

# 2017-10-17 Editorial Advisory Group Face-to-face meeting, Bratislava

## Zoom Meeting Details

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0700-1500 UTC

0900-1700 Bratislava time

0500-1300 Eastern Daylight Time

## Attendees

Chair:

- [Jim Case](#)

AG Members

- [Keith Campbell](#)
- [Guillermo Reynoso](#)
- [Bruce Goldberg](#)
- [Paul Amos](#)
- [Jeremy Rogers](#)

## Observers:

- [Monica Harry](#)
- [Krista Lilly](#)
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- [Scott Campbell](#)
- [Mary Kennedy](#)
- [Raj Dash](#)
- [James R. Campbell](#)

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- [Jeff Pierson](#)

## Meeting Files

[Sepsis models.pptx](#)

[Complications and sequelae update.pptx](#)

[Allergy Topics.pptx](#)

[2017 KDIGO Update](#)

## Meeting recording

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# Objectives

- Obtain consensus on agenda items

# Discussion items

Item	Description	Owner	Notes	Discussion
1	Call to order and role call	JCA		
2	Conflicts of interest  Approval of minutes 20170928	JCA		
3	Continued from 20170928: Change of name for genetic diseases	JCA	<p>Based on requests from UKTC:</p> <p>The concepts are 726018006[Autosomal dominant medullary cystic kidney disease (disorder)] 723373006[Autosomal dominant medullary cystic kidney disease with hyperuricemia (disorder)] 726017001[Autosomal dominant medullary cystic kidney disease without hyperuricemia (disorder)]</p> <p>The FSN for these concepts align with Orphanet, OMIM and Genetics Home Reference. The request from the UKTC is</p> <p><i>All terms should ideally be replaced by autosomal dominant tubulointerstitial kidney disease (ADTKD) (see <a href="#">KDIGO report</a>). The above terms are not necessarily the same and don't really reflect the improved clinical descriptions of the disease based on genetics. ADTKD reflects the inheritance, common phenotype caused by different mutations and can be used for suspected cases. This is well described in the KDIGO report. They also make the point it is a simple term to use and that MCKD is frankly inaccurate!</i></p> <p><i>As above. I would favour not using these terms MCKD 1 and 2 even though they may be commonly used at present. ADTKD-UMOD or ADTKD-MUC1 would be the preferred names. The list of genes is also increasing making a single term more appropriate.</i></p> <p><i>ADTKD would be the parent and the children would be ADTKD associated with UMOD mutations and ADTKD associated with MUC1 mutations.</i></p> <p>It is anticipated that this type of request will become more frequent as the move towards genomics continues.</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Do we go with the current naming convention to align with Orphanet (our current "Source of truth") or try to keep pace with the evolving nature of content in this area?</p> <p><b>10/6/2017:</b> Response from Orphanet</p> <p>After checking, I confirm the proposed modification of nomenclature from your contact. These modifications don't change the concepts nor the current mappings. To sum up, here is the new configuration:</p> <p>ORPHA34149 Autosomal dominant tubulointerstitial kidney disease (Disease) ORPHA88949 MUC1-related autosomal dominant tubulointerstitial kidney disease (Clinical subtype) (formerly MCKD1) ORPHA88950 UMOD-related autosomal dominant tubulointerstitial kidney disease (Clinical subtype) (formerly MCKD2) ORPHA217330 REN-related autosomal dominant tubulointerstitial kidney disease (Clinical subtype) (formerly FJHN type 2)</p> <p><b>Question:</b> Do we change the FSN or inactivate and replace? In this case it is clear from the response that the "meaning" of the concept is unchanged. For organisms, we have adopted the policy that when taxonomic names change, it is not the organism that changes, but the term representing the organism, thus we rename the FSN for the concept and retain the "older" term as a historical synonym as the naming transition for searching convenience. Should we adopt the same policy for disorders, or does this constitute a substantive change compelling us to inactivate and replace?</p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ugcyfoirel is proposed as a change for SHD</li><li>• In conclusion for FSCCHC criteria</li><li>• SHD is a :so of for speech do</li></ul>





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4	<b>Demo:</b> Batch structural changes to existing content	GRE		<p>Brief demonstr of the too that will b to revisec inconsist identified structure SNOMED content. Examples types of patterns t will be addresse be found ://qa.snor org/</p>

5	ECE Update	BGO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sepsis/Sepsis-associated organ dysfunction.</b></li> </ul> <p>The third International Consensus Definitions for Sepsis and Septic Shock (Sepsis-3) published in 2016 state sepsis is a multi organ dysfunction syndrome due to an infection or more specifically due to an dysregulated host response to infection. Current model places sepsis as a subtype of SIRS and infectious disease which is not consistent with Sepsis-3 definition. Proposed model: ISA Multiple organ dysfunction syndrome due to infection.</p> <p><a href="#">Discussion by ECE</a></p> <p><a href="#">Sepsis models.pptx</a></p> <p><b>Question:</b> Would a new pathological process of dysregulated host response be required in order to fully define sepsis?</p>	<p>BGO pres the discuss form the l meeting t previous i See slide Sepsis m pptx attia</p> <p>Is the shil meaning the currer represent in SNOM going to c issues for if we char Agree mei the currer modeling wrong?</p> <p>Discussio to the nee the new pathologi process, i does it ac value to ti definition? Suggeste there is a for anothe PATHOLO L PROCES "Abnormz immune response</p> <p>GRE Broi up the his the inconsiste use of PATHOLO PROCES This lead severe restrictior range. Discussio expandin range anc the editor guidance be tighter ensure consisten</p> <p>Group ag that Seps should be remodele according new defin GRE mer with the introducti multiple sufficient we can si the transi</p>
6	Findings related to skin wounds	JCA	<p>A number of requests related to findings related to surgical skin wounds and pressure injury findings reveal an issue with current structure. Most of the requested terms are Findings related to skin wounds, but currently 262526004 [Wound of skin (disorder)] is a disorder, so cannot be used as a parent for findings related to skin wounds. There is currently 225552003 [Wound finding (finding)], but it is not specific to skin. 262526004 [Wound of skin (disorder)] currently has 65 immediate subtypes, many of which could reasonably be viewed as findings (e.g. "Abrasion of X").</p> <p>Need to make a determination of whether observations related to wounds (i.e. color, discharge, odor) should be placed in a subhierarchy different from the "Wound (disorder)" itself.</p>	<p>Agreed th wounds a disorders and findir about woi should be classified wound fin</p>
7	Specimen from subjects other than the patient	JCA	<p>Currently we have many concepts in the specimen hierarchy that include "from patient" as well as those that do not include it as an ancestor. Since the subject of record is the default for specimens, we would like to retire these apparent duplicates, but then we run into the problem of specimens derived from other sources such as donors or normal control patients.</p> <p>They cannot be subtypes if the intended meaning is "subject of record"..or can they, since the context is implied? How do we structure the specimen hierarchy to account for this?</p> <p>What are the analytical implications of having different sources for specimens as subtypes of one another?</p>	

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				<p>Non-patient oriented specimen the major now and i of the use cases still the older transport structure, meaning i need pre-coordination content.</p> <p>What are requirements for the adoption of these terms and what major functions of the coordination address these requirements? More modern transport mechanisms such as F do not need level of pre-coordination</p> <p>Comments: IMO indicate that most of the terminology is not sufficiently sophisticated; use either terminology model based post-coordination</p> <p>The long-standing practice of using unspecified Specimen provides substantial challenge revising terminology to make it easier as it would result in a number of changes that may impact implementation</p>
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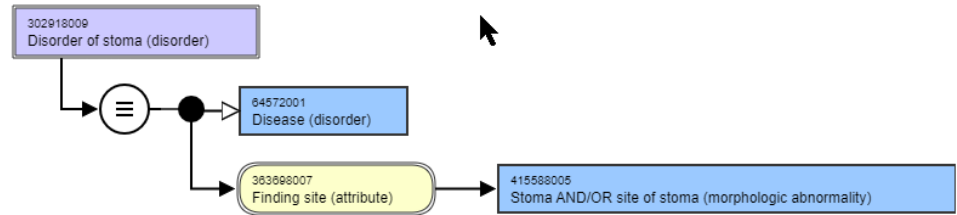
8	WAS-A Inactivation redux	JCA	<p>Concerns have been expressed about the impending inactivation of existing WAS-A relationships:</p> <p>"This topic has consulted with the CMAG and UKTC. The feedback from CMAG was that this should not be a priority. The size and efforts are small for content maintenance. The potential impact could be high if we make changes. The feedback from UKTC was to delay the changes until 2018 when they move to RF2. Furthermore, they still think it would be useful to provide information for WAS A by technical means centrally. "</p> <p><a href="#">See additional discussion</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Jeremy R presentex</a> use case these terr within the UKTC.</p> <p><a href="#">Guillermo Reynoso</a> Describer history of A relation The obse was made these relationsh have not updated f number o years so i represent full scope inactivatic relationsh The WAS relationsh no longer available was prim; used to rr "limited" concepts, were mac inactive ir</p> <p>The abilit segregate from the c using a rr approach also sugg Also sugg that these moved be the UK extension that they full contrc how to us them as t are not ne by other extension</p> <p>It was suggeste if there is need to h access to A relation for transit closure, ti complete these car reconstru from the l files. whic would be complete the curren</p> <p>There wa discussio about the ambiguity REPLACI BY, whic also no lo used.</p>
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Morphologic abnormalities as values for FINDING SITE

JCA

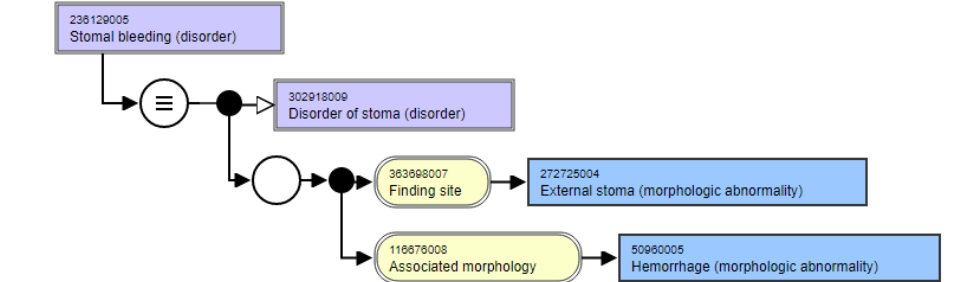
This arose during a review of "Disorder of stoma (disorder)" Currently there are 16 disorders and 23 findings that have a value of 245857005 [Stoma (morphologic abnormality)]. As the stoma is a morphologic structure within a body structure, is it legitimate to allow this as a finding site? For the most part the terms that use this value are nonspecific to the site of the stoma.



Additionally, it is unclear what the use of 91241007 [Stoma site (morphologic abnormality)], given that the site of a stoma can be values using any anatomical site.

Questions:

- Is 302918009 [Disorder of stoma (disorder)] a useful clinical term other than as a grouper term?
- There are 403 disorders and 433 Clinical findings with morphologic abnormalities as values for FINDING SITE. Should these be remodeled to a normal anatomy finding site with an ASSOCIATED MORPHOLOGY?
- How does one model generic terms such as "Hemorrhage of stoma"? currently modeled:



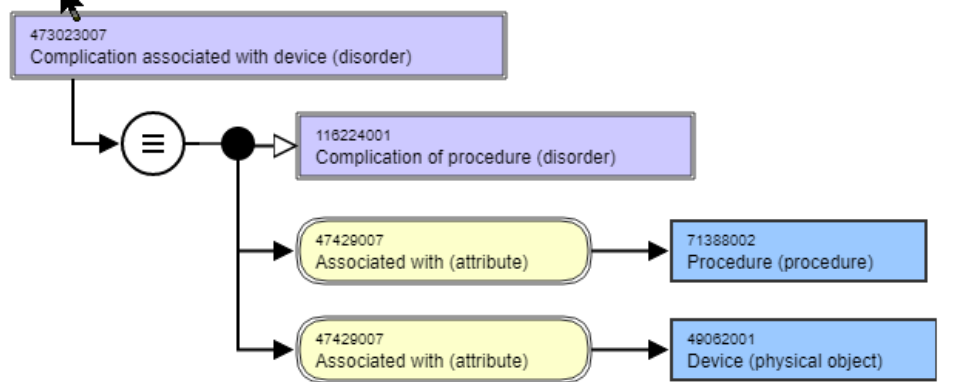
- Current editorial guidance and MRCM rules allow for the use of morphologic abnormality concepts as values for FINDING SITE. Should this guidance be tightened?

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What is an "infected prosthesis"

JCA

We have a number of terms, both disorder and procedure that deal with "infected prosthesis". In general, prostheses themselves are not infected, but the surrounding soft (or bone) tissue adjacent to the prosthesis can become infected. This infection often does not have a demonstrable causal or temporal relationship to the procedure. Currently these are modeled with an ASSOCIATED WITH relationship:



Question:

How do we best represent the true nature of the infection? This is especially important when we deal with "Removal of prosthesis due to infection" and concepts such as "Infection of implanted cardiac device (disorder)".?

Based on previous discussions regarding "causal chain", should this be a DUE TO relationship since the infections would not have occurred if the procedure had not been done?

Suggesting that a stoma is not a morphologic structure. The current descender "acquired structure" includes a number of morphologic abnormal concepts. Is cleanup needed in subhierar

There are number of surgical structures procedures structures have been given the semantic "morphologic abnormal" these were cleaned up then they were used as values for FINDING more clear

Proposed review the existing concepts use morphologic abnormal as the value for FINDING to determine whether it can be used as a subtype "acquired structure" Those that are appropriate have the semantic changed "body structure"

The MRCM need to be revised to disallow "morphologic abnormal" from being a value for FINDING

A prosthesis can be infected (e.g. valve on a prosthetic heart valve). The need to associate procedure with these would be unnecessary and in many cases incorrect. The use of DUE TO relationships is not appropriate.

Currently involved concepts ASSOCIATED WITH = Procedure the parent "Complication associated device", which should not be this relationship

There are timing aspects that are not represented by these terms which make them more vague.

				<p>The association problem is the need for a definition of what is meant by "infectious device". In view of the presence of the device as another acquired structure, these may be complicated. The timing of the infection relative to the procedure may be the reason to classify something as a complication. For example, within a certain number of days).</p> <p>The two approaches "close to reality", with multi-dimensional and challenge to determine "simplified model" that describes is certain. determining whether something is complicated or not is often unknown. testing will be done to see the in of applying simplified model. If not meet needs from classical standpoint a more complex model will be needed.</p> <p>This argues the use of ASSOCIATION WITH as relationship devices.</p> <p>For the procedure such as "Removal of prosthesis to infectious possibility use of H<sup>2</sup> FOCUS.</p> <p>There are guidelines: the evaluation of patient to implant where pre-existing infection may cause abscess of the procedure</p> <p>Clarification of the current understanding of Complications can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
11	"Acquired" disorders vs. Congenital disorders	JCA		<p>There are "Acquired" disorders SNOMED. The vast majority are primitive.</p>

- There are existing "Acquired X (morphologic abnormality)" concepts, but these are very much analogous to the "Congenital X" morphologies that we are trying hard to get rid of.
- "Acquired" and "Congenital" are not morphologies, but timeframes. We do not have a way of denoting "All periods of life after birth" like we do for "Congenital". If we did, then we could create a fully defined concept grouper of "Acquired disorder", which would subsume all concepts that had any OCCURRENCE value later than "At birth", but then it would require that all acquired disorders have a valid OCCURRENCE relationship.
- This approach might also open the door that all disorders that are not specifically "Congenital" have an OCCURRENCE relationship stating that it is required, which seems to be "overmodeling". While we can use the "Acquired deformity" morphology concepts currently, due to the lack of many useful subtypes of "Acquired X" morphologies, it would only be a partial solution.
- The HoT is not in favor of recreating the problem in "Acquired" concepts that would mimic the type of concepts we are trying to inactivate in the Congenital space. However, the current guidance related to "Congenital" is not totally correct, because there are many conditions that can ONLY be congenital, even if the FSN does not state it (For example, aplasias or supernumerary structures). So the guidance does need to be updated.
- One potential solution is to create a primitive grouper of "Acquired disorder" and then using that as the proximal primitive parent, adding the necessary relationships to make acquired disorders defined. It is a kludge, but it would allow for full definition.

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				<p>Could limit use of the period of group for those disorders where the specifies "acquired" Would discuss that manifestations later in life are actually genetic but incorrectly classified as acquired disorder (were created) Would the advancement having this level group.</p> <p>The challenge is how to represent acquisition of the trait as opposed to clinical manifestation of the trait.</p> <p>Suggest a new quantitative value of "natal" be created to aggregate periods of that would be used to define "Acquired condition".</p> <p>2017-11-1 related to exists: <a href="#">PC</a> The work related to item will be linked to the tracker.</p>
12	Update of EAG Workplan	JCA	Review and revision of current <a href="#">workplan</a>	Continued next call due to lack of time

13	Use of the Oxford comma in FSNs	JCA	<p>The Oxford comma is a comma added after the penultimate term in a list, e.g. For example "Disorder of head, neck, and shoulders". The purpose if its use is to make explicit the fact that the terms are part of a list. The editorial guide is silent about its use, but the example provided does not use the Oxford comma.</p> <p>There are currently 347 FSNs in SNOMED CT that use the Oxford comma. Most of these are terms obtained from other terminology, such as ICD and nursing. There are 2500 FSNs that contain comma delimited lists, but do not use the Oxford comma.</p> <p><b>Question:</b></p> <p>Should SNOMED CT be consistent in the use of this grammar mark or maintain fidelity to the original source of the terms that do use it?</p>	<p>KCA expri support fr Oxford cc The ques being whi there sho a retroact applicatio FSNs. It c not chang meaning would not considere requireme inactivatic replacem</p> <p>JRO was favor of u the Oxford comma w does not value. Th challenge provide e guidance what the condition: that requi use or no</p>
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14	AoB	Group	<p>Placement of "conditions" and "predispositions" as clinical findings as opposed to disorders. - BGO</p> <p>Device disorder vs. device failure</p>	<p><a href="#">Bruce Go</a> presented issues from ECE meeting that require additional</p> <p><a href="#">Complications and sequela update.pptx</a></p> <p><b>Device complications</b></p> <p>Problems the device should be finding are a disorder would allow some rearrange of the current device problem findings. The modeling structure should be used to use INTERPRETATION/HAS INTERPRETATION pair to define the findings.</p> <p>Should allow to create a more specific "device failure" to segregate general equipment failure.</p> <p>desire to have more examples for each of the three patterns</p> <p><b>Hypertension and remodeling finding:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Allergy Treatment.pptx</a></p> <p>Predispositions are not disorders as they do not have a pathological process. Proposed move a large number of concepts under disorder to finding.</p> <p>Because proposal simply changes the semantic tag within the same hierarchy would not require inactivation/recreation of these concepts</p> <p>The distinction between findings and diseases brought up problems associated with this distinction and the duplication of terms as findings and disorders discussed asked to provide a list of the duplicated</p>
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15	Future meetings	JCA		Next conferenc TBD
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