

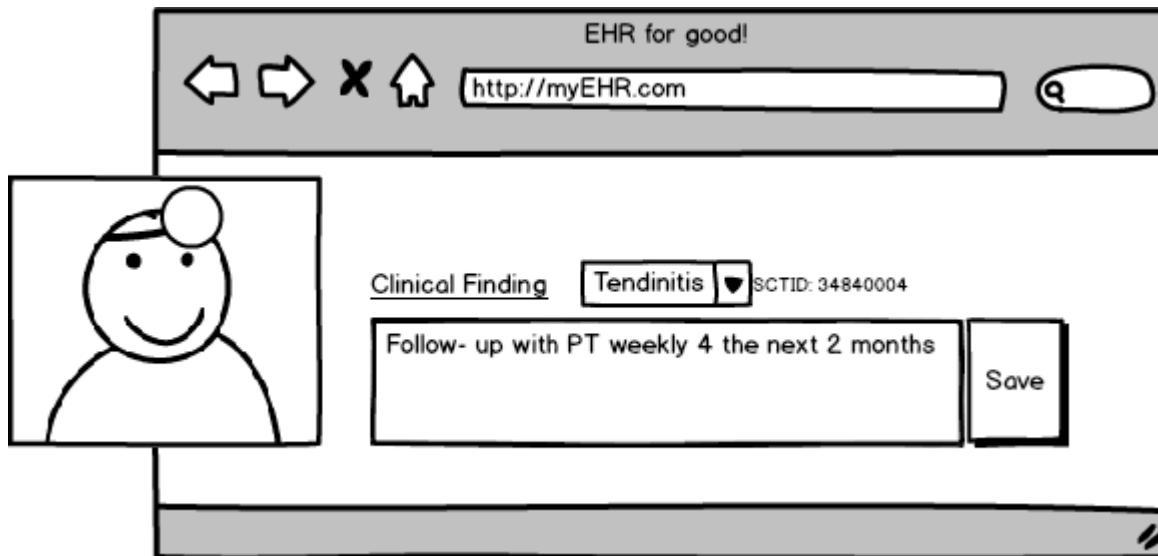


# Experience in building an Snomed CT Content Extension with abbreviation support

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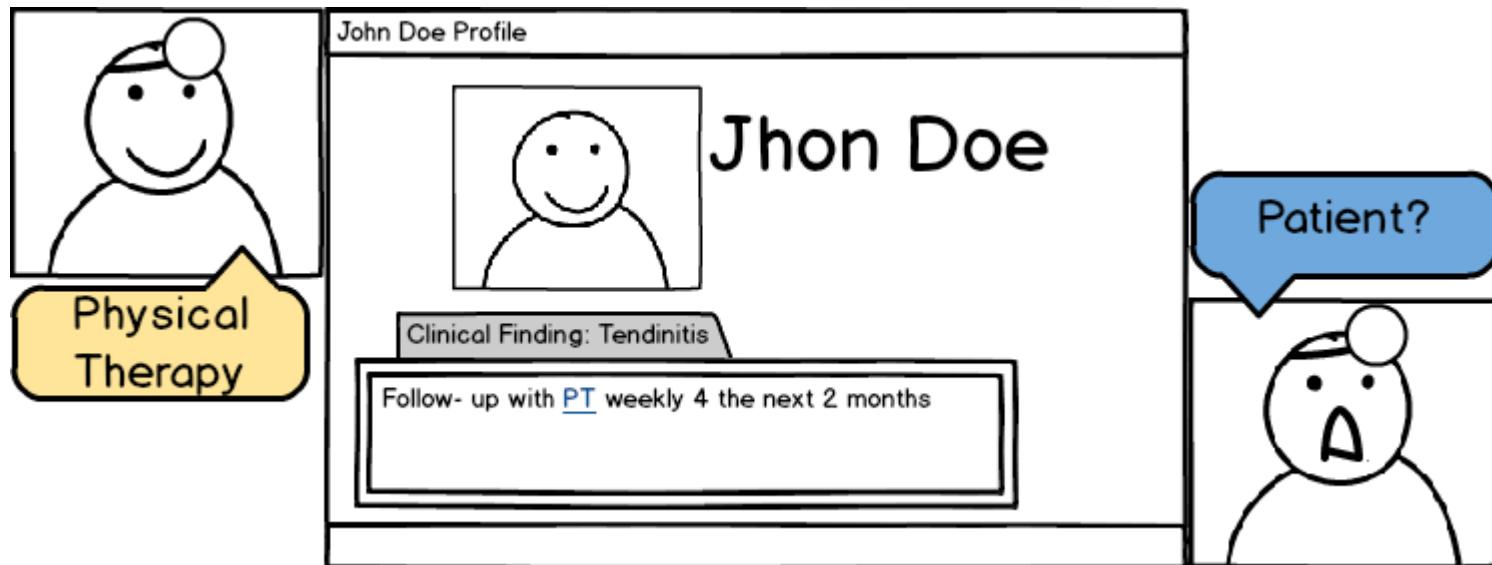
# Context

- Problem oriented Electronic Health Record.
- Interface terminology, extends SNOMED CT.
- Structured fields + Free-text fields.
- Use of abbreviations in free-text fields is common.



# The problem with abbreviations

- Uncontrolled and ambiguous abbreviations.
- Abbreviations avoid terminology control.
- Errors in patient health care.

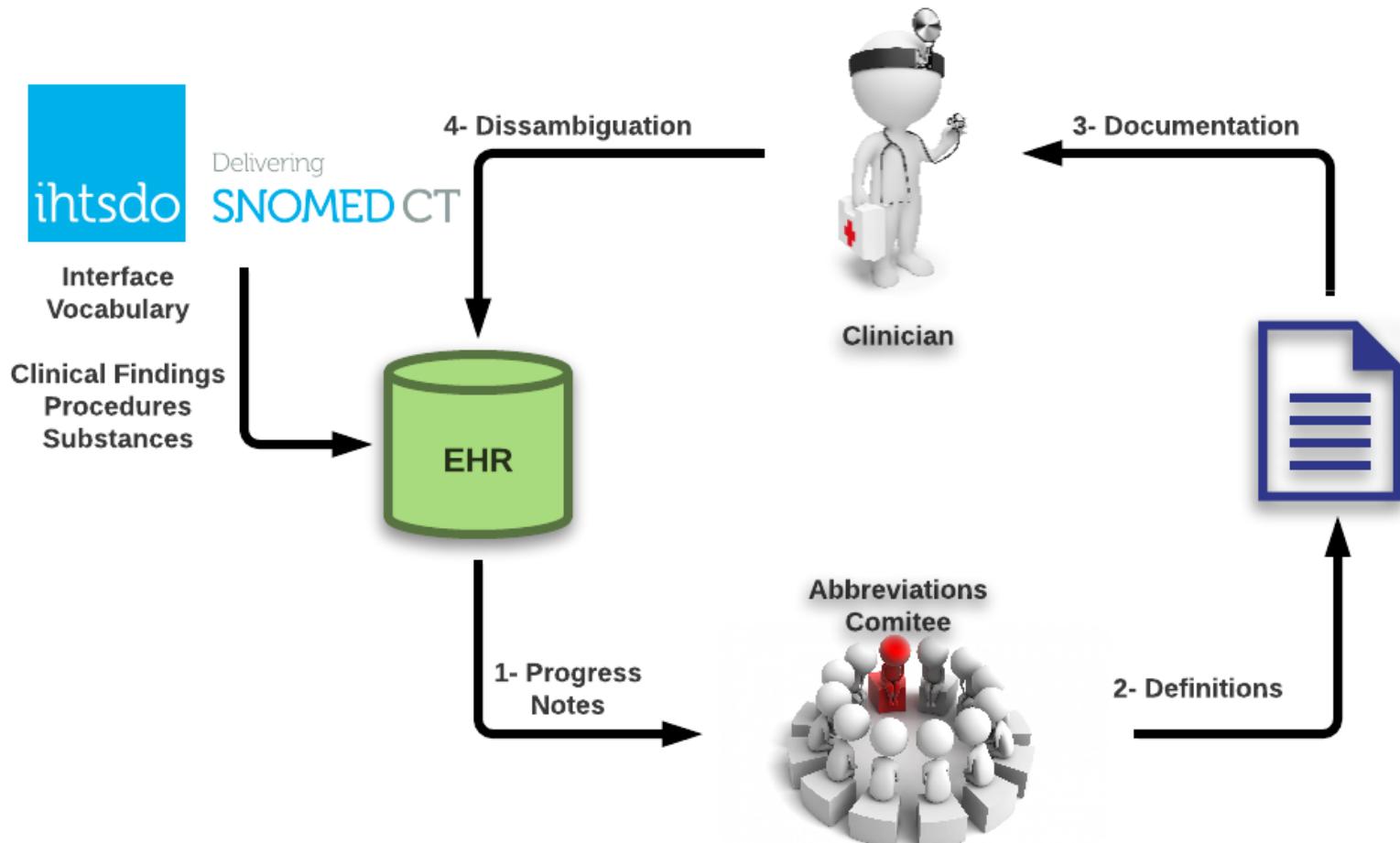


# Background

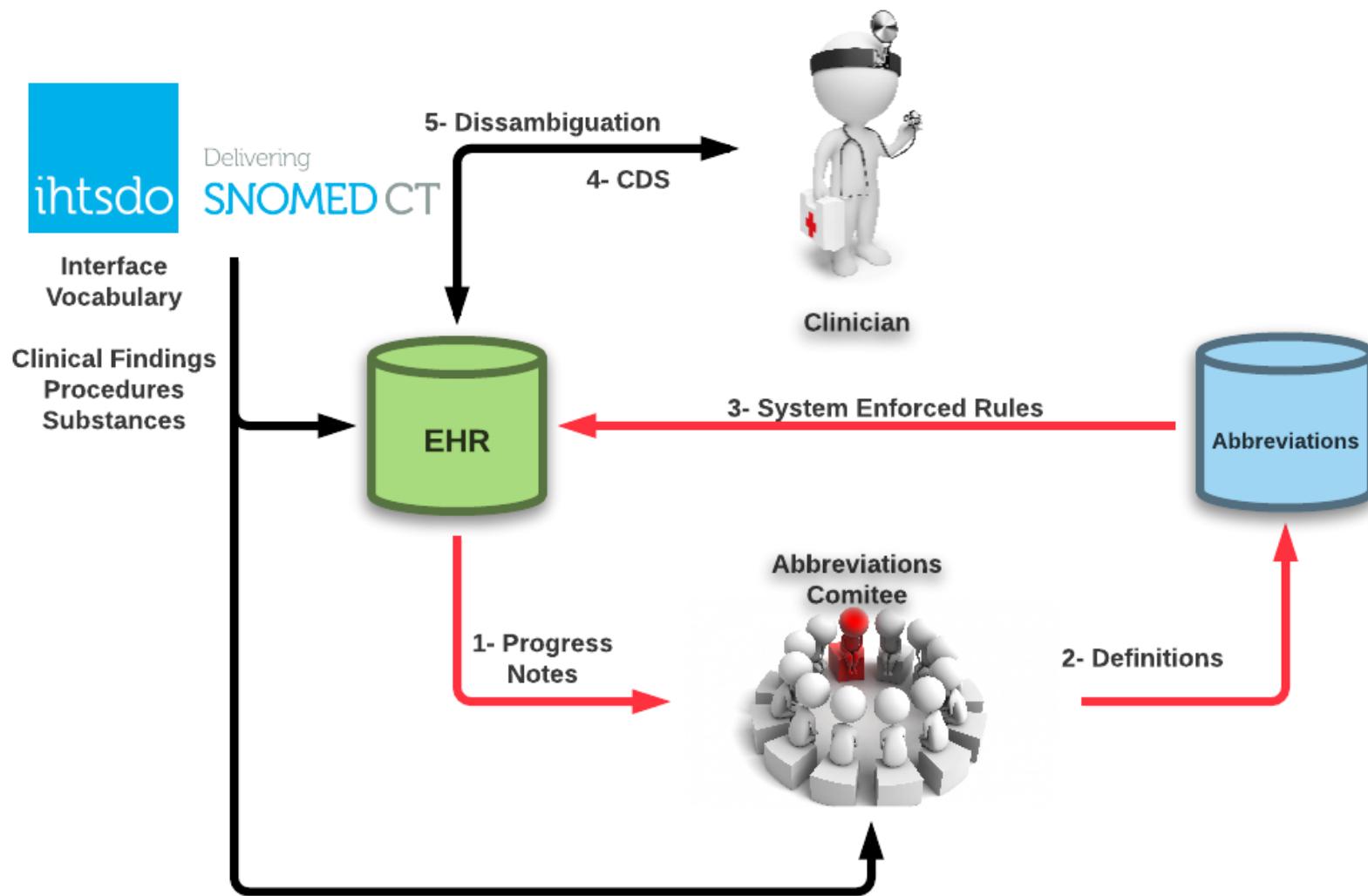
- The Department of Health Informatics of Hospital Italiano de Buenos Aires, in an effort to achieve international standards of patient health care, is in an accreditation process by the Joint Commission International.
- The Joint Commission requires that the use of abbreviations must be controlled and documented. Since November of 2014, the hospital established an Abbreviations Regulation Committee in charge of the management and classification of abbreviations used in historical health records

According to the SNOMED CT Editorial Guide, abbreviations are prohibited in FSNs and synonyms, with specified exceptions. Where there are exceptions, the specific policy allowing the exceptions must be spelled out in detail in the Guide, and otherwise terms containing abbreviations are not to be accepted into the International Release.

# First Stage: Hand-crafted List



# Second Stage: Decision Support System



# Writing a progress note

The screenshot displays a medical software application with various panels and tools for managing patient data and writing progress notes.

**Top Navigation and Patient Data:**

- BMI: 33.2
- Peso: 55 Talla: 1.8
- Recordatorios
- Grupo y factor
- Alergias: Penicilina (Clase De Antibiótico), Sulfonamida, Naranja - Fruta
- Consentimientos y rechazos: RDO, DO
- Gérmenes resistentes: AKPC
- Alertas

**Search and Filter Options:**

- Buscar (Search) button
- Filtros (Filters)
- Tipo de documentos:

  - Sesiones Médicas
    - Evoluciones (1649) (selected)
    - Interconsulta (1132)
    - Problemas (1590)
    - Signos Vitales (54)
    - Solicitud De Estudios (1251)
    - Indicaciones (387)
  - Sesiones Enfermería
  - Protocolos Qx y Procedimientos
  - Resultados
  - Legajo administrativo
  - Consentimientos
  - Egreso
    - Epicrisis (26) (selected)
    - Diálisis

- Servicios:
  - Clinica Medica (1168)
  - Area De Informatica Clinica (246)
  - Departamento De Enfermeria (42)
  - Departamento De Informatica En Salud (39)
  - Desarrollos Biomedicos (35)
  - + ver más
- Por problemas:
  - Absceso De La Pierna (9)
  - Absceso Gluteo (4)
  - Absceso Inguinal (17)
  - Absceso Parpado (4)
  - Abuso De Alcohol Sin Dependencia (4)

**Central Panel:**

- Lista cronológico (Chronological list): Total: 1676 entries.
- Medicina Familiar entry (04/08/15 07:49): Registro de acciones. SERVICIO DE MEDICINA FAMILIAR Y COMUNITARIA
- Evoluciones section: 04/08/2015 CONTROL POR PSIQUETRIA
- Paciente masculino 67 años. MC: apneas. AP: TBQ, HTA, DBT2, obesidad, SAHOS. AEA: IVN de años de evolución, trauma nasal hace 5 años, sin FX. No estornudos ni rinorrea. Ronca. EF: desviación septal a derecha, espolón septal basal. Hipertrofia de cornetes. Solicito RFL. Eventual CEN

**New Evolution Form:**

Apnea X

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**Bottom Right Panel:**

- Agregar archivo (Add file) button
- Guardar (Save) button

# Real-Time Dissambiguation Feedback

The screenshot displays a medical software application with various modules and a central workspace for managing patient records.

**Top Navigation:** Includes BMI (33.2), Recordatorios, Grupo y factor, Alergias (Penicilina, Clase De Antibiótico, Sulfonamida, Naranja - Fruta, Ver mas), Consentimientos y rechazos (RDO, DO), Gérmenes resistentes AKPC, and Alertas.

**Left Sidebar (Filters):** Shows Tipo de documentos: Sesiones Médicas (Evoluciones (1649), Interconsulta (1132), Problemas (1590), Signos Vitales (54), Solicitud De Estudios (1251), Indicaciones (387)), Sesiones Enfermería, Protocolos Qx y Procedimientos, Resultados, Legajo administrativo, Consentimientos, Egreso (Epicrisis (26)), Diálisis, Servicios: Clínica Médica (1168), Área De Informática Clínica (246), Departamento De Enfermería (42), Departamento De Informática En Salud (39), Desarrollos Biomedicos (35), and Por problemas: Absceso De La Pierna (9), Absceso Glúteo (4), Absceso Inguinal (17), Absceso Párpado (4), Abuso De Alcohol Sin Dependencia (4).

**Central Workspace:** A yellow callout box highlights a tooltip: "En su evolución es necesario reemplazar 1 abreviaturas. El sistema reemplazó automáticamente 11 abreviaturas".

**Bottom Left (List View):** Titled "12 abreviaturas detectadas", it lists Ambiguas (RFL = Rinofibrolaringoscopia, EF = Examen Físico, MC = Motivo De Consulta, AP = Aborto Provocado) and Univocas (AEA = Antecedentes de la enfermedad actual, SAHOS = Síndrome de apnea-hipopnea del sueño). Total: 8.

**Bottom Right (New Evolution Form):** Titled "Nueva evolución" for "Apnea". It shows a rich text editor with a placeholder: "Paciente masculino 67 años, motivo de consulta: apneas, aborto provocado; Tabaquismo (TBQ), Hipertensión arterial (HTA), Diabetes mellitus tipo 2 (DBT2), obesidad, Síndrome de apnea-hipopnea del sueño (SAHOS). Antecedentes de la enfermedad actual: Insuficiencia ventilatoria nasal (IVN) de años de evolución, trauma nasal hace 5 años, sin Fractura (FX). No estornudos ni rinorrea. Ronca. examen físico: desviación septal a derecha, espolón septal basal. Hipertrofia de cometas. Solicito RFL. Eventual Cirugía endoscópica nasal (CEN)". Buttons include "Agregar archivo", "Guardar", and a character count of 286/4000.

# Decision Support

The screenshot displays a medical informatics application interface. At the top, there's a header with patient information (BMI 33.2, Peso 55, Talla 1.8), a 'No Transfundir' button, and links for Alergias (Allergies), Consentimientos y rechazos (Consents and Rejections), Gérmenes resistentes AKPC (Resistant Germs AKPC), and Alertas (Alerts). Below the header is a search bar with 'version beta' and a 'Línea de tiempo' (Timeline) tab.

The left sidebar contains navigation menus for different types of documents and services. Under 'Evoluciones' (Evolution), there are 1649 entries, with 'Epicrisis' highlighted. Other sections include 'Sesiones Médicas', 'Protocolos Qx y Procedimientos', 'Resultados', 'Legajo administrativo', 'Consentimientos', 'Egreso', 'Diálisis', 'Servicios', and 'Por problemas'.

The main area shows a 'Listado cronológico' (Chronological List) with 1676 items. One item from '04/08/15 Medicina Familiar' is selected, displaying a yellow tooltip: 'En su evolución es necesario reemplazar 1 abreviatura. El sistema reemplazó automáticamente 11 abreviaturas'.

A central window titled 'Medicina Familiar' shows a 'Registro de acciones' (Action Registry) for 'SERVICIO DE MEDICINA FAMILIAR Y COMUNITARIA'. It includes a section for 'Evoluciones' (Evolution) and a note dated '04/08/2015' about a patient with 'CONTROL POR PSIQUIATRIA'.

A modal window titled 'Nueva evolución' (New Evolution) is open for a patient with 'Apnea'. The window contains a text area with a summary of the patient's history and symptoms, and a 'Guardar' (Save) button at the bottom right.

At the bottom left, there's a footer for 'HOSPITAL ITALIANO de Buenos Aires' and 'Departamento de Informática en Salud'.

# Future work

- Disambiguate abbreviations using context knowledge
  - Clinician specialty
  - Snomed CT hierarchy
  - Patient demographic data.
  - Patient's problem list.
- Improve the algorithm for detection of new abbreviations candidates.
- Detection in other languages.

# Impact in other projects

- Concepts detections in free text
  - Reuse algorithms of free-text analysis from this project to detect other concepts (aside abbreviations).
  - For example, detected abbreviations of clinical findings can complete the patient's problem list.
- Interface terminology cardinality extension.
  - Avoid the creation of synonyms or FSNs with abbreviations.
  - Problems that contain abbreviations can be expanded to find the real concept without them.



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Thank you.