



# Harmonizing SNODENT and SNOMED CT to support Dentistry EHR's

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### ADA and IHTSDO Agreement

## Signed a cooperation agreement in 2012:

- Harmonize SNODENT and SNOMED CT
- Meet the electronic health and dental record clinical terminology needs of dentistry internationally
- Establish the International Dentistry SIG
- Collaboration on future products



#### SNODENT is a SUBSET of SNOMED CT

- Allows clinicians to record detailed oral health data in a semantically interoperable manner
- Includes oral anatomical sites, oral health conditions, findings, disorders and other clinical concepts unique to dentistry
- SNODENT enables the capture, aggregation, and analysis of detailed oral health data
- Can be used in HL7 Clinical Document
   Templates such as Continuing Care Documents
   (CCD) and other standards



### International Dentistry SIG

- Supported by two Senior Terminologists
- Initial work on harmonizing SNODENT to SNOMED CT
- Future "Reference Set" (RefSet) Development
- Updating SNOMED CT dental categories
  - Dental Caries
  - Endodontic Concepts
  - Periodontic Concepts
  - Orthodontic Concepts



### General Dentistry diagnoses SNOMED CT subset

- ADA developed a compact, general practice-oriented subset that can be easily implemented by general dentists and EDR vendors
- ADA Dentistry RefSet Task Force included:
  - Clinicians
  - Academia
  - Third-party payers
  - Vendors
  - IHTSDO
- Work plan 2016 for International Dentistry SIG project
- Pilot subset
- Other subsets may be developed for specialties



### Future Collaborations?





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# Benefits of working with Dentistry specialists

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### International Dentistry SIG

- Many benefits from working together:
  - Opportunities for collaboration
  - Opportunities for education
  - Higher quality submissions of new concepts
  - Questions answered quickly with less churn
- The SIG has made rapid progress, it worked well because all participants were open to change and learning about SNOMED CT
- SNOMED CT now has improved dental content
- It has been fun!





### SNOMED CT in a dental EHR

Exporting structured data using SNOMED CT – and using SNOMED CT to make the EHR more structured

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Delivering

SNOMED CT

The global





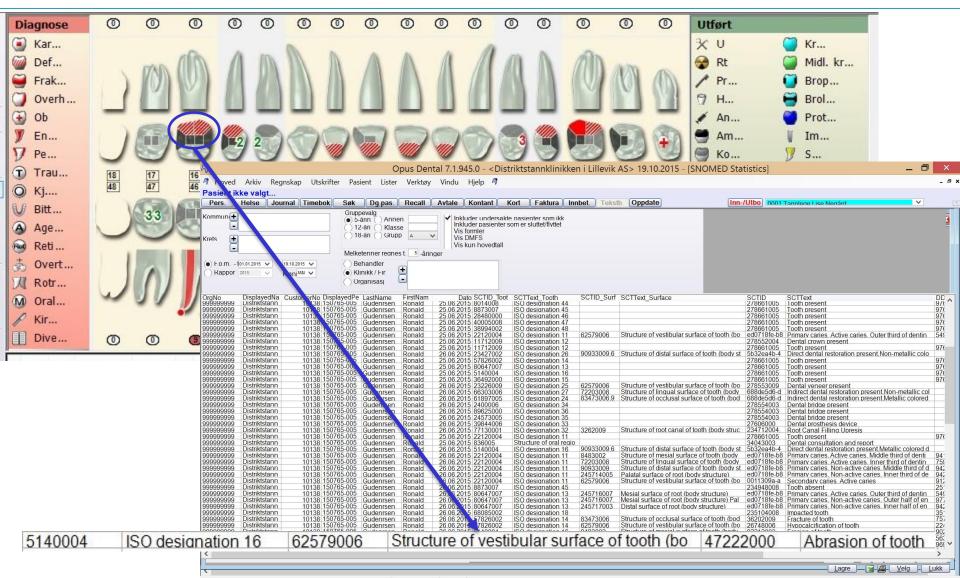
### Project goal

- Assess SNOMED CT for use in dentistry in Norway
- Make a test-extract of already structured information
  - Diagnosis
  - Teeth and surfaces
  - Status/odontogram
  - Procedures
  - Etc.
- Identify gaps and start filling them
  - (Or just find them inside SNOMED CT...)
- Set a path for translation, implementation and dataexchange





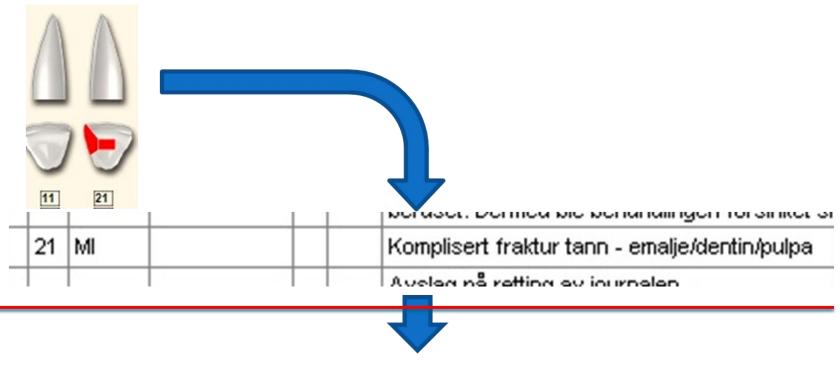
### Everyday dental EHR







### Record detail



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Structure of permanent maxillary left central incisor tooth



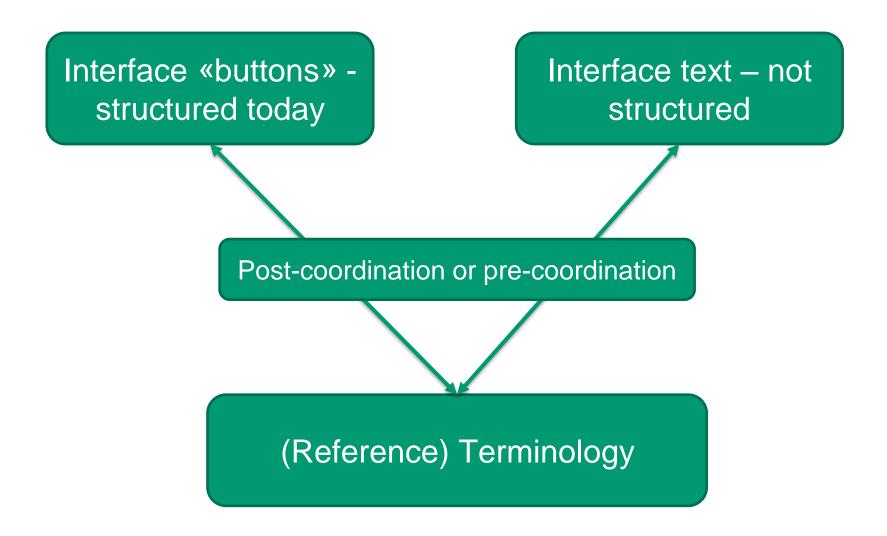
Mesial-incisal



Fracture of crown of tooth, enamel and dentin, with pulp exposure











### Preliminary conclusions

- High degree of structured information, combined with a limited complexity, makes dentistry well suited for using SNOMED CT
- General dentistry is well covered
  - some minor needs for additions to SNOMED CT
- Already existing structured information from the EHR can be represented using SNOMED CT
- Adjustments to the EHR are needed to get full benefit from SNOMED CT within all areas of dentistry
- Sub sets or reference sets are probably needed for national implementation