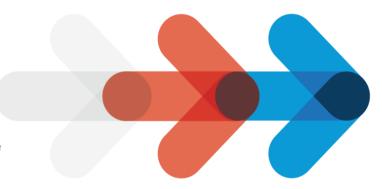


Powering Canada's National Immunization App with SNOMED CT®

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Using SNOMED CT as a Common Terminology

Recording of product administered



Historic recording



Immunization forecasting 3

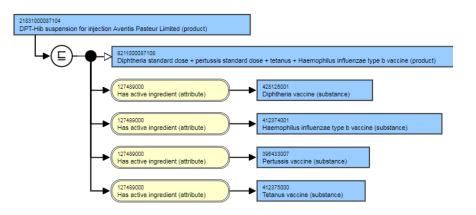


Analytics (various levels) to support management of information

Clinician-Friendly Pick-List

Hepatitis A+B vaccine (product)

- ☐ HAHB Twinrix GSK
- HAHB Twinrix Junior GSK





Outcome

7 Immunization Subsets

- Vaccine Administered Name Code
- Vaccine Historical Name Code
- Passive Administered Immunizing Agent Code
- Passive Historical Immunizing Agent Code
- Antigens Code
- Immunoglobulins Code
- Vaccine Preventable Diseases
- Immunization Editorial Guideline
- French terms to all Immunization concepts

Now in use by:

- ✓ Public Health Agencies across the country
- √ First Nations
- √ Canadian Forces





Lessons learned while developing the subsets



Stakeholder engagement

- ✓ Real implementation focus
- ✓ Engage key stakeholders early in the process
 - Domain experts
 - Ministry of Health Ontario
 - Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)
 - Panorama work groups
 - Health Canada





Lessons learned while developing the subsets



Clear scope with tangible results

- ✓ Iterative process
- ✓ Key business requirements
 - Record Administration of Vaccines (current and past)
 - Support Inventory Management
 - Support Immunization Forecasting



Lessons learned while developing the subsets

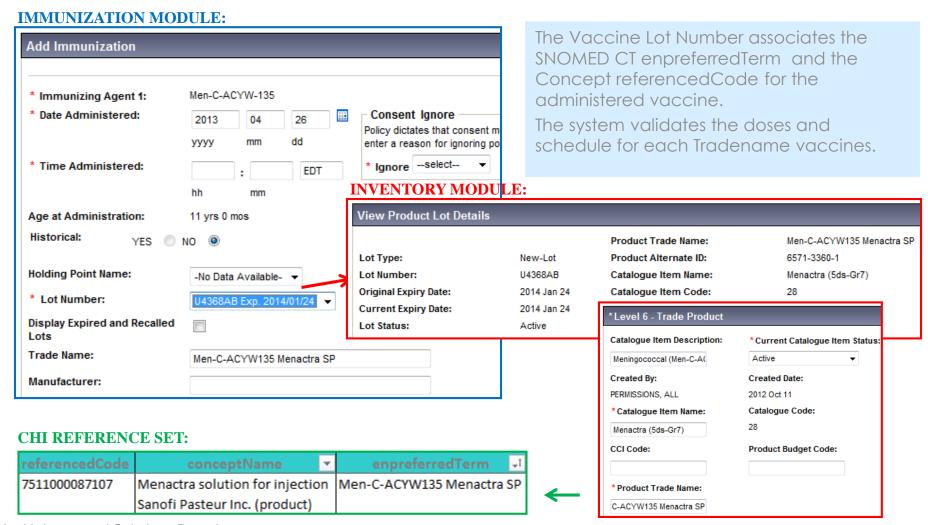


Document

- ✓ Authoritative sources
- ✓ Decision rationale
- ✓ Editorial Guidelines

Immunization and Public Health Surveillance

Configuration PANORAMA



Source: Ontario Public Health Integrated Solutions Branch





Challenges: Maintenance

- Domain expertise to maintain the subsets
- No integrated process between the Public Health Agency and Infoway for updates
- Translation of Antigens
- Discrepancies between different authoritative sources

- Solution: Workgroup created with Public Health and Immunization expertise
 - Mandate:
 - Provide guidance for request for change
 - Provide guidance pertaining authoritative documentation



Publication

Welcome to Terminology Gateway

Browse, download and leverage the terminology used in Canada

Quick Demo





pCLOCD



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Canadian Clinical Drug Data Set

& Additional Terminology Content

Access to the human readable subsets

Access to the SNOMED CT Canadian Edition

Access to Jurisdiction's artefacts

Access to the Terminology REST API

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Terminology Services REST API / FHIR Terminology Services API





CANImmunize

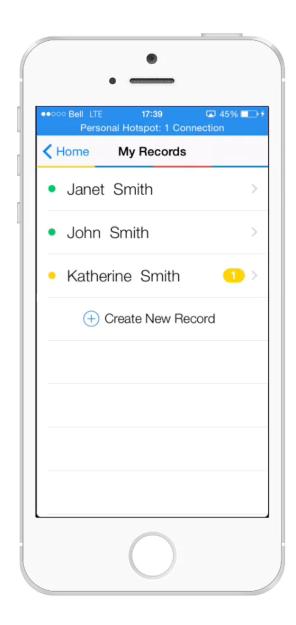
- Personal immunization record app
- Sends reminders when it's time to get vaccinated
- Downloaded by over 200,000 Canadians





The Need for Standards

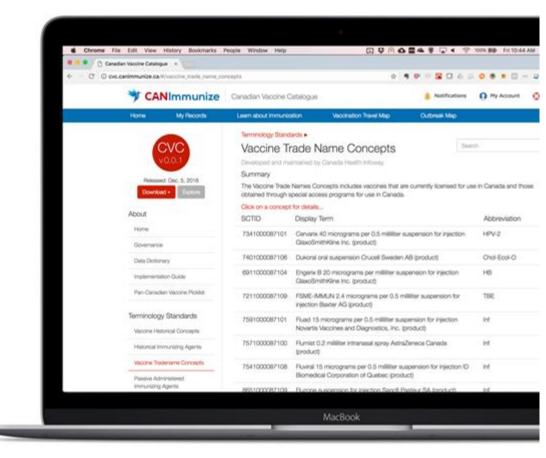
- For app to be most useful, it needs to exchange information with public health immunization information systems
- Adopted the Pan-Canadian Immunization Reference Sets to facilitate interoperability
- On top of the clinical/surveillance benefit, we found that users want to record the tradename of vaccines
- The existence of the Pan-Canadian Tradename Reference Set made this easy to include
- Using vaccine barcodes to speed up data entry requires a link between GTIN and SNOMED CT





The Canadian Vaccine Catalogue

- Vaccine barcoding is important to improving data quality and reducing data entry time; both in clinical and supply chain settings
- The catalogue links variable product data (GTIN, Lot Number, Expiry Dates) to SNOMED CT identifiers
- Data is made available through an HL7 FHIR API
- This allows digital applications (electronic medical records, immunization information systems, apps) to improve data quality using standardized picklists – replacing free text entry of GTINs and lot numbers





Challenges Developing the Catalogue

- GTINs, lot numbers, and expiry dates are issued by manufacturers, and so strong incentives need to be in place for those GTINs to be reported
- Establishing governance model for maintenance and quality assurance of GTIN/SNOMED CT linkage
- The SNOMED CT GTINs Linkage Principles published by the SNOMED CT community have been a helpful resource in conceptualizing this system





Questions

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Thank You!