

# SNOMED International Conference

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# About me..

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# About this talk

- **Developed a template for COVID-19 consultations in primary care**
- **Used SNOMED CT terms**



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## Recording COVID-19 consultations: review of symptoms, risk factors, and proposed SNOMED CT terms

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The Context....

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# COVID Outbreak in UK



## UK warns against mass panic as race to halt outbreak intensifies

Fears of surge in cases of virus prompt rollout of new testing procedures

Rosemary Mason  
Haroon Siddique

Ministers are racing to prepare the UK for a potential sudden increase in the spread of coronavirus, with officials fearing it could take just 72 hours for an outbreak the size of Italy's to take hold.

Amid growing concern around the world about the speed with which the virus is spreading, the health secretary, Matt Hancock, said the government would act to launch a mass public information campaign, giving advice on how to react to suspected cases and guard against infection.

Updating MPs in the Commons, he cautioned against "overreaction" but acknowledged that the government did expect more cases in the UK. The rapid expansion of cases in Italy - a popular destination for British holidaymakers - has caused concern in secret days, prompting officials to step up precautions in case a similar scenario happens in Britain.

The heightened preparations in the UK came as the World Health Organization (WHO) said the number of new cases being officially reported outside China had overtaken the number in the country for the first time, with the WHO chief, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, describing the rise in new cases around the world as "deeply concerning".

The UK has recorded 13 cases of the virus so far, with no deaths. But in Italy the total number of infections in Italy represented a rise of 45% in 24 hours. Italian prosecutors opened an investigation into hospital procedures amid claims that an investigation of a so-called "super-spreader" was initially delayed.

**'It's as much about winning the battle for public confidence'**

Whitehall source

confirmed cases soared from just three on Friday to more than 200 by Monday. The total is now 400 with 12 deaths. One day of global efforts to limit the spread of Covid-19.

## Samaritans ditch new CEO after complaints

Simon Murphy

Samaritans have abandoned the appointment of their new CEO after a Guardian investigation revealed claims that the Alzheimer's Society paid out as much as £750,000 to staff who signed non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) during his tenure there. Jeremy Hughes will no longer be taking the helm at the suicide prevention charity following widespread allegations that he displayed bullying behaviour to staff and presided over a toxic culture at the dementia charity.

The decision comes after two Alzheimer's Society employees who signed NDAs and received settlements after complaining of bullying and discrimination came forward on Monday to say Hughes should not take up the post at Samaritans. He was due to start in May.



## Alarm as flood defences breached in Shropshire

Residents and business owners in Shropshire were forced to flee their properties yesterday as the River Severn rose to near record levels and overrode the flood defences.

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## Virus now growing faster outside China



- » Every continent apart from Antarctica hit by coronavirus, with 38 countries affected and total number of cases above 80,000
- » Frustration grows in UK over the lack of government advice for those most at risk, such as elderly and those with health conditions
- » Minister says not everyone affected will get a hospital bed
- » Six Nations rugby match between Ireland and Italy called off



VIEW MODULE



Management pathway for atopic dermatitis

0.5 CPD hours

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## COVID-19 red flags for telephone triage

By Dr Toni Hazell on the 31 March 2020

Dr Toni Hazell provides tips on how to triage patients with symptoms of possible COVID-19 during phone or video consultations.





# COVID-19 Remote consultation: Challenges

- **Much was unknown about symptoms and signs of COVID-19**
- **How to do risk assessment for patient with COVID-19 in community?**
- **Need for better quality data for COVID-19 consultations**
- **How do we improve standardisation and quality in record keeping for COVID-19 consultations**

**The answer was to create a consultation  
template!!**



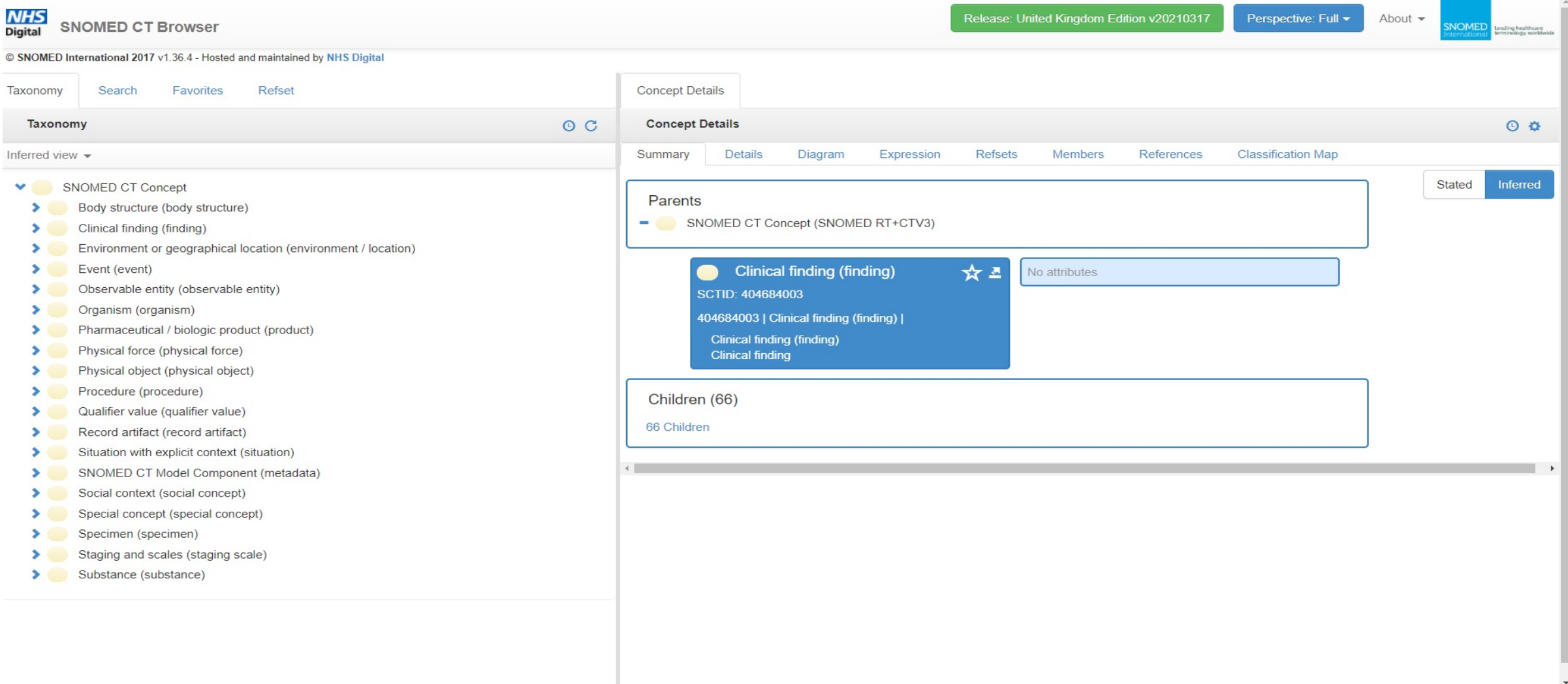
- **3 different settings: General practice clinics, COVID assessment hubs and Secondary care**

# Study Objectives

- **To collate a list of relevant symptoms, assessment items, demographics, and lifestyle and health conditions associated with COVID-19 from literature search**
- **To match these data items with corresponding SNOMED CT clinical terms**
- **To support the development and implementation of consultation templates.**

- **Pubmed: 963; medRxiv: 548 (May 2020); excluded studies related to blood tests and imaging**
- **N=21 published systematic reviews; N=24 pre-print systematic reviews; N=16 guidelines**
- **N=61 documents included**

# Code Search using SNOMED Browser



**NHS Digital** SNOMED CT Browser

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Taxonomy Search Favorites Refset

**Taxonomy** Inferred view

- SNOMED CT Concept
  - Body structure (body structure)
  - Clinical finding (finding)
  - Environment or geographical location (environment / location)
  - Event (event)
  - Observable entity (observable entity)
  - Organism (organism)
  - Pharmaceutical / biologic product (product)
  - Physical force (physical force)
  - Physical object (physical object)
  - Procedure (procedure)
  - Qualifier value (qualifier value)
  - Record artifact (record artifact)
  - Situation with explicit context (situation)
  - SNOMED CT Model Component (metadata)
  - Social context (social concept)
  - Special concept (special concept)
  - Specimen (specimen)
  - Staging and scales (staging scale)
  - Substance (substance)

**Concept Details** Summary Details Diagram Expression Refsets Members References Classification Map

Parents

- SNOMED CT Concept (SNOMED RT+CTV3)

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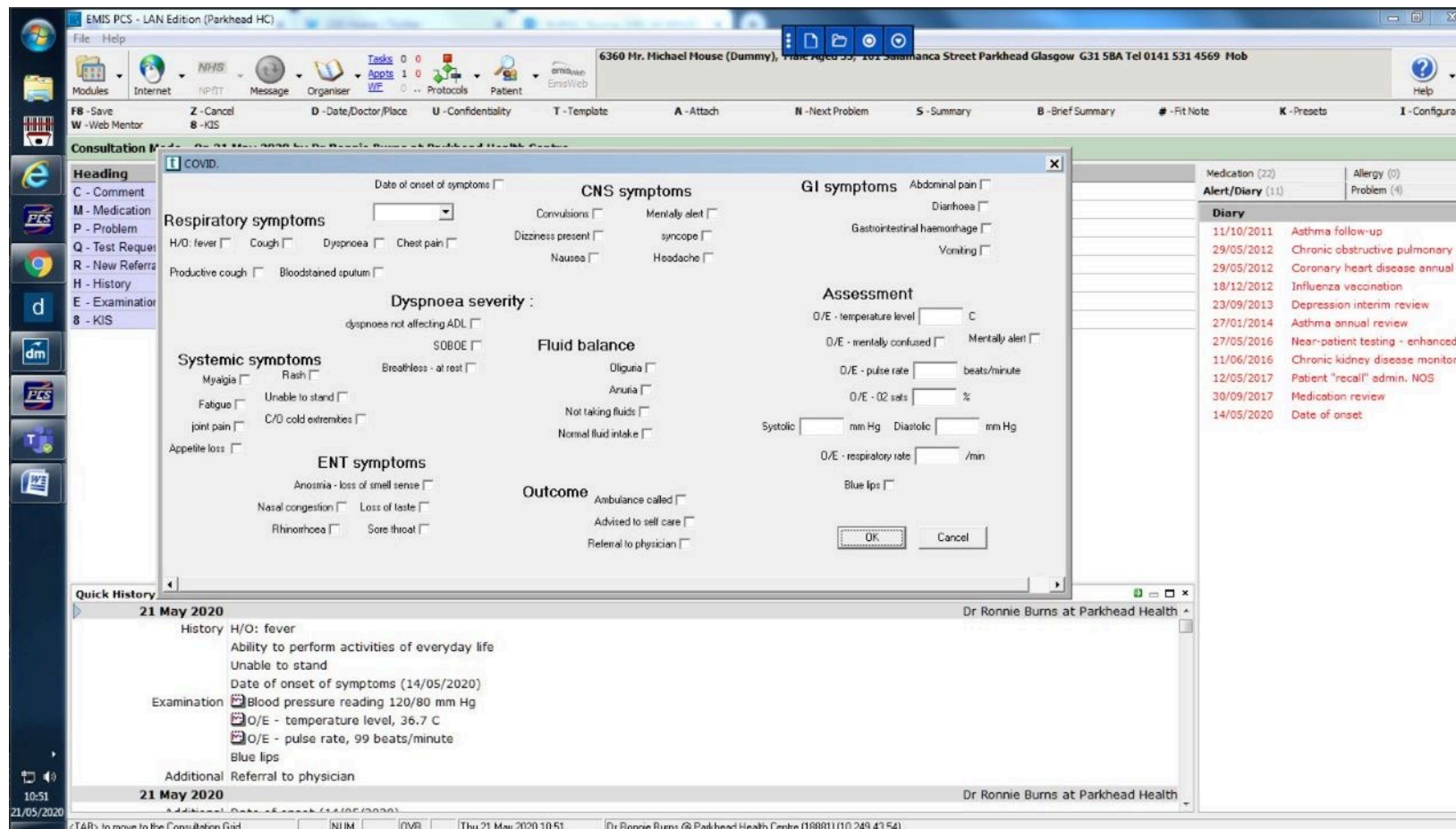
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# RESULTS

- **32 symptoms**
- **20 assessment items**
- **8 demographic and lifestyle features**
- **25 health conditions**
  
- **Corresponding SNOMED CT terms and READ codes**

# A consultation template prototype in EMIS with symptoms and assessment items for recording COVID-19 consultations in primary care



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# Barriers and Facilitators (Normalisation Process Theory)

- **Awareness and rationale**
- **User friendly and ease of use**
- **‘Buy in’ by clinical leadership**
- **Consensus on terms to be included**
- **Feedback loop**



- **Limited Search Strategy**
- **Evolving nature of evidence**
- **Inclusion of pre-print evidence**
- **Proof of concept, needs work for operationalisation**



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# Road to Recovery



- **COVID-19 presentations part of ‘routine care’**
- **Recording of COVID-19 consultations has to be normalised in primary care**
- **Assessment of COVID-19 in community: “Research Gap”**
- **Good quality standardised data needed to address the research gap**
- **COVID-19 consultation template may have a role!**

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