



Terminology Implementation in Australia

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NEHTA



The National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA) was established by the Australian, State and Territory governments in 2005 to develop better ways of electronically collecting and securely exchanging health information.

Our Vision



Enhance healthcare by enabling access to the right information, for the right person, at the right time and place



Personally Controlled Electronic Health Record	Clinical Information	Individual Information	Shared Information	[Others]
E-Health Services	Shared Health Profile	Events Summaries	Self Managed Care	Complex Care Management
E-Health Solutions	ePathology	eDischarge	eReferral ✓	eMedications
National Infrastructure Components	Terminology ✓	Secure Messaging	Identifiers ✓	Authentication

Background



Reference set development for specifications

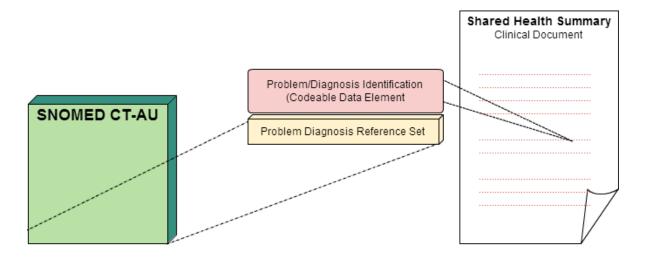
- National specifications developed by information modellers
 - eDischarge Summary
 - <u>eReferrals</u>
 - <u>eDiagnostic Imaging</u>
 - Shared Health Summary

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2. Terminologists identify appropriate terminology for each field



Scope = Context, Use cases, Reference Sources

Purpose = Constraint and Ease of Implementation

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Outcome:

- Limited adoption rate & Stakeholder feedback
- Not satisfying immediate community needs
- Perceived value for effort = low

Why?

- Terminology adoption dependent on Specification adoption
- Other code systems already established
- Limited understanding what SNOMED CT is



Continue with existing strategy but identify and support adoption

- Prioritised based customer needs
 - Medication Management (Reconciliation, Adverse reactions)
- Collaborate on content development
 - Requirements developed with the implementers
- Develop to meet vendors current needs
 - Investigating tools and guides to support
- Direct Implementation Support



Collaborate on content development

Adverse reactions project:

- Clinical manifestation reference set
- Adverse reaction agent reference set

Based on stakeholder source data - with frequencies

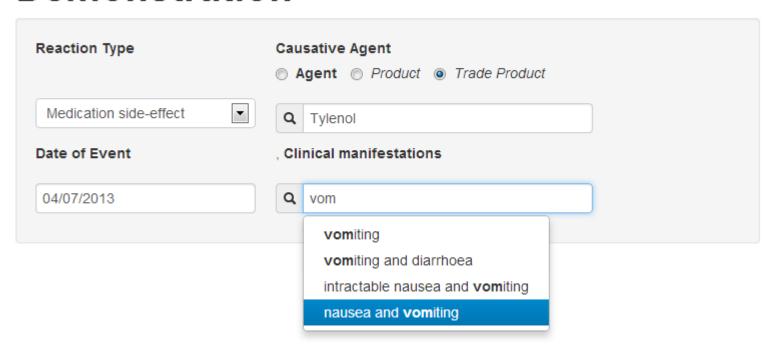
Scope and Identified content reviewed

Review of Preferred terms for end users



Examples and Demonstration collateral

Adverse Reaction Capture Demonstration





Develop to meet vendors current needs

Propose some options

- Adverse reaction project
- Pilot GP Diagnosis exchange

Invite alternative suggestions from vendors

- Diagnostic requesting
- Search/Browsing widget

Also support for general helpdesk requests



Direct Implementation Support

Education workshops before collaborations

Education appropriate for audience

- Developer vs Clinician vs Decision Maker

Reference code samples

Use case based Implementation guidance

Lesson learnt



- Support opportunities rather than "impose"
- Ensure appropriate audience/information
- Provide demonstrations and examples
- Provide implementation support
- Support (viable) integration with established codes



Thank you and Questions