Title: Clinical input to SNOMED CT

Presenters: Leaders of the IHTSDO Clinical Special Interest Groups + IHTSDO representative

# Audience

* Clinical implementers and users of SNOMED CT
* Clinicians who are interested in learning how they can input to SNOMED CT development
* SNOMED CT editors – IHTSDO and National Release Centres

# Objectives

* To understand the benefits of professional involvement and governance of SNOMED CT projects
* To promote clinical engagement in the professional special interest groups and other IHTSDO groups and projects

# Abstract

Since the inception of the IHTSDO, a number of healthcare professional special interest groups have been involved in identifying domain relevant content from SNOMED CT and working to advise, expand and assist implementation within their profession. This has the benefit of quality assuring areas of SNOMED CT relevant to their professional specialty, including updates to SNOMED CT thus ensuring it supports current practice. This also has the benefit of raising awareness of SNOMED CT structure and content across the professions internationally.

Members of the clinical professional SIG’s have historically been predominantly from the original (Charter) members of IHTSDO. With the growth in membership of IHTSDO and increasing numbers of affiliates, the Healthcare Professionals Coordination Group (HPCG) is keen to encourage membership of the professional SIG’s from countries and also those in non-member countries who are actively using SNOMED CT. This presentation outlines the structure and function of the clinical professional groups within IHTSDO and includes key contacts for interested clinicians.

SNOMED CT is a large international terminology and as such the clinical professional SIGs work with the IHTSDO to explore ways of presenting the terminology in a clinically relevant way, thus supporting uptake and implementation. This presentation will discuss examples of this approach and the benefits for clinical groups. In addition, the IHTSDO provides a mechanism to facilitate input from wider clinical groups, specialty based and from a multidisciplinary perspective to participate in specific SNOMED CT development projects such as Functioning.

Come along and hear how you might want to get involved!