	Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation	20020131
697984004	Exteriorization of trachea (procedure)	Exteriorization of trachea	20140131
229301009	Incentive spirometry (regime/therapy)	Incentive spirometry	20020131
829831000000100	Insertion of fiducial marker into lung using computed tomography guidance (procedure)	Insertion of fiducial marker into lung using computed tomography guidance	20200731
447996002	Intubation of respiratory tract (procedure)	Intubation of respiratory tract	20110731
243141005	Mechanically assisted spontaneous ventilation (procedure)	Mechanically assisted spontaneous ventilation	20020131
428311008	Noninvasive ventilation (procedure)	Noninvasive ventilation	20080131
371908008	Oxygen administration by mask (procedure)	Oxygen administration by mask	20020731
371907003	Oxygen administration by nasal cannula (procedure)	Oxygen administration by nasal cannula	20020731
431182000	Placing subject in prone position (procedure)	Placing subject in prone position	20080731
11140008	Respiratory assist, manual (procedure)	Respiratory assist, manual	20020131

2.5.7 Treatment Findings

Clinical findings relating to the treatment performed on a patient may be captured in a health record. The following treatment findings may be recorded using SNOMED CT.

CV19-PTE-TreatmentPreventionFindings			
Concept id	Fully Specified Name	en-US Preferred Term	Effective Time
79031000119101	Dependence on respirator (finding)	Dependence on respirator	20150731
931000119107	Dependence on supplemental oxygen (finding)	Dependence on supplemental oxygen	20120731
444932008	Dependence on ventilator (finding)	Dependence on ventilator	20100731
763326004	Difficult mask ventilation (finding)	Difficult mask ventilation	20180731
718447001	Difficult tracheal intubation (finding)	Difficult intubation	20160731
419991009	Endotracheal tube present (finding)	Endotracheal tube present	20060131

CV19-PTE-TreatmentPreventionFindings			
405496006	Inability to ventilate patients lungs mechanically (finding)	Inability to ventilate patients lungs mechanically	20040131
22803001	Normal respiratory function (finding)	Normal respiratory function	20020131
371825009	Patient on oxygen (finding)	Patient on oxygen	20020731
371820004	Patient ventilated (finding)	Patient ventilated	20020731
718085007	Unable to intubate and unable to ventilate (finding)	Cannot intubate cannot ventilate	20160731
128258000	Ventilation finding (finding)	Ventilation finding	20020131

2.5.8 Treatment Equipment

Respiratory equipment includes those medical devices used to support breathing and respiratory function - for example [706173000 |Intensive-care ventilator \(physical object\)|](#) , and [464328001 |Thoracic cannula \(physical object\)|](#) .

CV19-PTE-TreatmentEquipment
<p>Intensional Definition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> < 277973009 Respiratory equipment (physical object) OR < 336589003 Oxygen equipment (physical object) OR < 334943003 Respiratory appliances (physical object) OR < 304077006 Respiratory system device (physical object) OR < 706167001 Anesthesia and respiratory device (physical object)

Footnotes

[1](#)

[Audits in Infection Prevention and Control](#), IFIC Basic Concepts of Infection Control (Chapter 6), 3rd edition, 2016, International Federation of Infection Control

[2](#)

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/global-research-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/solidarity-clinical-trial-for-covid-19-treatments>

3. Mapping to ICD-10

The following map members from SNOMED CT to the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision (© World Health Organisation 1994) 2016 Version are published (or will be published) in the SNOMED CT International Edition. These maps use ICD-10 codes identified in the WHO's [Emergency use ICD codes for COVID-19 disease outbreak update](#) ¹.



SNOMED CT		ICD-10			
SNOMED CT Id	SNOMED CT Fully Specified Name	ICD-10 Code	ICD-10 Term	Map Advice	Effective Time
840539006	Disease caused by Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (disorder)	U07.1	COVID-19, virus identified	POSSIBLE REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL CODE TO FULLY DESCRIBE DISEASE OR CONDITION	20210131
840546002	Exposure to Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (event)	Z20.8	Contact with and exposure to other communicable diseases		20200309
1240581000000104	Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 detected (finding)	U07.1	COVID-19, virus identified		20200731

Footnotes

¹
<http://www9.who.int/classifications/icd/covid19/en/>

Appendix A - Example Subsets

The example SNOMED CT subsets included in this guide are available to download below in two formats:

- RF2 - This format uses the standard [Simple Reference Set](#) structure (except with the refsetId replaced with an alphanumeric identifier). Please download this format if you plan to upload the subsets into a terminology server. Please note that each refsetId should be replaced with a valid numeric identifier prior to upload.
- RF2+Terms - This format adds the US-english preferred term to each member of the subset. Please download this format if you plan to open the subsets directly (e.g. in a text editor or spreadsheet tool) for review.

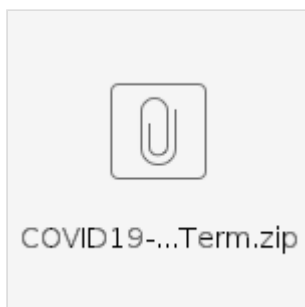
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SNOMED CT Example COVID-19 Subsets (RF2):



SNOMED CT Example COVID-19 Subsets (RF2+Terms):



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