



Briefing Note for the Member Forum March 2021

Attribute Changes in Medicinal Product Hierarchy to Support Modeling of Vaccine Products

Purpose

To update the Member Forum on the addition of new attributes to be used in modeling of vaccine products in the Medicinal Product hierarchy.

Background

The SNOMED CT Editorial Advisory Group (EAG) has recommended replacement of the existing Has product characteristic and Has ingredient characteristic attributes used to model vaccine products in the Medicinal product hierarchy with more explicit attributes. The existing use of these attributes has been reviewed and upcoming changes are summarized in the following section of this document.

The editorial guidelines for the Medicinal Product hierarchy can be found in the [SNOMED CT Editorial Guide](#); changes outlined in this briefing note will be reflected in a future update.

Plan

For the July 2021 International edition of SNOMED CT, the following changes will be made:

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- Add new attribute 1149367008 |Has target population (attribute)| and transition existing instances of 860781008 |Has product characteristic (attribute)| to the new attribute.
- Add new attribute 1149366004 |Has ingredient qualitative strength (attribute)| and transition existing instances of 860779006 |Has ingredient characteristic (attribute)| to the new attribute.
- The existing attributes 860781008 |Has product characteristic (attribute)| and 860779006 |Has ingredient characteristic (attribute)| **will no longer be used for modeling in the International Release.**
- With the introduction of the new explicit attributes, the existing concepts 860781008 |Has product characteristic (attribute)| and 860779006 |Has ingredient characteristic (attribute)| no longer conform to basic SNOMED CT principles as the meaning of the attributes will change with the introduction of more explicit attributes.
 - 860781008 |Has product characteristic (attribute)| and 860779006 |Has ingredient characteristic (attribute)| will be deprecated at a yet to be determined future date.
 - Users and implementers are encouraged not to use these attributes and to request addition of specific attributes to support modeling in national extensions moving forward.

This briefing note will be distributed to selected Advisory and Project Groups. Please contact info@snomed.org with any inquiries.

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