# January 2019 SNOMED CT International Edition Beta release available to Members

Dear Members,

The Beta release of the January 2019 SNOMED CT® International Edition is now available to SNOMED International Members only, from the MLDS distribution site.

This Beta release provides Member organizations an opportunity to perform a technical evaluation of the core SNOMED CT® files, and to provide feedback to SNOMED International, before the International Edition is distributed to Members by 31st December 2018.  The public release of the International Edition to Affiliate licensees will take place on 31st January 2019.  Please note that this Beta Release should not be distributed to Affiliate Licensees or any third parties before this date.  ***The BETA release package is distributed for evaluation purposes only. It must not be used in production clinical systems or in clinical settings.***

When providing feedback, please include as much detail as possible, incorporating references to, or samples of, specific instances of the issue being reported.  The absence of sufficient information to allow SNOMED International to confirm the reported issue may result in no action being taken prior to the Member release.  Feedback on content related issues will be assessed and prioritized by SNOMED International, and a decision will be made as to whether to address any reported content issues for the Member release or as part of a future International Edition release.  Although all feedback will be carefully reviewed, there should be no expectation that any non-technical issues will be addressed prior to the distribution of the Member release.

**Feedback on the Beta release files will be accepted until 23:59 UTC on 14th December 2018 – although SNOMED International Members are urged to submit their findings as early as possible.**

All files distributed to SNOMED International Members for the January 2019 International Edition are available from the  "January 2019 v0.1" version in the "Offline & Alpha/Beta versions" section of the "SNOMED CT International Edition" project, which can be found on the "IHTSDO Releases" page in MLDS, accessed here:

https://mlds.ihtsdotools.org/#/ihtsdoReleases

The SNOMED CT International Edition contains SNOMED CT files in Release Format 2 (RF2) only, distributed in a zipped file archive (the Release Notes are located separately in the same repository as normal):

- xSnomedCT_InternationalRF2_BETA_20190131T120000Z.zip

The SNOMED CT International Edition Release Notes can also be accessed online:

https://confluence.ihtsdotools.org/display/RMT/SNOMED+CT+January+2019+International+Edition+-+SNOMED+International+Release+notes

Please see the Technical Updates section (3.3) of the Release Notes, plus the following Early Visibility confluence page, to remind yourselves of all of the important upcoming changes in this release, both technical and content:

https://confluence.ihtsdotools.org/display/RMT/Early+Visibility+July+2019+Release+-+Planned+changes+to+upcoming+SNOMED+International+Release+packages

If you have any questions about the January 2019 International Edition, or have difficulties downloading this file, please contact SNOMED International at support@snomed.org with "January 2019 International Edition Beta release question" in the subject line.


Kind regards,

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