



TO: Members of the Mapping Special Interest Group

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We are writing to you on behalf of the entire IHTSDO Management Board. The IHTSDO Management Board realize that we are at a milestone within the IHTSDO as the new staff for our Mapping Service start their employment and the various activities which they will be undertaking for our Member organizations.

We realize that we would not be in this position without the hard work, drive and dogged determination of the IHTSDO Map SIG and associated people. What has been achieved over the last 3-4 years has been amazing, bringing together the skills and enthusiasm from across the world, and concentrating it into the SNOMED CT to ICD mapping activity. The methodology and tooling are the foundation for the service going ahead and we are delighted to be able to distribute now for use across the world the results of the Phase 1 mapping exercise.

We realize for many of you that this work has been undertaken in your own time or your organization's time for which the IHTSDO is extremely grateful. We hope that, in return, you and the organizations for which you work have been able to learn from what has been achieved with the work. We would be grateful if our thanks could be passed on to any others within your organization who have played a significant part in the work, particularly at the National Library of Medicine, UK Terminology Centre and Canadian Institute for Health Information.

We hope you will continue to be involved with the Mapping work of the IHTSDO through the new Service as your advice and input will be invaluable as the work goes forward, not just in applying the methodology for SNOMED CT to ICD 10 mapping but for other activities that the team will be undertaking.

Kind regards,



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