

Enabling Semantic Interoperability using SNOMED CT

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CIMI

- The Clinical Information Modeling Initiative (CIMI) is an HL7 Work Group that is producing detailed clinical information models to enable interoperability of health care information systems
- CIMI was initiated during a "Fresh Look" session at an HL7 meeting in 2011
- CIMI models are free for use for all purposes

See <u>http://www.opencimi.org/</u> for more details

Graphic of a Detailed Clinical Model



CIMI Goals

- Create a shared repository of detailed clinical information models
- Repository is open to everyone and models are licensed free for use at no cost
- Where the models:
 - Are expressed in an approved formalism
 - Archetype Definition Language (ADL)
 - Archetype Modeling Language (AML)
 - Are based on a core reference model, including a set of base data types
 - Have formal bindings to standard coded terminologies

CIMI Model Development Lifecycle



CIMI Accomplishments

- CIMI core principles
- CIMI reference model
 - Data types
 - Core constructor types clusters, elements
- Reference patterns
- 3,529 CIMI clinical laboratory models

CIMI and SNOMED

- Information models are often developed independent of terminology models
- The HL7 CIMI Working Group aims to ensure that the CIMI information model is aligned with the SNOMED CT concept model
- Terminology alignment occurs at two levels in CIMI
 - At the attribute semantic level
 - At the attribute value set, or 'range' level

Alignment with SNOMED Occurs at the Core of the CIMI Model

- CIMI's foundational class is the Clinical Statement
- The Clinical Statement Class aligns with SNOMED's Situation with Explicit Context
- The CIMI Clinical Statement is composed of two core *components*:
 - The *topic* of the statement
 - The *context* of the statement

Mapping Clinical Statement Attributes with SWEC Attributes

CIMI	SNOMED SWEC
ClinicalStatement. subjectOfInformation	408732007 Subject relationship context (attribute)
ClinicalStatement.topic	Either: 246090004: Associated finding 363589002: Associated procedure
ClinicalStatement.context	Either: 408729009: Finding context 408730004: Procedure context

Clinical Statement Action Context

- Indicates whether an action was performed, not performed, requested, planned, etc...
- Context class supports additional attributes pertaining to the context specified (e.g., who requested the procedure, timing or performance time, current status)
- Context code attribute includes descendants of 288532009 | Context values for actions (qualifier value) |
- Intended to be further constrained in specializations (e.g., ProcedureProposal, ProcedureNotPerformed)

Clinical Statement Finding Context

- Indicates whether a finding is known or suspected present or absent
- Context class supports additional attributes pertaining to the context specified
- Context code includes descendants of 410514004
 | Finding context value (qualifier value) |
- Intended to be further constrained in specializations

Clinical Statement Topic

- Clinical focus of the statement
- Class representing a clinical action (e.g., an imaging procedure), an assessment (e.g., a patient problem), or an evaluation (e.g., a clinical measurement or lab result)
- Attributes of topic class aligned with the corresponding SNOMED Concept Model (e.g., Clinical Finding, Procedure, Observable Entity)
- Work currently in progress

Example: Procedure Proposal

- A CIMI ClinicalStatement class
- ClinicalStatement.topic attribute mapped to 363589002
 | Associated procedure (attribute) |
- ClinicalStatement.context attribute mapped to 408730004 | Procedure context (attribute) |
- ClinicalStatement.context.actionContext attribute value constrained to 385644000 | Requested (qualifier value)
- The ClinicalStatement topic attribute points to a CIMI *Procedure* class whose attributes are mapped to the SNOMED CT Procedure Concept Model when such an alignment exists

Strategy for Mapping CIMI Attributes and Their Values to SNOMED

- Align CIMI class attributes to SNOMED CT concept model attributes when a correspondence exists
- Align CIMI class attribute values to SNOMED CT allowable values for the corresponding concept model attribute when feasible
- Identify gaps and propose new concepts to IHTSDO or within a CIMI extension
- Not all CIMI attributes have equivalents in the SNOMED Concept Model
- CIMI attributes that have no equivalent in the SNOMED Concept Model may still have their values bound to SNOMED

CIMI Browser Demo

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