

Specimen content requirement analysis

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The Swedish NRC together with laboratories are collecting requirements for specimen types, i.e. content in the 123038009 | Specimen (specimen) | hierarchy. So far we have collected terms used for specimen types from the two largest microbiology laboratories in Sweden and more term sets are coming in. The aim of the work is to create a (or possibly a set of) national reference set(s) for specimen types. Discussions are also being held with other lab specialties (histopathology, chemistry, ...), biobanks, and health registries. The two existing term sets have been mapped to SNOMED CT and some gaps have been identified. The term sets are currently stored in Google Sheets and I could share the link if there is interest.

If other countries/members/affiliates are interested in this work and would like to collaborate in getting content into international SNOMED CT, please let me know, e.g. by commenting here.

Future work in this area will include specimen collection procedure and analytic procedures.

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