



Briefing Note for the Member Forum January 2021

Inactivation of Devices Content Described as a Kit or Set

Purpose

To update the Member Forum on the inactivation of device concepts in the physical object hierarchy which are described as a kit or set.

Background

The Devices Project Group (PG) has established and published organizing principles for content in the physical object hierarchy. The device content in the International edition of SNOMED CT should contain broad and non-contextual characteristics. Concepts containing unspecified data characteristics of kit and set are not in scope for the International edition because what comprises a kit or set may vary across locale or institution or by manufacturer. Concepts described as a kit or set may be handled in other resources such as an UDI repository or National Extension. The project organizing principles can be viewed on Confluence:

<https://confluence.ihtsdotools.org/display/IAP/Reference+Documentation+-+Devices>

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Plan

For the July 2021 International edition of SNOMED CT, we will identify and inactivate the International edition physical object concepts that are described as a kit or set such as 468111004 |Acupuncture kit (physical object)|, 463734001 |Oral medicine administration kit (physical object)|, 467660005 |Cryosurgical set (physical object)|, and 466861001 |Wound closure set, topical (physical object)|. Any exceptions will be noted in the editorial guidelines for the Physical object hierarchy. We will inactivate these concepts as nonconformant to editorial policy without a replacement concept. This briefing note will be distributed to selected Advisory and Project Groups. Please contact info@snomed.org with any inquiries.

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