

SNOMED CT: Ontologies in support of global interoperability of the EHR Allergy List Interoperation

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Interoperability use case

- Mr. Jones, 75 years old, a retired school teacher, joined a round-the-world cruise and disembarked at Sydney, Australia for a city tour
- He had developed a fever of 38.5 degrees Celsius the night before, a mild cough and some pain in urination
- The ED physician wants to prescribe an antibiotic but needs to know if the patient has antibiotic allergies and is unfamiliar with some of the US drugs



FirstName J LastName "NickName"

Clinical Summary, generated on Feb. 28, 2019

Patient Demographics - Male; born Jan. 00, 1940

Patient Address	Communication	Language	Race / Ethnicity	Marital Status
1234 Street OMAHA, NE 681XX	NNN-NNN-NNNN (Mobile) NNN-NNN-NNNN (Home) notme@gmail.com	English (Preferred)	Unknown / Unknown	Married

Allergies

Active Allergy	Reactions	Severity	Noted Date	Comments
Gabapentin	Falls	Low		
Lisinopril	Hyperkalemia	High	09/18/2010	
Pioglitazone	Nausea And Vomiting	Low		
Propoxyphene	See Comments			Due to medication interaction
Rosiglitazone	Muscle inflammation	Low	04/19/2010	
Triamterene-Hydrochlorothiazid	Nausea	Low		

Current Medications

Prescription	Sig.	Disp.	Refills	Start Date	End Date	Status
EDEMA WEAR Indications: Durable Medical Equipment	Wear daily as needed	1 each	0	07/06/2010		Active
COCK-UP WRIST SPLINTS Indications: Durable Medical Equipment	1 each.	1 each	0	08/24/2010		Active
DME MISC Indications: Durable Medical Equipment	Dx (ICD code preferred): CHF, legally blind Duration: 99 yrs (lifetime)	1 Units	0	11/19/2010		Active
miscellaneous medical supply Misc Indications: Durable Medical Equipment	Hip protectors to use daily for osteoporosis.	2 each	1	05/14/2010		Active
atorvastatin (LIPITOR) 40 mg tablet	Take 1 tablet (40 mg total) by mouth 1 (one) time a day.	90 tablet	3	05/17/2010		Active
furosemide (LASIX) 20 mg tablet	Take 3 tablets (60 mg total) by mouth 2 (two) times a day.	540 tablet	3	05/17/2010		Active
nitroGLYCERIN (NITROSTAT) 0.4 mg SL tablet Indications: Atherosclerosis of other coronary artery bypass graft without angina pectoris	Place 1 tablet (0.4 mg total) under the tongue every 5 (five) minutes as needed for Chest pain. Go to ER after 1st dose.	25 tablet	3	05/17/2010		Active
pantoprazole (PROTONIX) 40 mg tablet Indications: Heartburn	Take 1 tablet (40 mg total) by mouth every morning before breakfast.	90 tablet	3	06/07/2010		Active

Drug Allergy Encoding

- The CDA record summary that the patient presents from Nebraska has Allergy records structured with RXNORM codes for allergen medication, SNOMED CT codes for reactions
- Gabapentin allergy: RXCUI=476673(Gabapentin IN), SNCT=416098002(Falls)
- Can the coded data support allergy checking software for the Australian physician?
 - Merge CDA data into local EHR allergy list structures and coding
 - Insinuate reference allergy fact and process with decision support software in local EHR



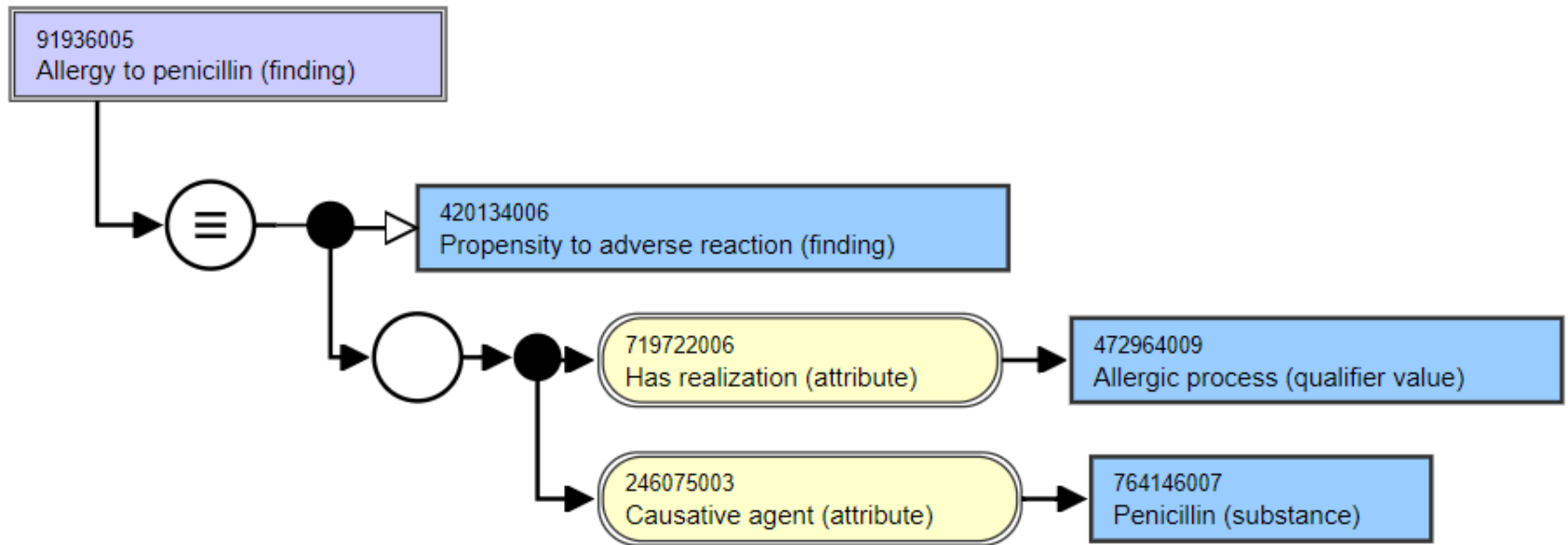
Allergy List Information Model

“Mind the gap!”

- Worldwide, there is no consistency in the way vendors have deployed and use drug allergy data:
 - 1) Precoordinated concept in problem list: <<416098002|Allergy to drug(finding)|
 - 2) Post-coordinated entry in problem list
 - 3) Multi-attribute allergy data record with allergen coded as chemical ingredient or clinical drug



Allergy Lists (Precoordinated) SNOMED CT Allergy Concepts



**Precoordinated SNOMED CT Clinical finding links
Allergy fact to the SNOMED CT Substance that
caused the reaction**



Nebraska EHR Allergy List (Postcoordinated Allergy Record)

Allergy record

- 1) Date time stamp
- 2) Allergen: RXNORM(IN,PIN,MIN,BN,SCD,SBD,GPCK,BPCK)
- 3) Reaction: SNOMED CT Clinical finding
- 4) Severity code: Integer
- 5) Criticality code: Integer



Interoperation Protocol

- Convert CDA allergy fact data to local structures and codes
 - RXNORM concept to SNOMED CT Substance
 - SNOMED CT substance to local drug code
 - Map SNOMED Clinical finding to local diagnosis codes
- Update local instance of EHR with coded allergy facts in format deployed by vendor
- Employ local prescribing software with allergy checking



Convert from Precoordinated Allergy Problems to Substance

Annotations: Allergy to gabapentin (finding)

Annotations 

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Allergy to gabapentin (finding)

Description: Allergy to gabapentin (finding)

Equivalent To 

● 'Propensity to adverse reaction (finding)'
and ('Role group (attribute)' **some**
 (('Causative agent (attribute)' **some** 'Gabapentin (substance)')
and ('Has realization (attribute)' **some** 'Allergic process (qualifier value)'))

SubClass Of 



Convert from RXNORM Medication Coding

RXCUI=476673

Annotations: gabapentin 100 MG Oral Tablet (RXNORM476673)

Annotations +

[rdfs:label](#)

gabapentin 100 MG Oral Tablet (RXNORM476673)

['has NDC'](#)

true

['has RxCUI'](#)

476673

[prescribable](#)

true

Description: gabapentin 100 MG Oral Tablet (RXNORM476673)

Equivalent To +

- **'Medicinal product (product)'**
 - and** ('Has manufactured dose form (attribute)' **some** 'Conventional release oral tablet (dose form)')
 - and** ('Role group (attribute)' **some**
 - ((('Has basis of strength substance (attribute)' **some** gabapentin)
 - and** ('Has presentation strength numerator value (attribute)' **some** '100 (qualifier value)')
 - and** ('Has presentation strength numerator unit (attribute)' **some** MG)
 - and** ('Has presentation strength denominator value (attribute)' **some** '1 (qualifier value)')
 - and** ('Has presentation strength denominator unit (attribute)' **some** 'Tablet (unit of presentation)')
 - and** ('Has precise active ingredient (attribute)' **some** gabapentin)))
 - and** ('Has unit of presentation (attribute)' **some** 'Tablet (unit of presentation)')
 - and** ('Count of base of active ingredient (attribute)' **some** '1 (qualifier value)')

SubClass Of +

● **'Medicinal product (product)'**



Convert Allergen to AMT drug code

DL query:

Query (class expression)

'medicinal product (medicinal product) AMT'

and ('Role group (attribute)' **some** ('has intended active ingredient (attribute) AMT' **some** 'gabapentin (AU substance) AMT'))

Execute

Add to ontology

Query results

Subclasses (136 of 137)

- ☰ Gabaccord (gabapentin 600 mg) tablet (trade product unit of use) AMT
- ☰ Gabaccord (gabapentin 800 mg) tablet (trade product unit of use) AMT
- ☰ Gabacor (gabapentin 100 mg) hard capsule (trade product unit of use) AMT
- ☰ Gabacor (gabapentin 300 mg) hard capsule (trade product unit of use) AMT
- ☰ Gabacor (gabapentin 400 mg) hard capsule (trade product unit of use) AMT
- ☰ Gabacor (gabapentin 600 mg) tablet (trade product unit of use) AMT
- ☰ Gabacor (gabapentin 800 mg) tablet (trade product unit of use) AMT
- ☰ Gabahexal (gabapentin 300 mg) capsule (trade product unit of use) AMT
- ☰ Gabahexal (gabapentin 400 mg) capsule (trade product unit of use) AMT





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