

5.2.3.1 Component Inactivation Reference Sets

The *active* field of each [component version](#) indicates whether a component is active or inactive. However, it does not provide any information about why a concept or description has been inactivated. The reason why a concept or description has been inactivated is indicated by a row in a component inactivation [reference set](#). The reason for inactivation may determine the appropriate way to deal with data in existing records, protocols or queries that use a concept or description after it has been inactivated.

The two [component inactivation Reference Sets](#) are shown in [Table 5.2.3.1-1](#).

Table 5.2.3.1-1: Component Inactivation Reference Sets

Reference Set Id and Name	Note
900000000000489007 Concept inactivation indicator attribute value reference set	Indicates the reason that a concept has been made inactive.
900000000000490003 Description inactivation indicator attribute value reference set	Indicates the reason that a description has been made inactive.

The reason for inactivation is specified by a [concept enumeration](#). The permitted values for this enumeration for a [concept](#) are shown in [Table 5.2.3.1-2](#) and the permitted values for a [description](#) are shown in [Table 5.2.3.1-3](#).

Table 5.2.3.1-2: Concept Inactivation Values

Concept Id and Term	Description	Example
90000000000482003 Duplicate component	The concept has been made inactive because it has the same meaning as another concept.	The concept 727599004 Entire thyroglossal tract (body structure) was inactivated because it is a duplicate of 705323017 Entire thyroglossal duct (body structure) .
90000000000483008 Outdated component	The concept has been made inactive because it is an outdated concept that is no longer used.	The concept 1192004 Familial amyloid neuropathy, Finnish type (disorder) had an out of date or inappropriate fully specified name. It was replaced by the concept 3757892013 Hereditary gelsolin amyloidosis (disorder) .
90000000000484002 Ambiguous component	The concept has been made inactive because it is inherently ambiguous either because of an incomplete fully specified name or because it has several associated terms that are not regarded as synonymous or partial synonymous.	The concept 6835002 Fetal OR neonatal jaundice from bruising (disorder) was inactivated because it could mean either 591937013 Perinatal jaundice from bruising (disorder) or 1461890018 Neonatal jaundice (disorder) .
90000000000485001 Erroneous component	The concept has been made inactive because it contains an error.	The concept 727599004 Entire thyroglossal tract (body structure) was inactivated because is an NEC classification category which had previously been stated to be a subtype of 626562014 Hypoadrenalism (disorder) .
90000000000486000 Limited component	The concept is of limited value as it contains classification categories such as 'Not Elsewhere Classified', which do not have a semantically stable meaning. Until 2010 concepts with this status were regarded as active but since then they have been marked as inactive and should no longer be used.	The concept 42318001 Other adrenal hypofunction, NEC (disorder) was inactivated because it is a duplicate of 705323017 Entire thyroglossal duct (body structure) .
90000000000487009 Moved elsewhere	The concept was moved to another namespace or module.	The concept 417293005 Laryngeal tie-forward (procedure) was inactivated and moved to namespace 1000009 (the Veterinary Terminology Service Laboratory, USA) as it is procedure applied to horses.
90000000000492006 Pending move	The concept is still active but it is in the process of being moved to another namespace or module. When the move is complete it will be marked as inactive.	The concept 727599004 Entire thyroglossal tract (body structure) was inactivated because it is a duplicate of 705323017 Entire thyroglossal duct (body structure) .

Table 5.2.3.1-3: Description Inactivation Values

Id Term	Description	Example
723278000 Not semantically equivalent component	<p>The description does not represent the same meaning as the concept's Fully Specified Name (FSN).</p> <div data-bbox="304 432 553 544" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  This value was introduced in 2017-07-31. </div>	<p>The FSN Removal of device (procedure) has the synonym, Replacement of prosthetic device (procedure). The synonym has a more specific meaning than the FSN, so it should be inactivated (see Synonym in the SNOMED CT Editorial Guide)</p>
723277005 Nonconformance to editorial policy component	<p>A description fails to comply with the current editorial guidance.</p> <div data-bbox="304 674 553 786" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">  This value was introduced in 2017-07-31. </div>	<p>Prior to 2017-07-31, the concept 167238004 Turbid urine (finding) had the fully specified name "Urine: turbid (finding)". This was inactivated and replaced by a new fully specified name "Turbid urine (finding)" because this use of the colon is contrary to editorial guidance (see Punctuation and Symbols in the SNOMED CT Editorial Guide).</p>
900000000000483008 Outdated component	<p>A description is outdated and is no longer current, useful, appropriate or acceptable.</p>	<p>The synonym "Funny looking kid" was inactivated from 112630007 Abnormal facies (finding) as it is not considered an appropriate term to use.</p>
900000000000485001 Erroneous component	<p>The description has been made inactive because it contains an error.</p>	<p>Case significance changes (e.g. "Alpha" where the initial letter should be a lower case "a"). Spelling errors (e.g. a description where "Asthma" is misspelled "Assthma").</p>
900000000000495008 Concept non-current	<p>The description is still active but the concept it refers to is now inactive.</p>	<p>A concept that has been made inactive, still has active descriptions to allow the inactive concept to be displayed with a valid term. These descriptions are marked with this inactivation value.</p>
<p>The following values used in earlier releases are no longer used in the International Release</p>		
900000000000482003 Duplicate component	<p>The description has been made inactive because it duplicates another description.</p> <div data-bbox="304 1238 1453 1350" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;">  Do not apply to current or future description inactivations This value has not been used in the International Release since 2017-07-31. </div>	
900000000000486000 Limited component	<p>The description refers to a concept that has limited status.</p> <div data-bbox="304 1440 1453 1552" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;">  Do not apply to current or future description inactivations This value has not been used in the International Release since 2017-07-31. </div>	
900000000000494007 Inappropriate component	<p>The description has been made inactive because the associated term is does not describe the associated concept.</p> <div data-bbox="304 1641 1453 1753" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;">  Do not apply to current or future description inactivations This value has not been used in the International Release since 2017-07-31. </div>	
<p>The following values related to transfer or responsibility for description are no longer used in the International Release</p>		

<p>900000000000 487009 Moved elsewhere</p>	<p>The description was moved to another namespace or module.</p> <div data-bbox="304 280 1453 414" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p> Do not apply to current or future description Do not apply to International Release description inactivations</p> <p>This value has not been used in the International Release since 2017-07-31. However, it may continue to be used in extensions.</p> </div>
<p>900000000000 492006 Pending move</p>	<p>The description is still active but it is in the process of being moved to another namespace or module. When the move is complete it will be marked as Inactive.</p> <div data-bbox="304 526 1453 638" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p> Do not apply to International Release description inactivations</p> <p>The value has never been using the International Release. However, it may be used in extensions.</p> </div>

Related Links

- See also the formal specification of [5.2.3 Attribute Value Reference Sets](#).