

# Managing medicines and devices

Development and use of a medical devices terminology

International development overview

Panel discussion on SNOMED CT use in medicines management

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# Medical devices

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# Background

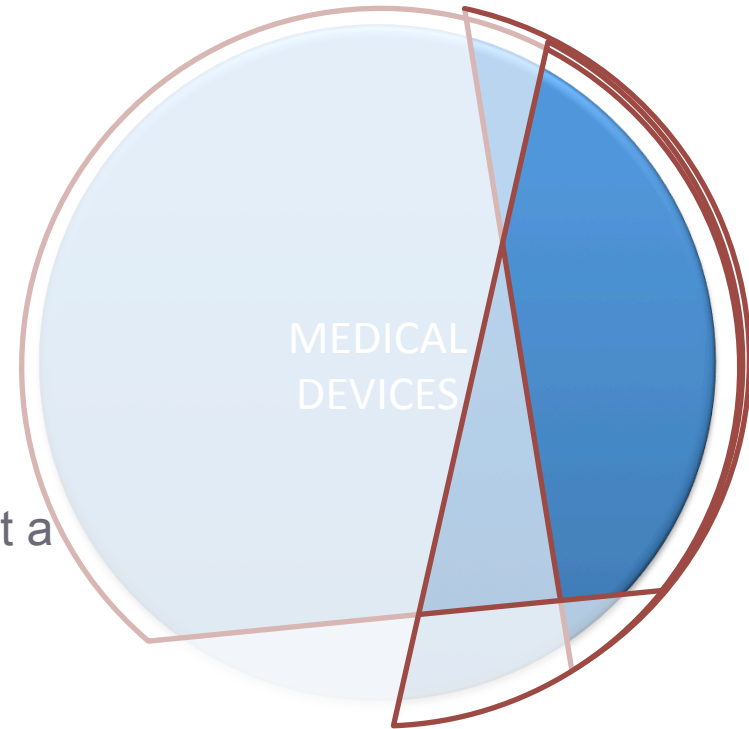
- We lack a consistent approach to both coding and terminology for medical devices. Increased central interest in medical devices highlights the need for this to change.
- There is significant interest in medical devices across health sector agencies and in the private sector, and this is expected to increase over time. The needs of these parties can differ substantially.
- Existing international solutions tend to be relatively useful for grouping medical devices, but less useful for identifying them.

# Pharmaceutical Management Agency (PHARMAC)

- PHARMAC is responsible for managing the New Zealand Government's expenditure on medicines, and in the future, medical devices through the Pharmaceutical Schedule
  - National procurement
  - New technology adoption
  - Setting clinical criteria for funding
- We need medical device information that is:
  - Broad
  - Granular
  - Hierarchical

# Different roles, different interests

- Formulary management
  - Funding / clinical information about individual products
  - Interest in most medical devices at a detailed level
- Decision support
  - Additional information for clinicians
  - Interest in some medical devices, likely at a higher level
- Electronic health records
  - Relevant medical history for individuals
  - Interest in some medical devices, likely at a detailed level



# Medical devices

- *'Medical device'* covers a wide range of products:
  - implantable devices (orthopaedics, stents)
  - consumables (needles, wound care)
  - diagnostic equipment
- They have varying levels of variability
- While quite different to medicines, there are common features
  - Clinical warnings
  - Allergies and contraindications
  - Recalls

# Significant variation

## Guide wires

- Type
- Length
- Strength
- Tip
- Core

**1000 variations**

## Wound dressings

- Size
- Absorption
- Adherence
- Sterility
- Antimicrobial activity

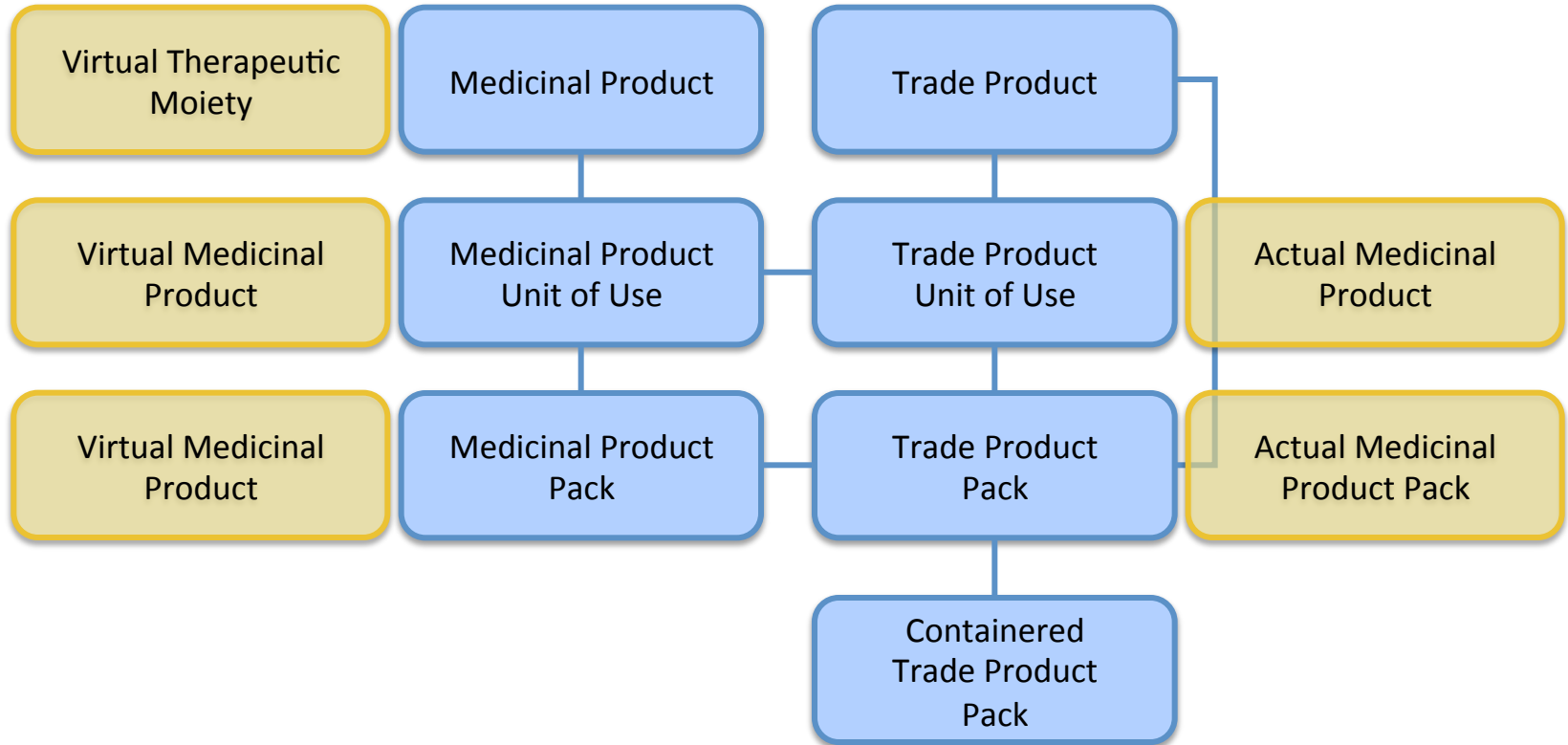
**2000 variations**

## Sutures

- Needle shape
- Needle gauge
- Suture gauge
- Suture length
- Composition
- Absorbability
- Surface type
- Colour

**4000 variations**

# New Zealand Medicines Terminology



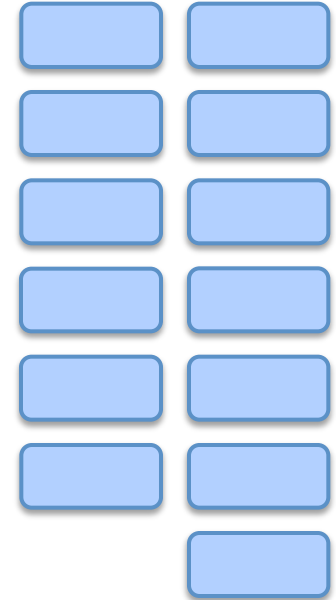


# Medicines terminology

- A standardised terminology with agreed editorial rules
- A single approach to clinical coding for medicines across the sector
- An ability for information to be provided at a general concept level and cascaded down to individual products
- An ability for data to be collected at a granular level and easily aggregated for data analysis
- A tool to support clinical decision making, including interactions, contraindications and other alerts.

# Preferred approach

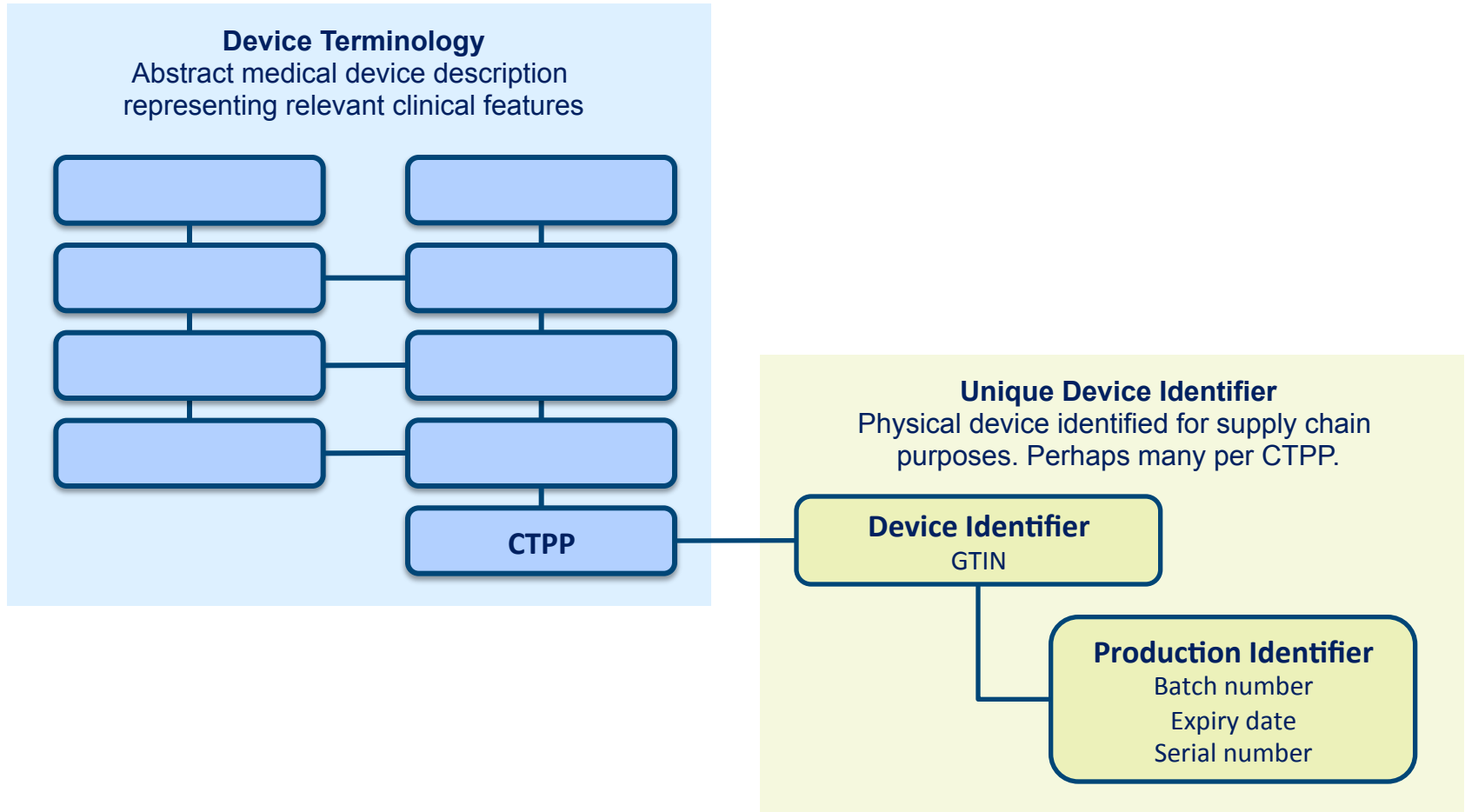
- Devices terminology based on the format used for medicines
- More layers of detail to account for greater degrees of clinical differentiation between products
- A better understanding of use cases will be needed to understand how much a devices terminology would need to expand beyond the 5/7 concept model used for medicines
- Does not appear that existing device nomenclatures can be repurposed for this task



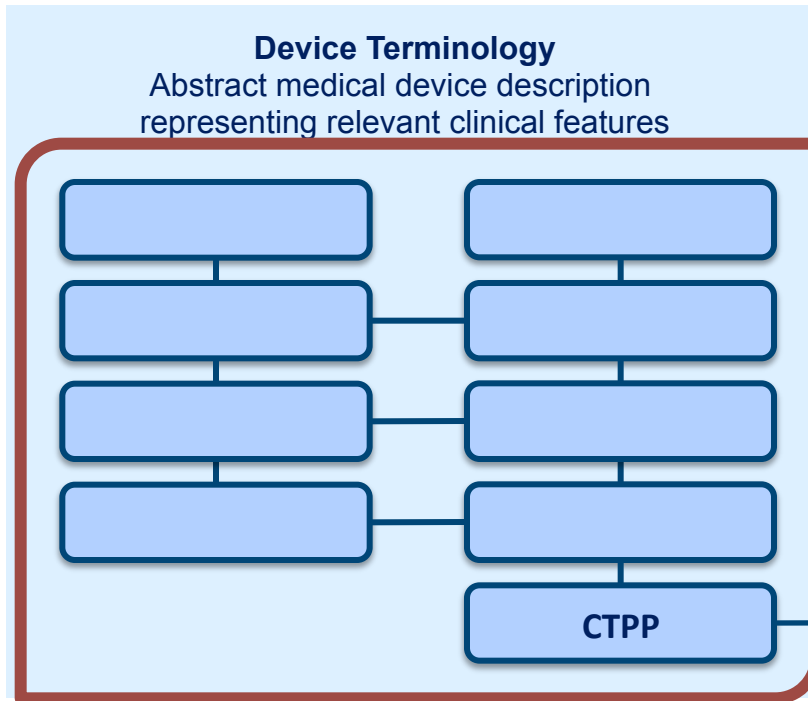
# Unique Device Identifier (UDI)

- UDIs identify physical products, available in a variety of machine-readable formats
- Device identifier
  - Global Trade Item Numbers (GTINs) are expected to become the NZ standard for supply chain information for medical devices
- Production identifier
  - batch number
  - expiry date
  - serial number
- We see the UDI as forming an important part of the overall coding package for medical devices

# Combined implementation

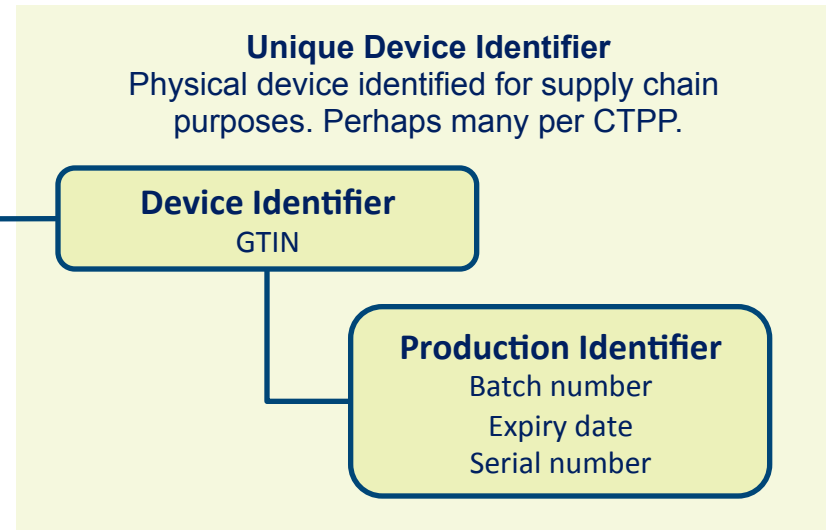


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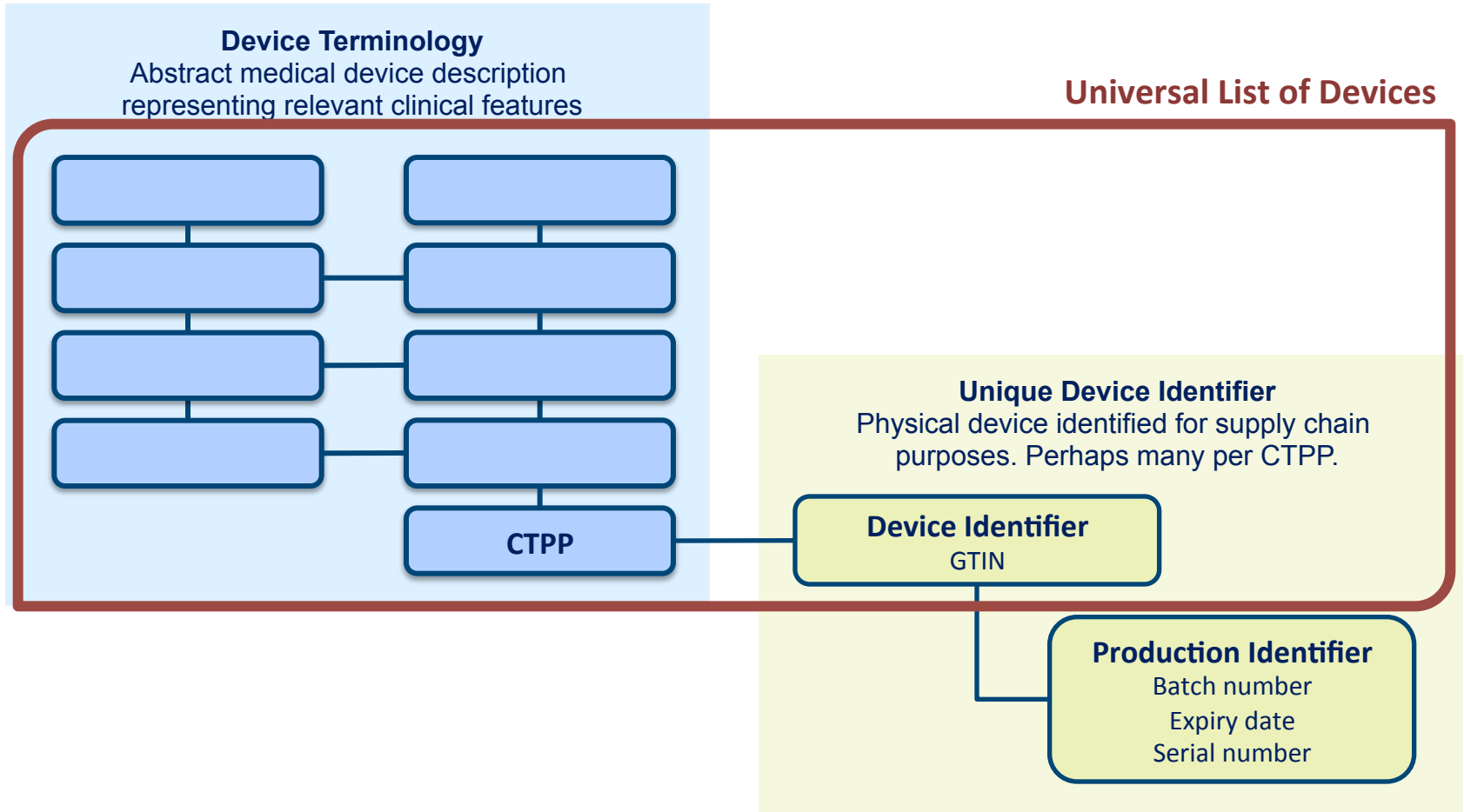


**Pharmaceutical Schedule**

**Clinical decision-support systems**



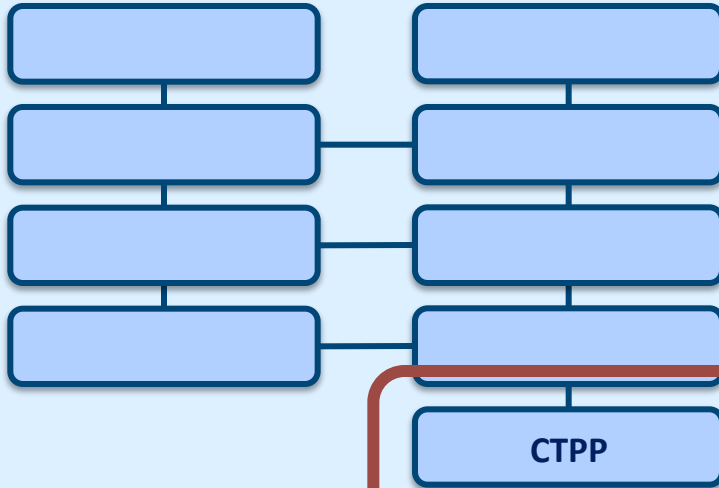
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## Device Terminology

Abstract medical device description representing relevant clinical features



## Unique Device Identifier

Physical device identified for supply chain purposes. Perhaps many per CTPP.

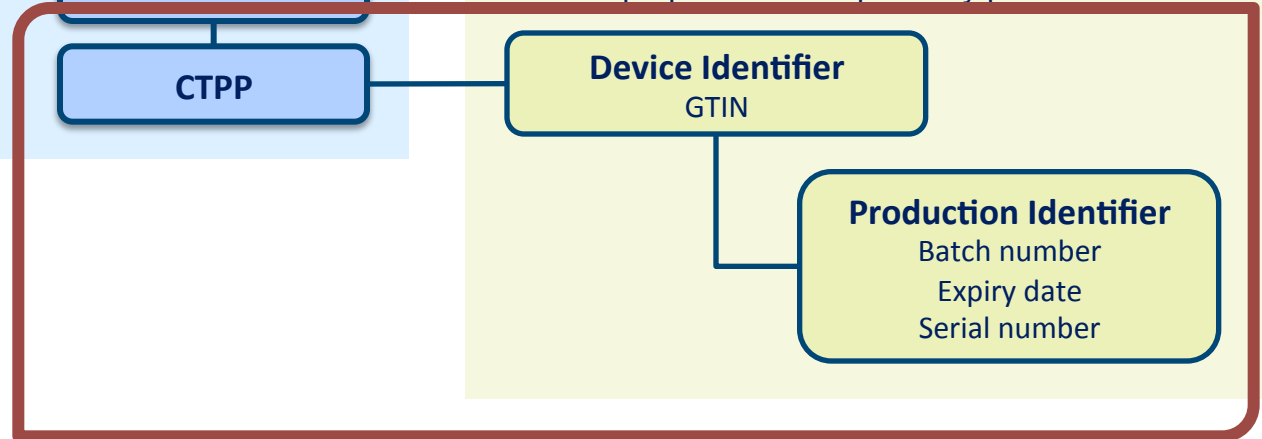
### Device Identifier

GTIN

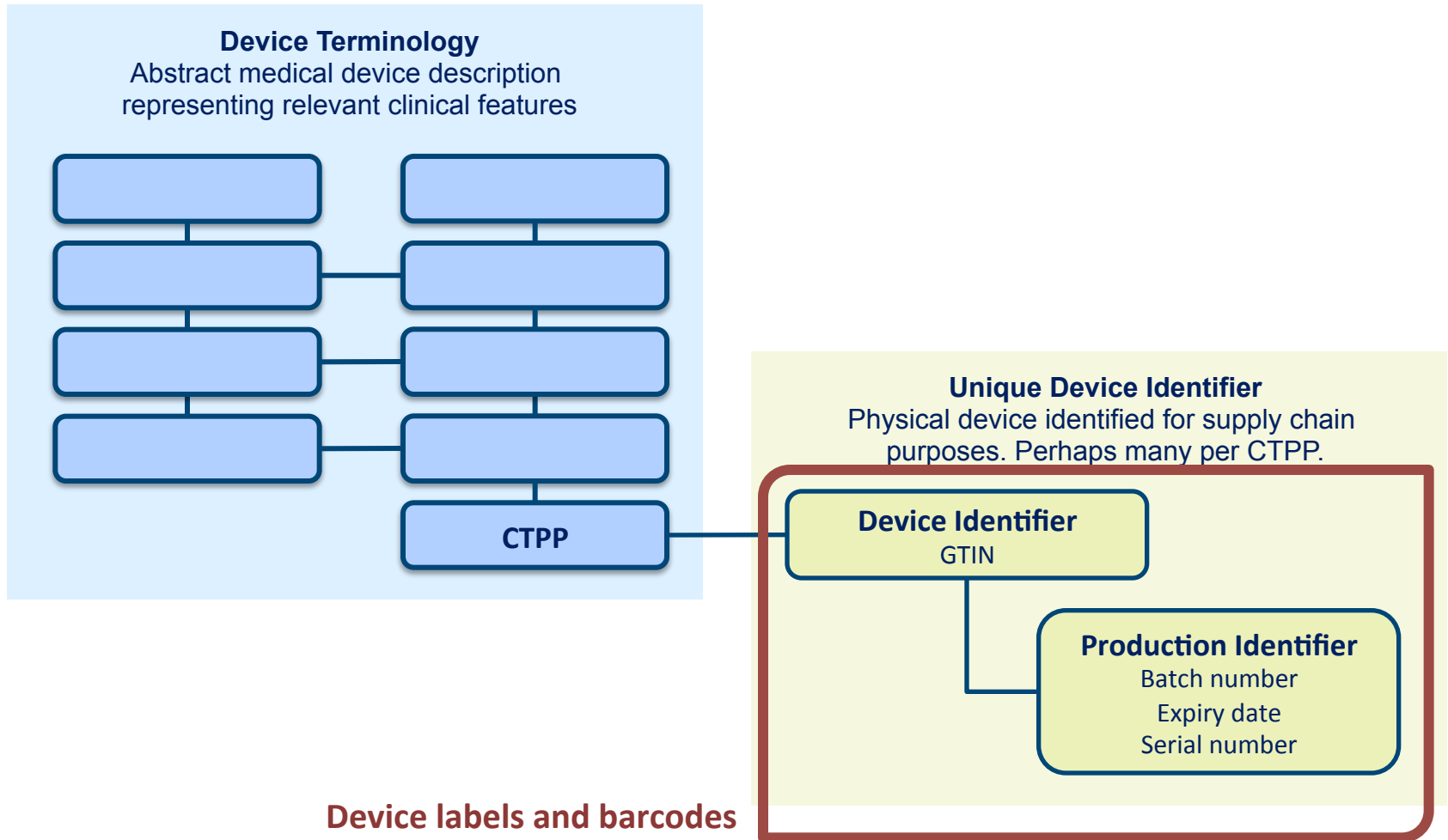
### Production Identifier

Batch number  
Expiry date  
Serial number

Clinical documentation  
Transaction information



# Combined implementation





# Concept in action

## **Prior to use**

### Device terminology

- Clinical decision support systems highlight any potential allergy issues, contraindications or clinical warnings
- Relevant clinical funding criteria are noted

### Device terminology + UDI

- Correct brands are procured
- Notification of any stock shortage issues in advance of procedures

# Concept in action

## **At time of use**

### Device terminology + UDI

- Verification of product (barcode / RFID)
- Population of:
  - patient's electronic health record
  - transactions data sets
  - device registry

# Concept in action

## **Subsequent to use**

### Device terminology

- Identification and monitoring of patients with a category of medical devices
- Monitoring of usage (over/under/misuse) by funders

### Device terminology + UDI

- Identification of patients given a medical device within a particular batch or serial number range



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# International development overview

Toni Morrison (IHTSDO)

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# Devices

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- Investigating and analyzing existing devices concept models, requirements and use cases of Member countries to provide a basis for model design
- Developing a SNOMED CT concept model for the representation of devices at the international and national levels
  - Determining the boundary between international and national parts of the model
- Using expertise to agree on a plan for iterative concept model development

## Devices, cont.

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- Project details, including windows of opportunity for review and comment, can be found on IHTSDO collaborative space:

<https://confluence.ihtsdotools.org/display/IAP/Devices+Projects>

# Drugs

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- The primary objective of the Drug Default Model Group is to develop a default model for the representation of drugs in the international edition and national drug extensions
- The model will be based on the SNOMED CT concept model, but take the representation beyond that of drug content included in the SNOMED CT International Release
- It will also consider other international standards such as IDMP standards, where relevant



## Drugs, cont.

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# SNOMED CT use in medicines management

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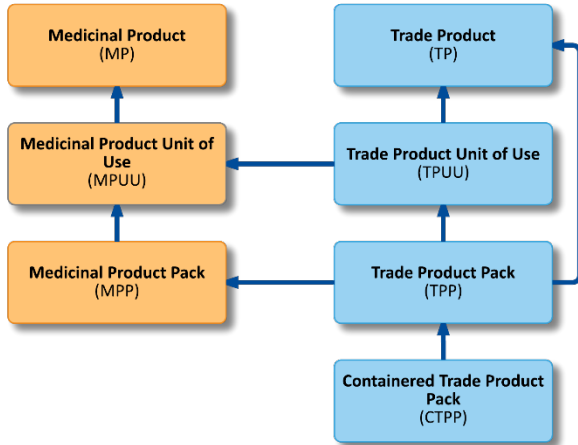
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# A national medicine information resource based on SNOMED CT

David Mitchell,  
Lead Terminologist, New Zealand Universal List of Medicines

# NZULM information components

## Descriptions, identifiers & atomised data



Pharmaceutical Schedule

Hospital Medicines List

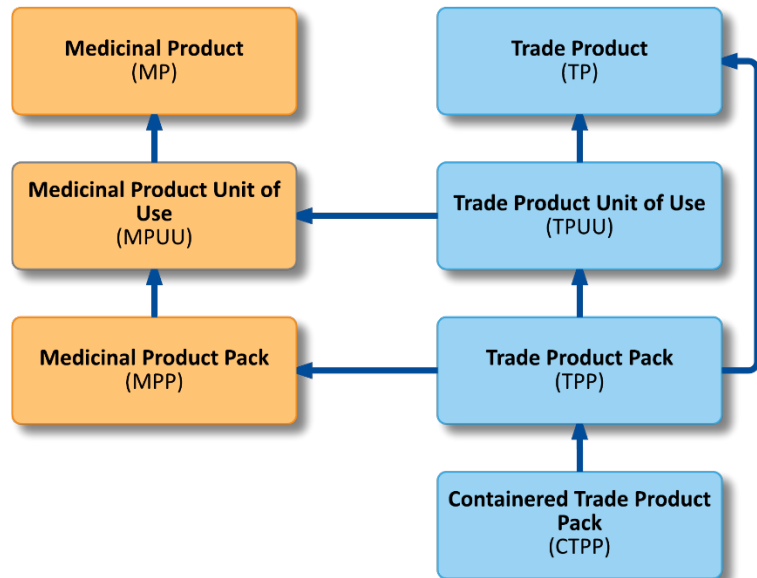
Medsafe consents

- Medicines & devices subsidised for community care
- Subsidy codes, rules and values

- Medicines funded for community care
- Funding codes, rules and values

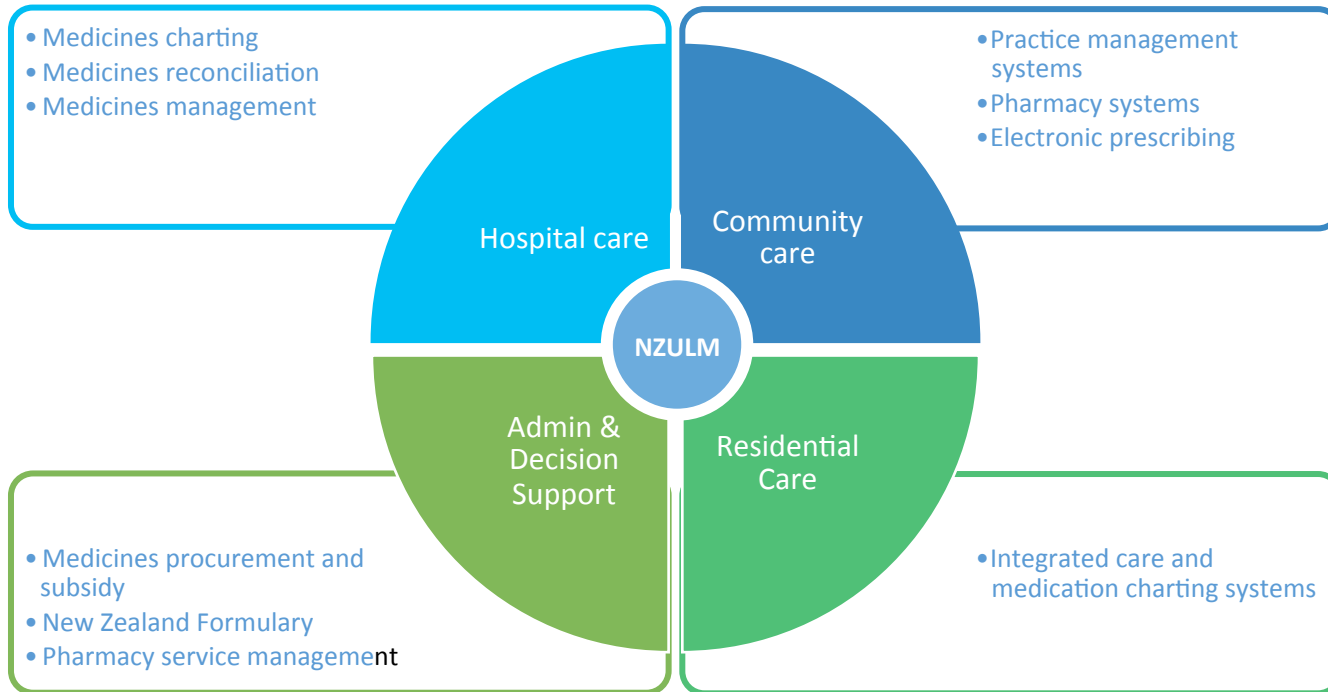
- Sponsor
- Formulation
- Legal status & restrictions
- Data sheets & CMI sheets

# The New Zealand Medicines Terminology



- SNOMED CT identifiers
- Based on:
  - Australian Medicines Terminology data model
  - Australian Medicines Terminology editorial rules
- Adapted for New Zealand needs
  - Alternate descriptions tailored for clinical Use Cases
- Provides foundation for the NZULM
  - Other data sources linked via identifiers

# National roll-out



# Key milestones

New Zealand Health Information Strategy — *2005*

HISO Medicines Terminology recommendations — *2009*

Merge AMT, Medsafe, Pharmaceutical Schedule and Pharmacode® databases — *2010-11*

NZULM release — *2011*

Ongoing maintenance and development to support clinical uptake and emerging needs — *on-going*



# Lessons learned

Clinical implementation is everything but one size doesn't fit all

- Clinical guidance and input during development is essential
- Current clinical practices and perceived risks are significant barriers to adoption
- Flexibility without compromising core data integrity supports uptake

The size of the challenge to build the resource can't be over-estimated

- Building on existing data sources saves time but carries its own risks
- Linking listing processes to other official processes and requirements builds overall support and drives participation and uptake

External standards beyond editorial rules and technical requirements are essential

- National standards for data presentation
- Mechanisms for responding to emerging Use Cases are needed

Unintended and unexpected consequences are an ever present risk

- Multiple user groups draw on the same resource
- Managing competing user needs requires careful balancing

# Lessons learned

Every implementation is different

- Vendor and user needs differ. They determine how the resource is used.
- Aim to achieve overarching coherence across systems

Successful implementations require data provider support

- Demonstrate data integrity and build confidence
- Support to understand a complex data resource is essential
- Provide common resources to simplify implementation and resolve recurring issues

Recognise the challenges of inserting new data into existing systems

- Expecting substantial changes in design and user experience is optimistic
- Compromise is inevitable but it needs to be guided by long term objectives






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**Formulary**



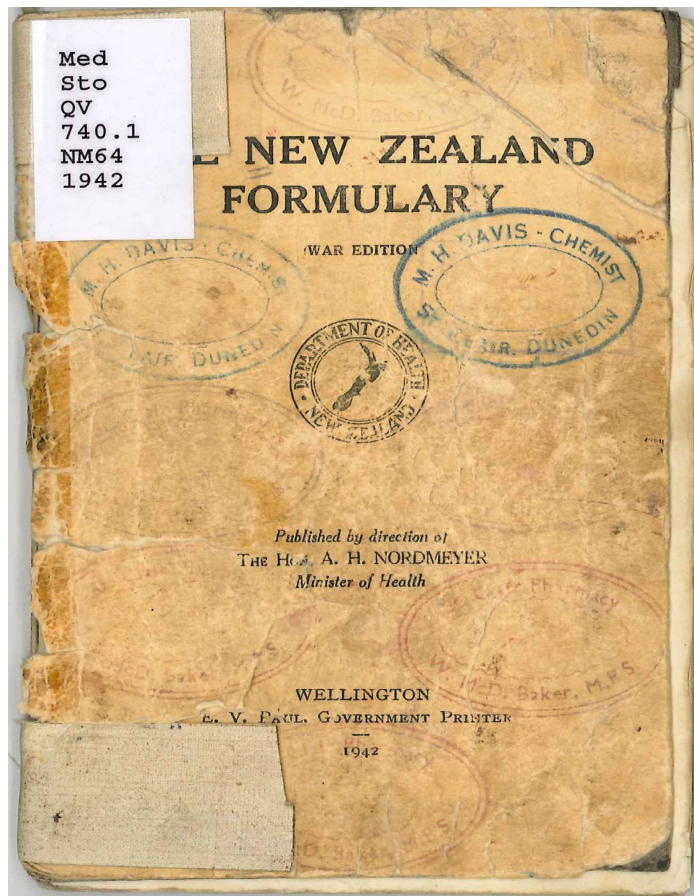
# SNOMED CT Coded Indications in a National Formulary

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***“a resource for healthcare professionals prescribing, dispensing and administering medicines across primary and secondary care. It addresses their need for general purpose, point of care information about the use of medicines in NZ”***

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# The New Zealand Formulary

**Capsula Filicis** 15 min. (*Caps. Filic.*)

Extract of Male Fern.

Dose: 1 to 2 capsules.

**Enema Quassiae** (*Enem. Quass.*)

An infusion of a strength of 1 in 100 should be made with rasped quassia wood and cold water. Alternatively, the strong Infusion of Quassia may be diluted 10 times.

The quantity to be given is 20 fl. oz.

**Tabella Santonini** 1 gr. (*Tab. Santonin.*)

Dose: 1 to 3 gr.

**Tabella Santonini Composita** (*Tab. Santonin. Co.*)

Santonin	..	..	..	1/2 gr.
Mercurous Chloride	..	..	..	1/2 gr.

**Oleum Chenopodii** (*Ol. Chenopod.*)

Dose: 3 to 15 min. Dispensed in capsules.

## CARDIOVASCULAR SECTION

### CARDIAC

**Tabella Digitalis Pulverata** 1 gr. (*Tab. Digit. Pulverat.*)

NOTE.—1 gr. of Powdered Digitalis is equivalent to 10 min. of Tincture of Digitalis.

**Tabella Digoxini** 0.25 mg. (*Tab. Digoxin.*)

Dose: 1/2 to 1 mg.

\* **Mistura Digitalis** (*Mist. Digit.*)

Tincture of Digitalis	..	..	10 min.
Compound Tincture of Cardamom	..	..	15 min.
Water	..	..	to 1/2 fl. oz.

\* Digitalis is best administered in the form of Digitalis Pulverata.

**Pilula Digitalis Composita B.P.C.** (*Pil. Digit. Co.*)

Powdered Digitalis	..	..	1 gr.
Squill, in powder	..	..	1 gr.
Pill of Mercury	..	..	1 gr.

**Injectio Strophanthini** 1/100 to 1/100 gr. (*Inj. Strophanthin.*)

Dose: 1/100 to 1/50 gr. (0.25 to 1 mg.)

**Injectio Ouabaini** (*Inj. Ouabain.*)

Dose: 1/2 to 1 mg.

**Injectio Digoxini** 0.5 mg. (*Inj. Digoxin.*)

Dose: 1/2 to 1 mg.

**Tabella Quinidinæ Sulphatis** 3 gr. (*Tab. Quinid. Sulph.*)

Dose: 3 to 10 gr.

### VASCULAR

**Capsula Amylis Nitritis** 3, 5 min. (*Caps. Amyl. Nitrit.*)

**Tabella Glycerilis Trinitratis** 1/100 gr. (*Tab. Glyc. Trinit.*)

(Synonym: Trinitrin Tablet.)

[P.P.] **Tabella Phenobarbitoni et Theobrominæ B.P.C.** (*Tab. Phenobarbiton. et Theobromin.*)

Phenobarbitone	..	..	1/2 gr.
Theobromine	..	..	5 gr.

\* **Tabella Calcii Lactatis** 5 gr. (*Tab. Calc. Lact.*)

\* Or Calcium Gluconate, if Calcium Lactate is not obtainable.

### DIURETIC

**Injectio Mersalyli B.P.** (*Inj. Mersalyli.*)

Contains 10 per cent. w/v of Mersalyli.

Dose: 1/2 to 2 mil. (8-30 min.)



## digoxin

**Indications** heart failure (see also [section 2.5.5](#)); supraventricular arrhythmias (particularly atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter; see also [section 2.3.2](#))

**Contra-indications** intermittent complete heart block; second degree AV block; supraventricular arrhythmias associated with accessory conducting pathways e.g. Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome; ventricular tachycardia or fibrillation; hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (unless concomitant atrial fibrillation and heart failure—but use with caution); myocarditis; constrictive pericarditis (unless to control atrial fibrillation or improve systolic dysfunction—but use with caution)

**Cautions** recent myocardial infarction; sick sinus syndrome; thyroid disease; reduce dose in the elderly; severe respiratory disease, hypokalaemia, hypomagnesaemia, hypercalcaemia, and hypoxia (risk of digitalis toxicity); monitor serum electrolytes and renal function; avoid rapid intravenous administration (risk of hypertension and reduced coronary flow); cardiac amyloidosis

**Interactions** Stockley's alerts: [digoxin](#); BNF summary: [digoxin](#)

**Renal impairment** reduce dose and monitor plasma-digoxin concentration; toxicity increased by electrolyte disturbances

**Pregnancy** [A](#); may need dosage adjustment

**Breast-feeding** [compatible](#). eTG [complete](#)

**Adverse effects** see [Cardiac glycosides](#); also nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, arrhythmias, conduction disturbances, dizziness, blurred or yellow vision, rash, eosinophilia; *less commonly* depression; *very rarely* anorexia, intestinal ischaemia and necrosis, psychosis, apathy, confusion, headache, fatigue, weakness, gynecomastia on long-term use, thrombocytopenia

### Dose

**Child and neonate** see [NZF for Children](#)

#### Atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter

##### Oral

##### Rapid oral loading

**Adult** 0.75–1.5 mg over 24 hours in divided doses

##### Maintenance (according to renal function, clinical response and drug concentration monitoring)

**Adult** usual range 62.5–250 micrograms daily

#### Emergency loading dose [unapproved indication]

##### Intravenous infusion

**Adult** 0.75–1 mg over at least 2 hours (see also Cautions), then maintenance dose by mouth on the following day

#### Heart failure (for patients in sinus rhythm)

##### Oral

**Adult** usual maintenance dose 62.5–125 micrograms once daily

#### Note

The above doses may need to be reduced if digoxin has been given in the preceding 2 weeks. When switching from intravenous to oral route may need to increase dose by 20–33% to maintain the same plasma-digoxin concentration. For plasma concentration monitoring, blood should be taken at least 6 hours after a dose.

# The New Zealand Formulary

1992

•Department of Health RFP

2002

•PHARMAC EOI

2007

•PHARMAC / DHBNZ Business Case

2008

•Budget funding for the NZMF

2009/10

•NZULM created

2010/11

•NZF RFP

2011

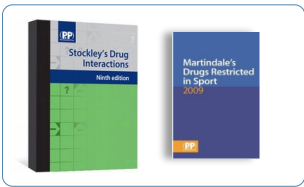
•NZMF Limited Partnership formed and awarded 10 year contract to deliver and maintain the NZF and NZF for children

2012

•NZF released 23<sup>rd</sup> July

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Universities  
DHBs  
GPs

NZ specific

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clinical experts

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NZ specific data

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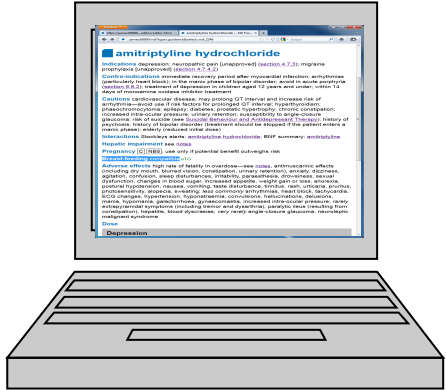
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Advisory Board



NZF editorial  
team



BNF editorial  
team



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# SNOMED CT

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# New Zealand adverse events reported for 2012–13 include:

- 179 clinical management events
  - delays in treatment
  - concerns about the accuracy of diagnoses
  - inadequate patient monitoring in hospital
  - and near misses
- 24 medication events
  - 11 related to administration of an incorrectly prescribed drug or drug dose.

Making health and disability services safer  
—Serious Adverse Events report 2012–13 (HQSC)

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# Meaningful Objectives

- Improve quality, safety, efficiency and reduce disparities
- Engage patients
- Improve coordination of care
- Improve population health and interact with public health programs

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# Alerts & Reminders

- May reduce errors through timely information about
  - Indications
  - Contra-indications
  - Drug-Drug interactions
  - Appropriate dose ranges
  - Drug allergies
  - Drug-Food interactions
  - Precautions for specific drug-disease combinations
  - Relevant abnormal laboratory test results (e.g. rising creatinine levels)





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## colchicine

**Indications** acute gout; short-term prophylaxis of gout [unapproved]; acute pericarditis [unapproved]; recurrent pericarditis [unapproved]

**Contra-indications** severe renal impairment; severe hepatic impairment, blood disorders; children

**Cautions** elderly; gastro-intestinal disease; cardiac disease; see also SafeRx bulletin: [Colchicine—Safe Prescribing](#)

Risk of serious toxicity if recommended dose is exceeded; see also [HQSC Medication Alert-Colchicine](#)

**Interactions** Stockley's alerts: [colchicine](#); BNF summary: [colchicine](#)

**Hepatic impairment** use with caution

**Renal impairment** reduce dose or increase dosage interval if eGFR 10–50 mL/minute/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; avoid if eGFR less than 10 mL/minute/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

# Alert Examples—Indications

- Diagnosis: Acute Gout
- Rx: Colchicine



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# Alert Examples—Contra-Indications

Diagnosis: Acute gout

Rx: Colchicine

Previous Clinical Finding: Haemophilia



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# Challenges

- **≈3000 individual indications**  
≈350 directly match SCT
- **≈2000 individual contra-indications**  
≈ 300 directly match SCT

# Troublesome Indications

Example:

- prevention of gastrointestinal haemorrhage when ulcers present
- benign gastric and duodenal ulcers
- benign gastric and duodenal ulceration
- duodenal and benign gastric ulcer
- benign gastric ulcer

# Troublesome Contra-Indications

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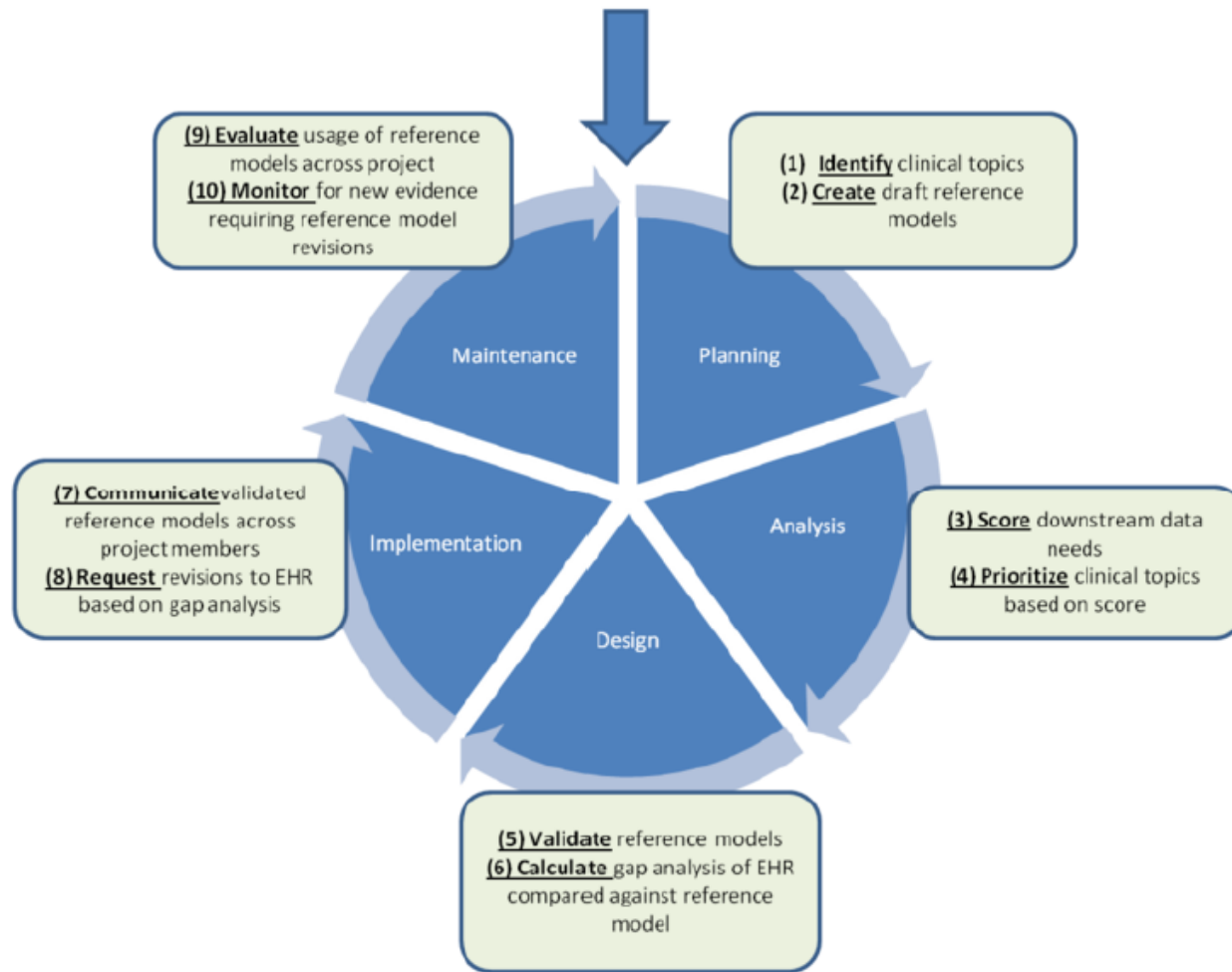
- blood disorders
  - ? Haemophilia
  - ? Blood clots
  - ? Anaemia
  - ? Leukaemia
  - ? Lymphoma
  - ? Myeloma

# What Next?



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*Figure 1 - Practical Approach for Data Governance for Structured Data Elements*



# Summary

- NZF has the potential to enable improved healthcare in New Zealand.
- Many challenges
  - Difficult technology
  - Labour intensive
  - Still evolving

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# Clinical Applications Allergy Groups

David J Woods

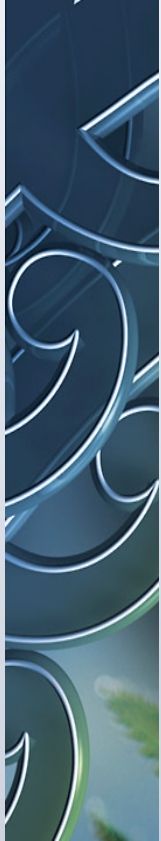
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# General objectives

- What is a drug group?
- Basic purpose/function of an “allergy group”
- Implications for SNOMED
- Broader applications – “drug property propensity group”



# Drug allergy checking



- **Drug groups with common potential for drug allergy (drug hypersensitivity)**
- **Based on concept of cross reactivity or cross intolerance**
  - **beta lactam antibiotics**
  - **iodinated radiocontrast media**
  - **aromatic anti-epileptic drugs**
  - **ACE inhibitors**

# Beta lactam antibiotics


- **Beta lactams**
  - Penicillins
  - Cephalosporins
  - Carbapenems
- **Group exists in SNOMED and in WHO ATC**



# ACE inhibitors (pseudoallergy)

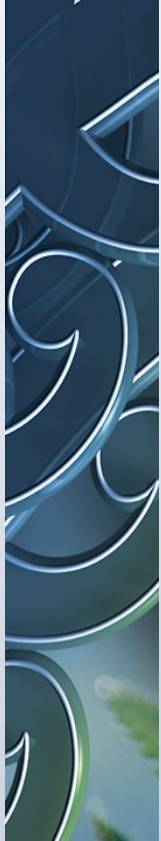
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- **Captopril**
  - **Enalapril**
  - **Lisinopril**
  - **Quinapril + many others**
  
  - **Compatible with SCT terminology and ATC groups**

# Aromatic anti-epileptic drug

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- Drugs with propensity to cause *anticonvulsant hypersensitivity syndrome (delayed hypersensitivity)*
    - Phenytoin
    - Carbamazepine
    - Phenobarbitone
    - Primidone + others
  - Not described adequately in SCT or grouped in ATC

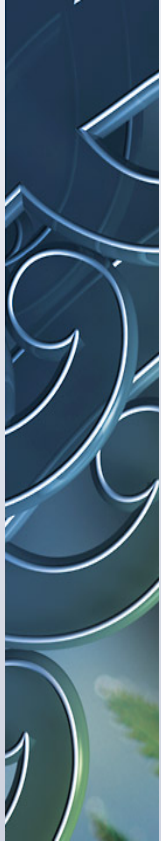


# Creating drug allergy groups



- International “open source” sets not available
- Most exist within commercial systems; expensive, no standards
- Several advantages of “home-grown” systems or an international standard for local implementation

# New Zealand development



- A drug allergy group data set for national implementation – will utilise the SCT ontology that NZF is currently aligning to
- Clinical transparency, responsive to feedback and development
- Drive implementation standards

# Implications and opportunities for SNOMED

- SNOMED groups and hierarchies do not completely match with NZ drug allergy set
  - Complete match – *allergy to penicillins (disorder)*
  - Partial match – *NSAID allergy (disorder)*
  - Group absent – *aromatic anti-epileptic; thienopyridine antiplatelet*



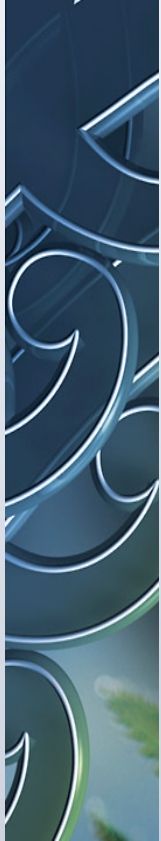
# Allergy to penicillin (disorder)

## Children (6)

- ≡ Antipseudomonal penicillins allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Broad spectrum penicillins allergy (disorder)
- Combined penicillin preparation allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Mecillinam allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Penicillinase-resistant penicillins allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Penicillinase-sensitive penicillins allergy (disorder)

**Complete match *but*  
no higher level term beta lactam allergy disorder**

# NSAID allergy disorder – partial match

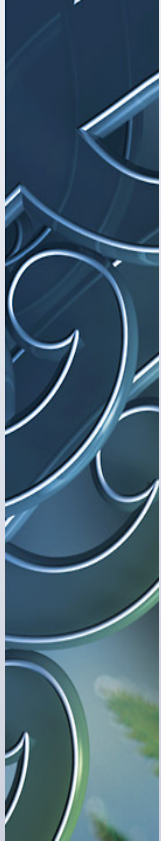


## Children (25)

- ≡ Acemetacin allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Acetaminophen and dextropropoxyphene allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Azapropazone allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Diclofenac allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Dipyrone allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Etodolac allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Felbinac allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Fenbufen allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Fenoprofen allergy (disorder).....

**Relationship to aspirin  
and COX-2 inhibitors e.g. celecoxib?**

# NSAID allergy disorder



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- ≡ Dipyrone allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Etodolac allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Felbinac allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Fenbufen allergy (disorder)
- ≡ Fenoprofen allergy (disorder).....

**Selection “cherry picking”  
to produce appropriate sensitivity**

# If group is absent in SNOMED?

- Create rules and relationships for local implementation – *How?*
- Create relationships and groups in the international release?
- Introduce clinical governance and standards!



# Drug property propensity groups

- **Additional opportunities**
  - Genetic predisposition to ADRs (HLA status)
  - Metabolic pathways (e.g. CYPs) and genotypes
  - Anticholinergic load
  - Fall risk
  - Banding according to dosing in renal impairment





# Conclusion and vision

## Maximising leverage of SNOMED CT

- A terminology with optimal relationships for implementation into clinical decision support
- Exploration of the concept of drug property propensity groups to assist in adverse event and therapeutic outcome prediction
- International standards and governance
- *That's all!*







# Practical Applications

Allergies and Adverse Drug Reactions

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It's appropriate for me to follow the previous speakers as none of this would be possible without the foundations built by NZULM and NZF

I'll be explaining how these can (or should) be used practically to support patient care in the context of allergy and adverse drug reaction clinical decision support

# Auckland District Health Board

- Auckland City Hospital
- Starship Children's Hospital
- Greenlane Clinical Centre
- Community rehab and mental health
- 8000 FTE
- 1477 medical staff
- Budget \$2 billion
- Population of ≈0.5 million
- Over 10,000 inpatient admissions each month





# Electronic Systems at ADHB

Over 500 electronic clinical applications in use

- eReferrals – RMS [Orion]
- Electronic Discharge Summaries (eDS) – Concerto [Orion]
- Electronic Medicines Reconciliation (rolling out) – Concerto [Orion]
- Electronic Prescribing & Administration (two wards) – MedChart [CSC]
- Scanning of clinical notes on discharge – ChartView [3M]

# Allergies and ADRs

Manual paper recording process

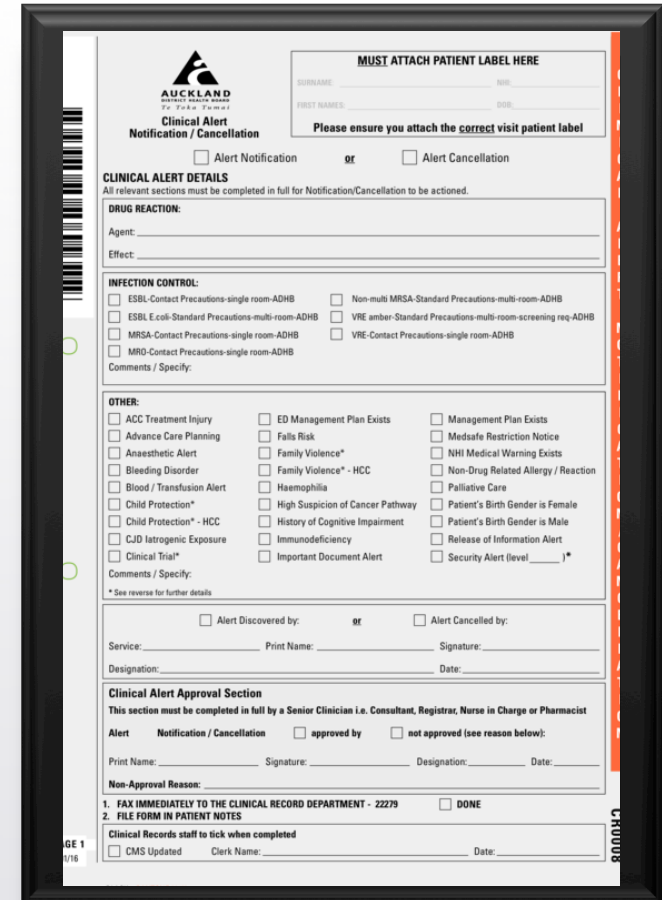
- Completed by Doctor, Pharmacist, Nurse

Data clerk enters into Patient Administration System (PAS)

- Generic warning – not drug or reaction specific

Automatically uploaded to National Medical Warning System (NMWS)

- Available for viewing by other National users of NMWS



**AUCKLAND**  
HOSPITAL PHARMACY SERVICE  
The Pharmacy Department

**Clinical Alert Notification / Cancellation**

Alert Notification      or       Alert Cancellation

**MUST ATTACH PATIENT LABEL HERE**

SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ensure you attach the correct visit patient label

**CLINICAL ALERT DETAILS**  
All relevant sections must be completed in full for Notification/Cancellation to be actioned.

**DRUG REACTION:**  
Agent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Effect: \_\_\_\_\_

**INFECTION CONTROL:**

<input type="checkbox"/> ESBL-Contact Precautions-single room-ADHB	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-multi MRSA-Standard Precautions-multi-room-ADHB
<input type="checkbox"/> ESBL E.coli-Standard Precautions-multi-room-ADHB	<input type="checkbox"/> VRE amber-Standard Precautions-multi-room-screening req-ADHB
<input type="checkbox"/> MRSA-Contact Precautions-single room-ADHB	<input type="checkbox"/> VRE-Contact Precautions-single room-ADHB
<input type="checkbox"/> MRD-Contact Precautions-single room-ADHB	

Comments / Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:**

<input type="checkbox"/> ACC Treatment Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> ED Management Plan Exists	<input type="checkbox"/> Management Plan Exists
<input type="checkbox"/> Advance Care Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Falls Risk	<input type="checkbox"/> Medsafe Restriction Notice
<input type="checkbox"/> Anaesthetic Alert	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Violence*	<input type="checkbox"/> NHI Medical Warning Exists
<input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding Disorder	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Violence* - HCC	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Drug Related Allergy / Reaction
<input type="checkbox"/> Blood / Transfusion Alert	<input type="checkbox"/> Haemophilia	<input type="checkbox"/> Palliative Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Protection*	<input type="checkbox"/> High Suspicion of Cancer Pathway	<input type="checkbox"/> Patient's Birth Gender is Female
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Protection* - HCC	<input type="checkbox"/> History of Cognitive Impairment	<input type="checkbox"/> Patient's Birth Gender is Male
<input type="checkbox"/> CJD Iatrogenic Exposure	<input type="checkbox"/> Immunodeficiency	<input type="checkbox"/> Release of Information Alert
<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Trial*	<input type="checkbox"/> Important Document Alert	<input type="checkbox"/> Security Alert level _____!*

Comments / Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

\* See reverse for further details

Alert Discovered by: \_\_\_\_\_ or  Alert Cancelled by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Clinical Alert Approval Section**  
This section must be completed in full by a Senior Clinician i.e. Consultant, Registrar, Nurse in Charge or Pharmacist

Alert      Notification / Cancellation       approved by       not approved (see reason below):

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Designation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Non-Approval Reason:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. FAX IMMEDIATELY TO THE CLINICAL RECORD DEPARTMENT - 22279       DONE  
2. FILE FORM IN PATIENT NOTES

Clinical Records staff to tick when completed  
 CMS Updated      Clerk Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

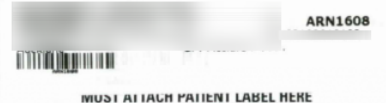
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**Clinical Alert  
Notification / Cancellation**

Alert Notification **or**  Alert Cancellation



MUST BE EACH PATIENT LABEL HERE

**CLINICAL ALERT DETAILS**

All relevant sections must be completed in full for Notification/Cancellation to be actioned.

**DRUG REACTION:**

Agent: Phenoxy methyl penicillin  
Effect: anaphylaxis

**INFECTION CONTROL:**

- MRQ positive-single room - Contact Precautions
  - MRD-ESBL positive-single room - Contact Precautions
  - MRD-VRE positive-single room - Contact Precautions
  - MRSA positive-single room - Contact Precautions
- Comments / Specify:

**OTHER:**

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACC Treatment Injury      | <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Trial*          | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Drug Related Allergy / Reaction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Care Planning    | <input type="checkbox"/> ED Management            | <input type="checkbox"/> Palliative Care                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anaesthetic Alert         | <input type="checkbox"/> Falls Risk               | <input type="checkbox"/> Patient's Birth Gender is Female    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding Disorder         | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Violence          | <input type="checkbox"/> Patient's Birth Gender is Male      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood / Transfusion Alert | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Violence* - HCC   | <input type="checkbox"/> Release of Information Alert        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Protection*         | <input type="checkbox"/> Haemophilia              | <input type="checkbox"/> Security Alert (level _____)*       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Protection* - HCC   | <input type="checkbox"/> Immunodeficiency         |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CJD Iatrogenic Exposure   | <input type="checkbox"/> Important Document Alert |  |
- Comments / Specify:

\* See reverse for further details

Alert Discovered by: **ORL - on admission** **or**  Alert Cancelled by:

Service: ORL Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Designation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Clinical Alert Approval Section**

This section must be completed in full by a Senior Clinician i.e. Consultant, Registrar, Nurse in Charge or Pharmacist

Alert  Notification  Cancellation  approved by  not approved (see reason below):

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Designation: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 8/1/13

Non-Approval Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

1. FAX IMMEDIATELY TO THE CLINICAL RECORD DEPARTMENT - 22279  DONE
2. FILE FORM IN PATIENT NOTES Already On.

Clinical Records staff to tick when completed: 1. 1.  
 CMS Updated Clerk Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 15.1.2014

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**ADHB Patient View**

Patient Demographics	
Patient:	ARN1608 - [redacted]
Gender:	Female
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Age:	[redacted]
Home Address:	[redacted]
Phone Number:	[redacted]
Mobile Number:	[redacted]
Spoken Language:	[redacted]
Religion:	[redacted]
Ethnicity:	New Zealand European
Email Address:	[redacted]

Minor NHI Numbers
None.

Patient Contacts			
Name	Relationship	Address	Phone
[redacted]	Health Practitioner	[redacted]	649-521 1120
[redacted]	Spouse	[redacted]	
[redacted]	Mother	[redacted]	5758470

**Patient Alias**

Alias
[redacted]

**Shared Care Record**

There is no shared care record available for this patient

**Alerts and Allergies**

Alert/Allergy Name

Drug Reaction

**Severity**

Warning

**Onset Date**

09/01/2014

**Alert**

Drug reaction: contact ADHB Clinical Rec on 3074949 ext.22288



## There has to be a better way.....

- Paper forms are laborious
- Doctors handwriting is difficult to read
- A lot of effort for very little gain from a patient safety perspective
- No electronic decision support potential
- No real incentive for the clinician to report (WIFM)
- No driver for software vendors if we don't have structured data



# What's needed?

- Patient details
  - Based on National Health Identifier (NHI)
- Drug / drug class (NZULM & NZF)
- Reaction(s) (SNOMED CT Australian extension – Clinical Manifestation)
- Severity (SNOMED CT Severities – 7 options)
- Date of reaction
- Freetext comments field
- Reporter details
  - Based on Health Practitioner Index (HPI)
- Report date

## Debatable value

- Certainty (SNOMED CT Certainty of Diagnosis)
- Avoid in future? (yes/no)



## What about historical data?

'It's full of junk'

ADHB Patient Administration System (CMS)

- 1574 living patients with drug-related CR0008 on file
- Manual review of all forms
  - Coded with NZULM/NZF for drug terms
  - Aussie Refset (745 terms) for drug reactions
- Completed over 900 reviews
  - No significant issues with coding so far



# National Medical Warning System

Established 40 years ago

First report in 1978 – allergic reaction to aspirin

Contains almost 750,000 alerts reported over that time period (living and dead)

Auckland DHB cohort from NMWS:

- 482,000 patients (2015/16 estimate)
- 35,966 warnings (not all drug related)
  - 24,075 warnings for living patients
  - ADHB reported = 863 living patients with drug reactions



Reviewed random sample 150 drug reactions in NMWS (non-ADHB reported)

- NZULM/NZF substance and allergy classes
- CSIRO SHRIMP refset viewer
  - great synonym search

ALL 150 could be accurately coded (<45 minutes)



# Centre for Adverse Reaction Monitoring

New Zealand has had the highest rate of reporting adverse reactions to medicines per population in the world for at least the last two decades

- Medical Warnings - entered for medicines that have caused serious or potentially serious allergic reactions or other reactions likely to lead to serious illness or distress if re-administered
- Medical Dangers - entered for medicines that are likely to cause life-threatening or fatal reactions if re-administered

All included in the NMWS

All CARM added alerts are reviewed by a medical assessor (vs automated from most DHBs)





# Recoding effort

NZ population = 4.5 million

20 District Health Boards covering the 4.5 million

Auckland DHB – catchment of 500,000 patients

CARM added records for ADHB catchment

1875 Warnings

529 Dangers

Scaled up for population

≈17,000 Warnings (283 hours)

≈ 4700 Dangers (78 hours)

Two people could complete this task in one month



## Rob's vision

- National repository of coded allergy & ADR detail
- Standardised national web-based reporting form
- Any electronic system recording or editing allergies & ADRs utilises/ interfaces with National form
- Any electronic system using allergy/ADR clinical decision support interfaces with National repository for patient details



- Don't let the great get in the way of the good – Voltaire, France, 1770
- Work smarter not harder -Allan F. Mogensen, USA, 1930
- NZ, stop talking and start doing – Rob Ticehurst, NZ, 2016



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