









SNOMED CT Trends and Latest Developments 2024

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Agenda

- Collaborations with other standards
- •Advice and content updates from Clinical Reference Groups
- Implementation demonstrations and best practices
- •Free open-source tooling



SNOMED and LOINC

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Updates from the Collaboration Project SNOMED & other standards

LOINC Extension

- A new cooperative agreement was signed between the Regenstrief Institute (RII) and SNOMED International (IHTSDO) in October 2022.
- The organizations agreed to work together to minimize duplication between LOINC and SNOMED CT and to enhance the ability of stakeholders to use the two terminologies together.
- A primary aim of the agreement is to create an extension of SNOMED CT for the LOINC terminology.













LOINC Extension October 2023 Preview

- This preview contains 23,835 Laboratory LOINC Terms modeled using the SNOMED CT observable entity model
- All of the LOINC concepts in the preview are subclasses of 363787002 |Observable entity (observable entity)| in SNOMED CT
- Areas of content specifically excluded from this preview:
 - LOINC Terms that include divisors, such as Protein/Creatinine [Ratio] in Urine
 - LOINC Terms considered a calculated or derived observable, such as Anion gap in Blood
 - Panels
 - Veterinary specific LOINC Terms
 - LOINC Terms that have a status of "Discouraged," "Trial," and "Deprecated"
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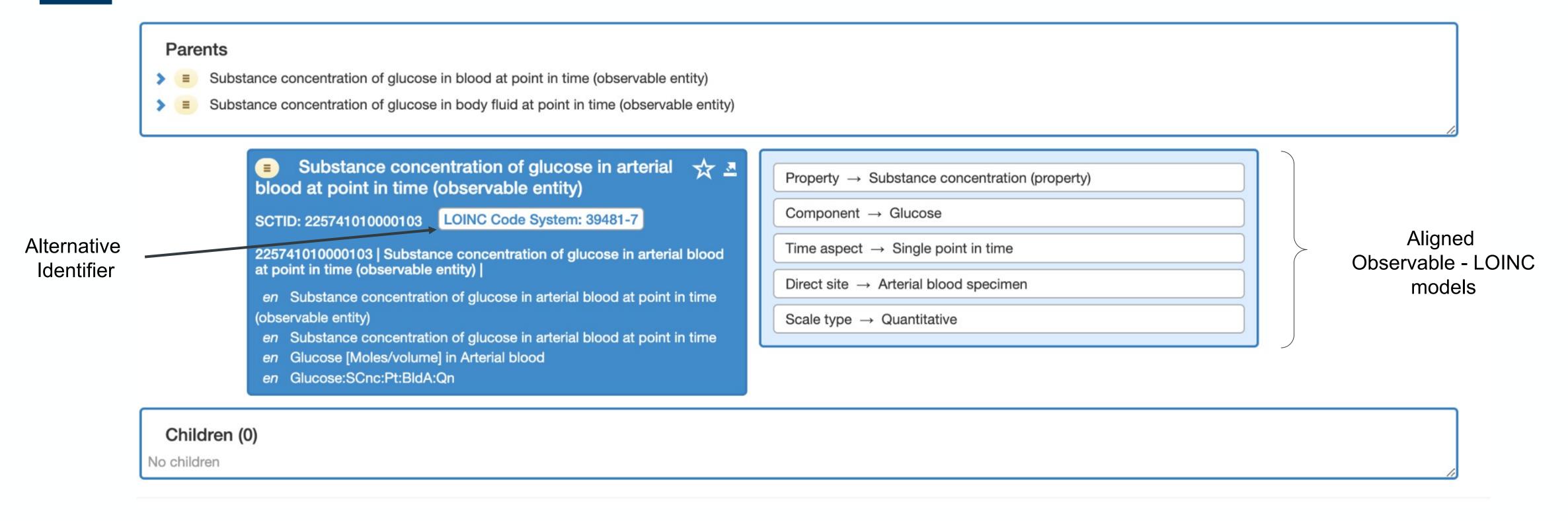






LOINC Extension Example

https://loincsnomed.org/









SNOMED and the IPS



SNOMED role in the International Patient Summary

SNOMED & other standards

The IPS Terminology

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About the IPS



Provides a healthcare summary for an individual at the point of care, at a point in time



Minimal and non-exhaustive



Specialty-agnostic and condition-independent, but still clinically relevant



Designed to be simple and implementable



Usable anytime, in any place, by anyone



Multi-beneficiaries: individuals, healthcare providers, governments, society

SNOMED CT Resources for IPS

SNOMED CT HL7 IPS Free set

A freely available flat-list of SNOMED CT terms.

Harmonized with, and supports the contents of the HL7 International Patient Summary and artifacts and CEN's European Standard for the Patient Summary value sets

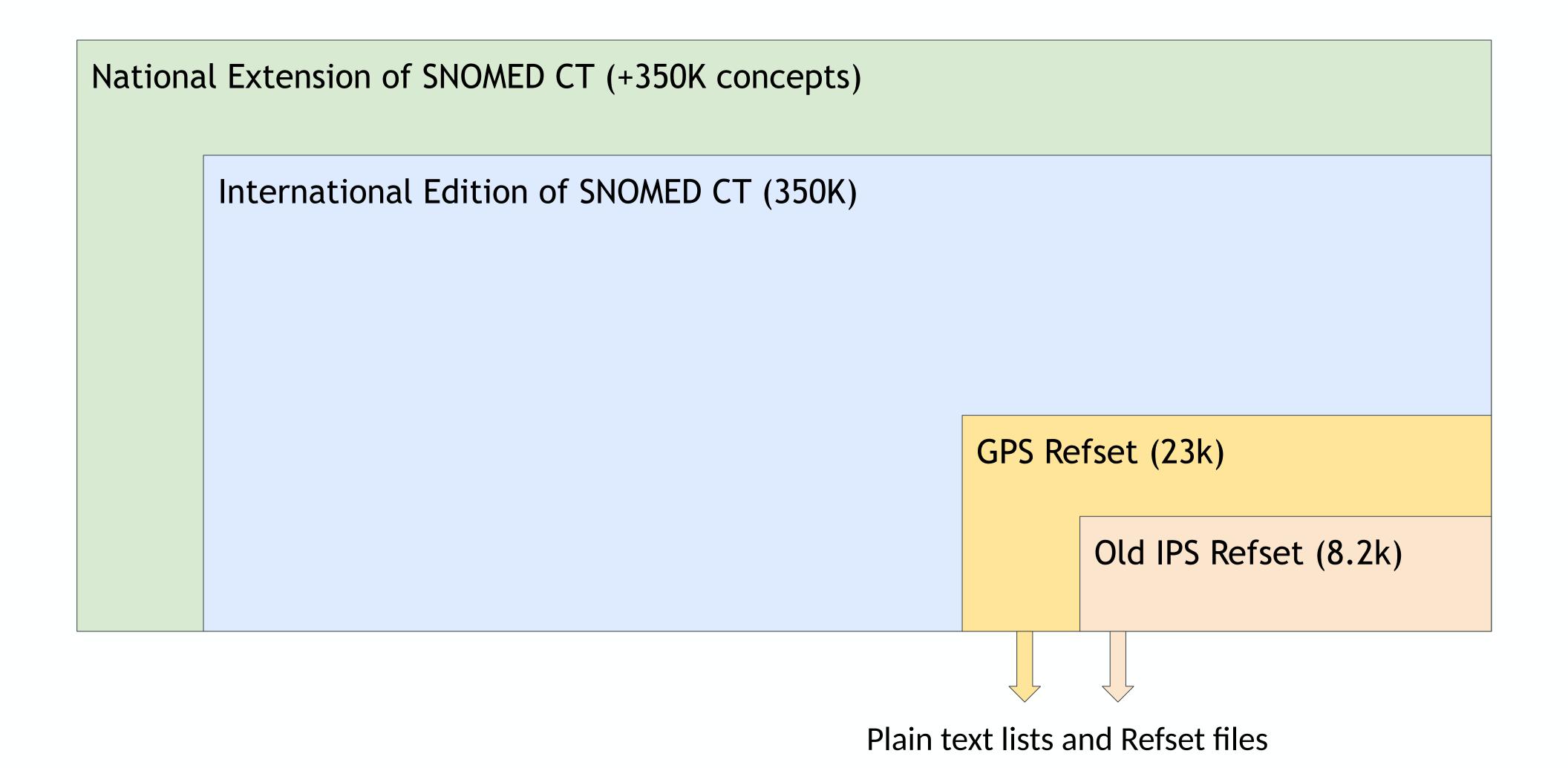
SNOMED CT IPS Reference Set

The Free set published in SNOMED CT RF2 specification for Members & Affiliates

IPS Terminology

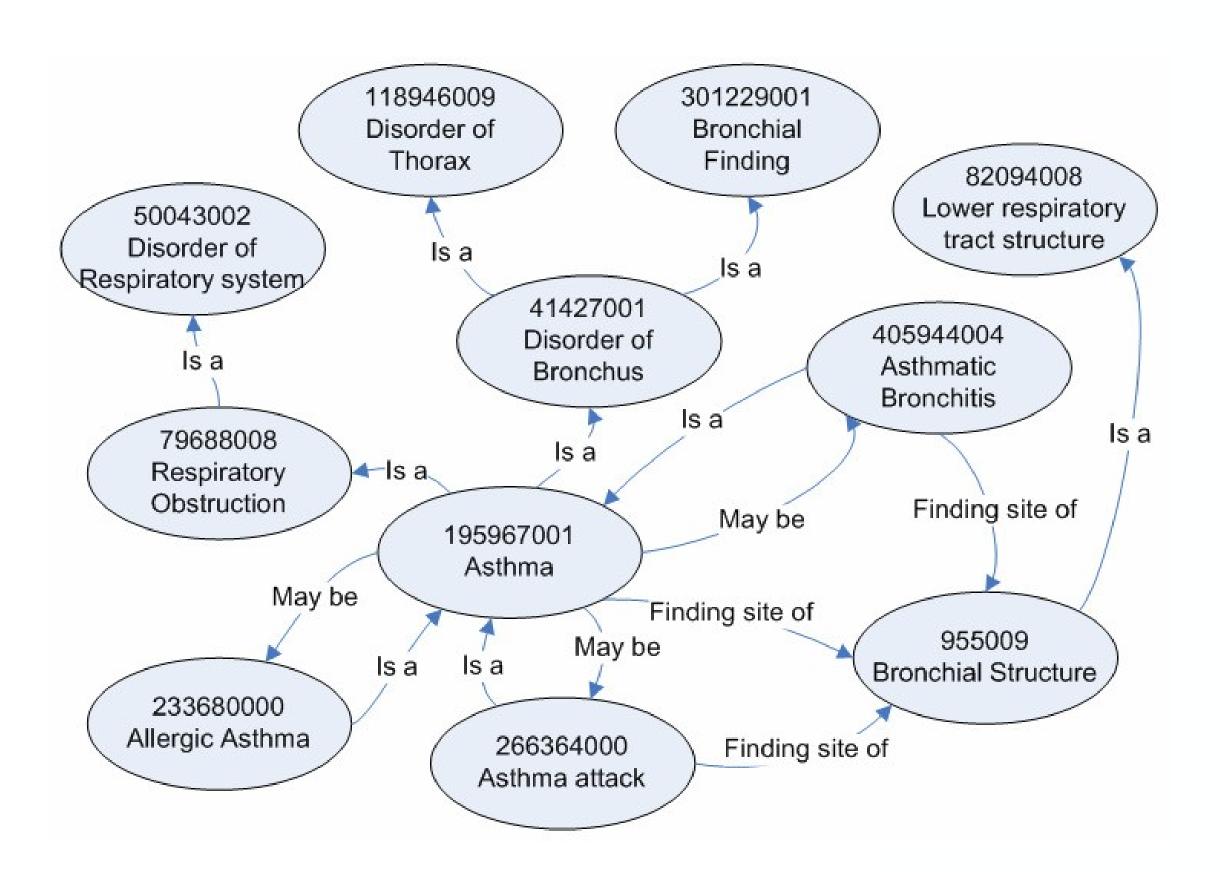
NEW SNOMED CT resource to provide implementers with an open product that can be used in healthcare solutions using the power of SNOMED CT through its query language and hierarchies

SNOMED CT and the IPS



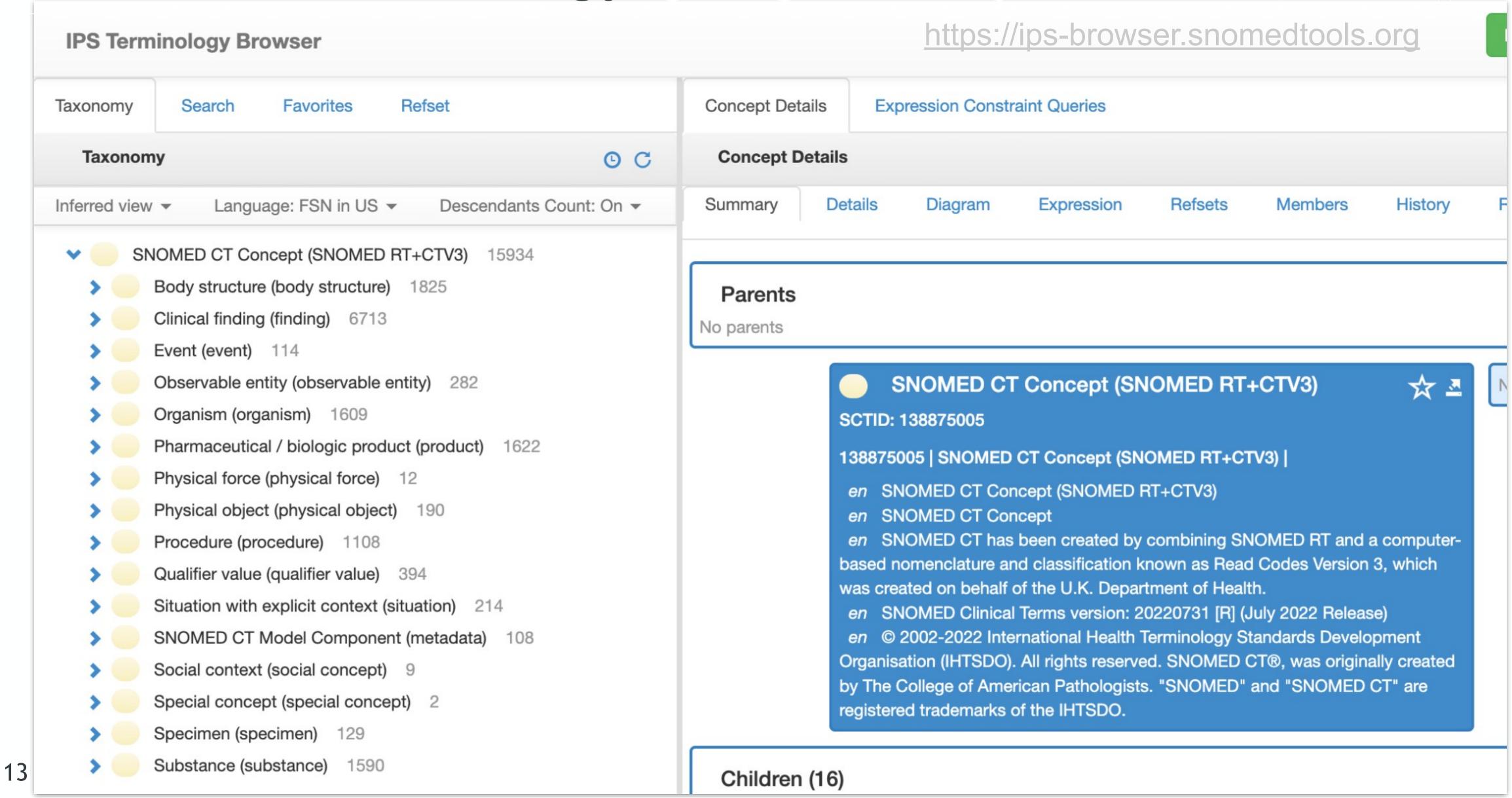
The IPS Terminology

- Using lists difficult implementation, as it is not possible to run ECL over a plain list
- The IPS Terminology is a sub-ontology based on the IPS Refset
 - Adds concepts for attribute, values, and some ancestors or groupers
 - Compatible with terminology servers
 - Compatible with ECL
 - 15k concepts
- It's a free alternative to the standard SNOMED CT Edition, with advanced features derived from the ontology, only to be used in non-member countries
- Member countries can use the IPS refset included in the international edition to communicate with non-member countries



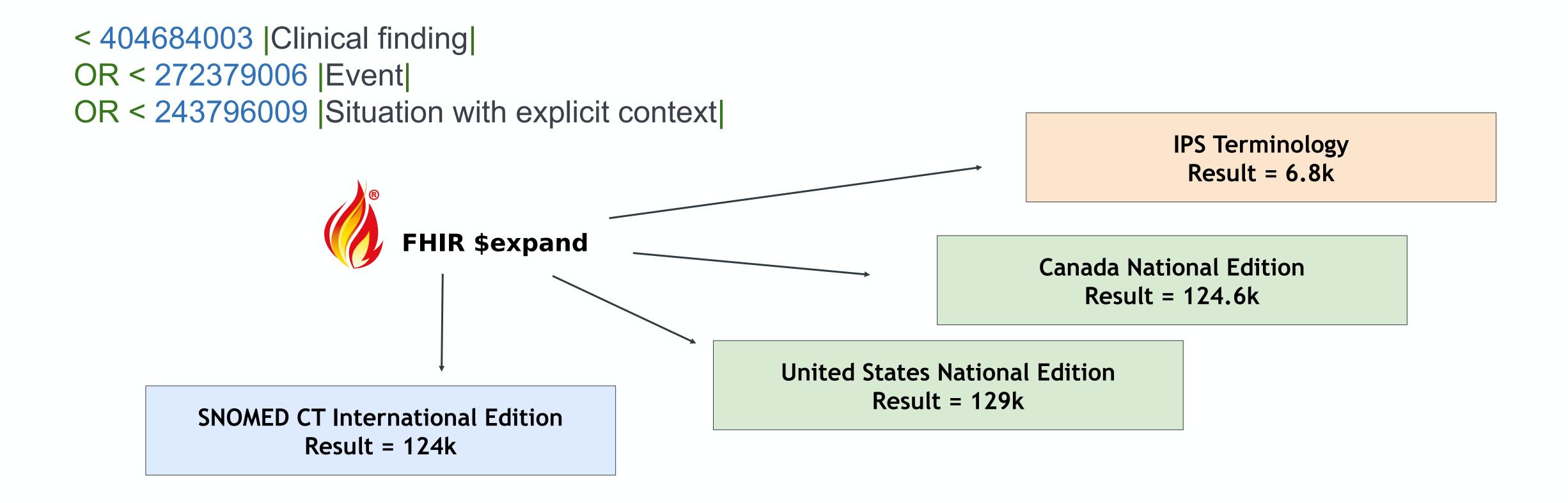
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The IPS Terminology Browser



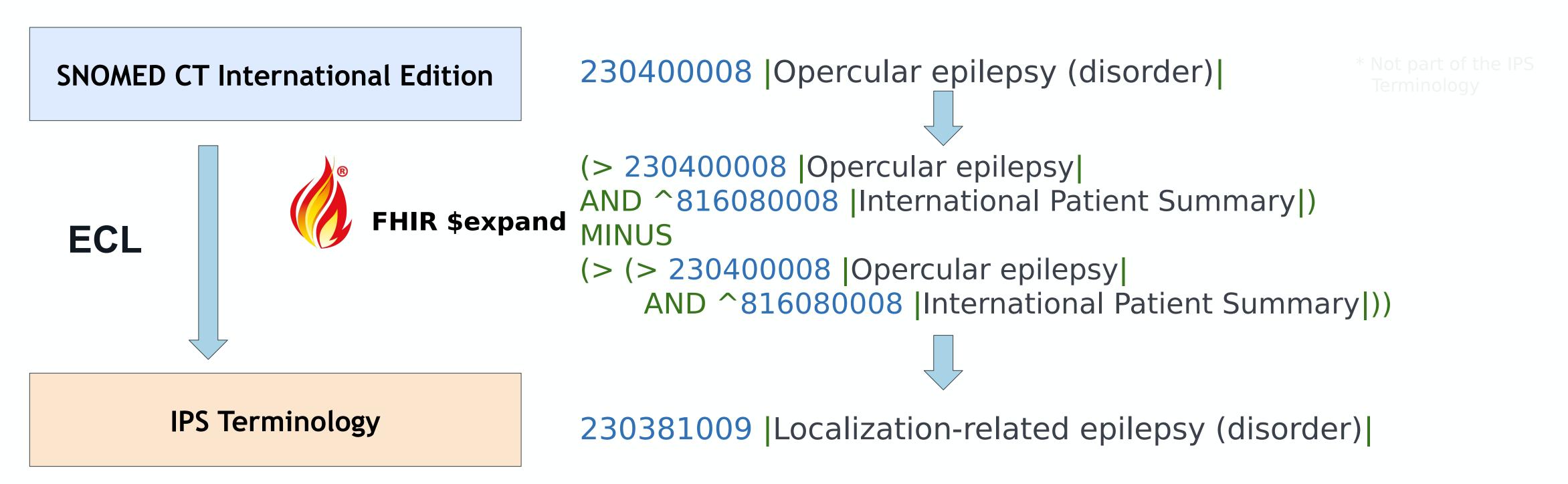
ECLs in Terminology Bindings

Example terminology binding from the official HL7 IPS Implementation Guide:

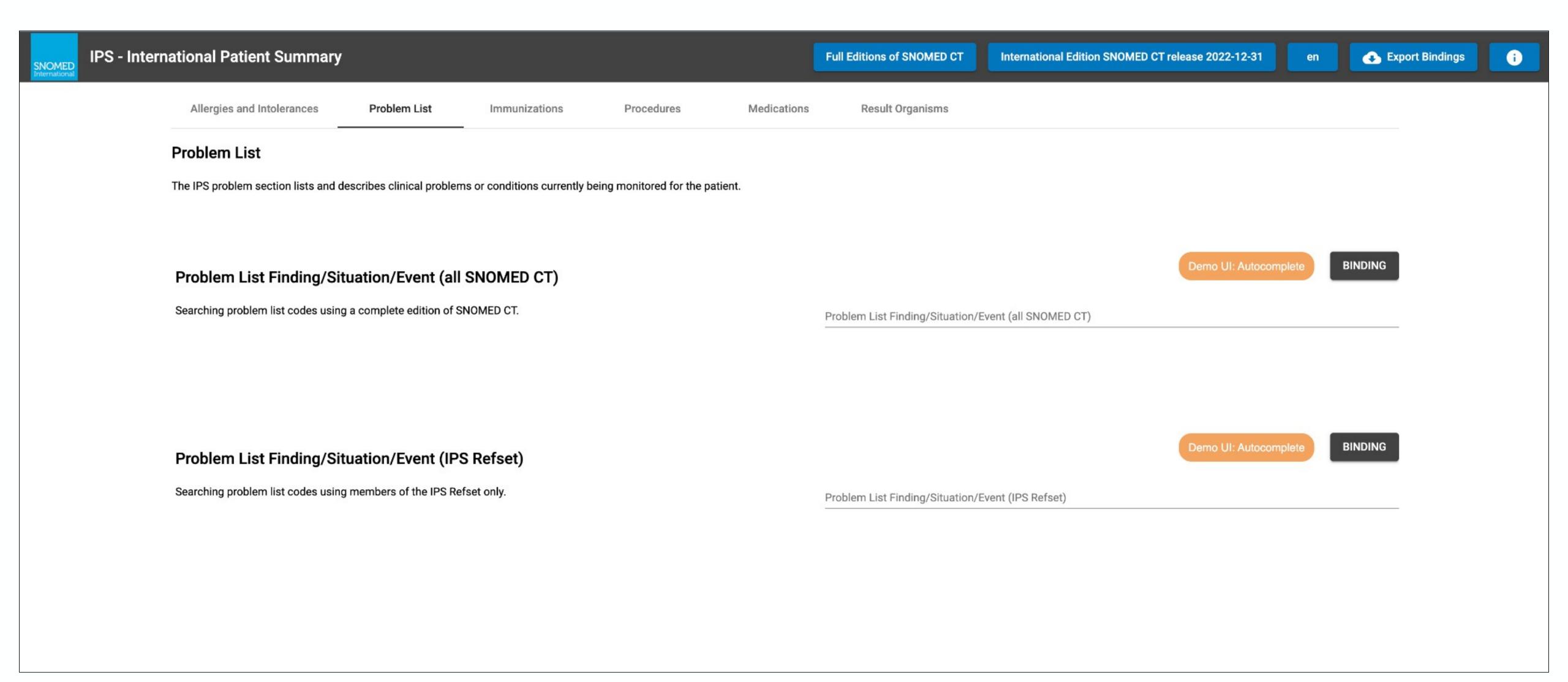


ECLs Enabling International Interoperability

Transform from an international edition concept to one that is part of the IPS Terminology using the **proximal ancestor** strategy:



IPS Terminology Bindings Demo



SNOMED in FHIR Questionnaires

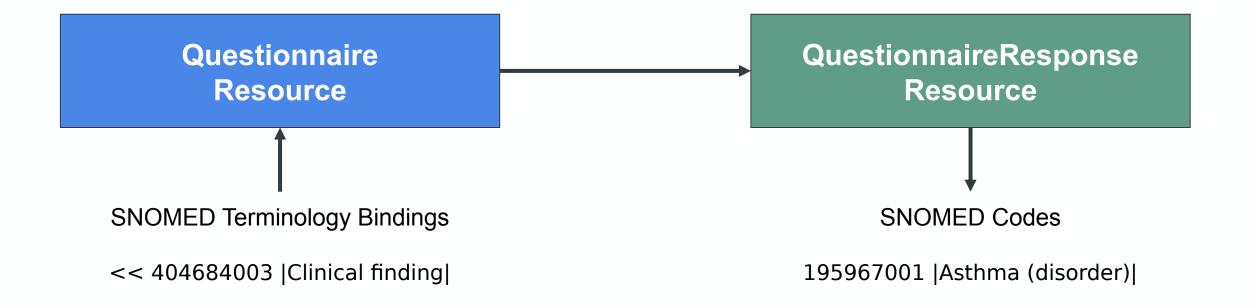


Guidance and tooling for using SNOMED in FHIR Questionnaires

SNOMED & other standards

SNOMED CT in FHIR Questionnaires











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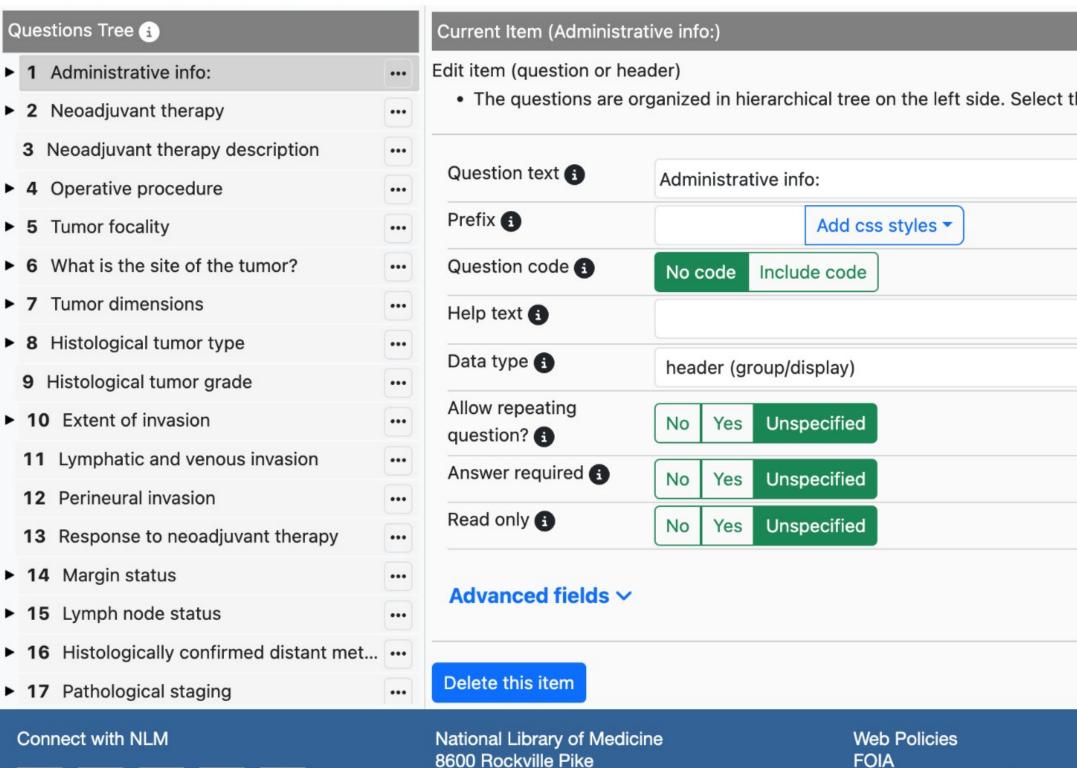
A tool for building HL7® FHIR® Questionnaires

Export ▼

Import ▼

Edit form attributes

Carcinoma of the Exocrine Pancreas Histopathology Reporting Form













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https://formbuilder.nlm.nih.gov/

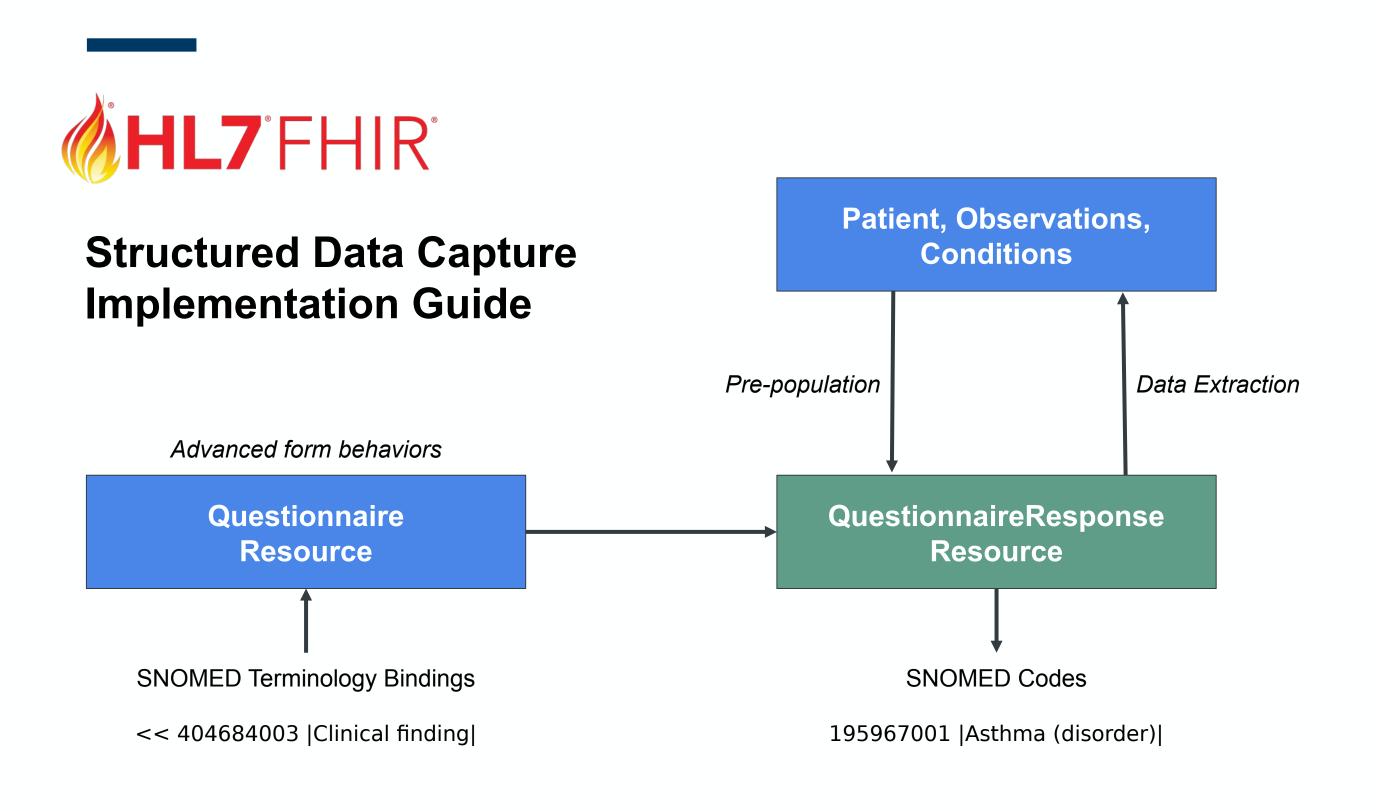


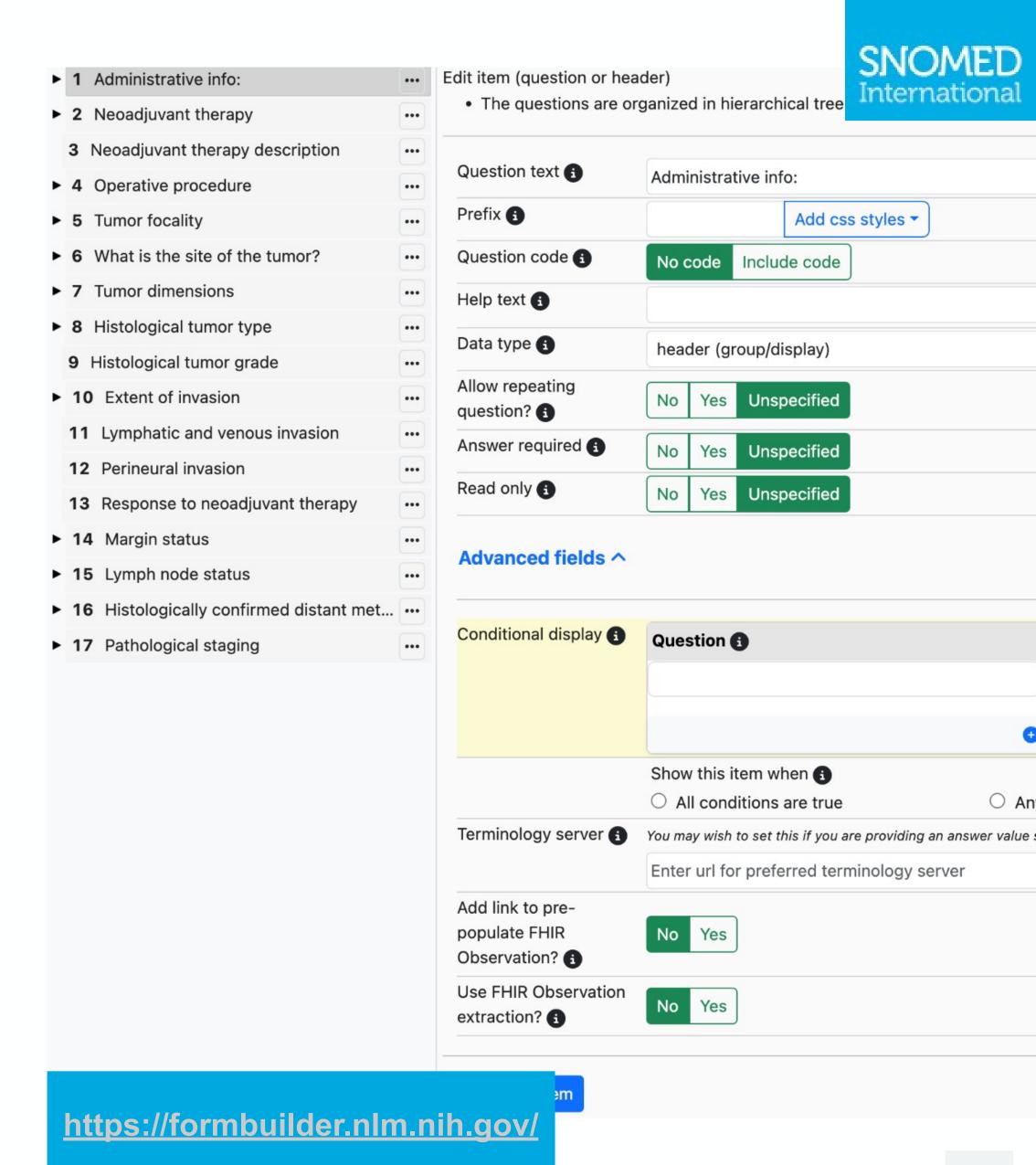






SNOMED CT in FHIR Questionnaires



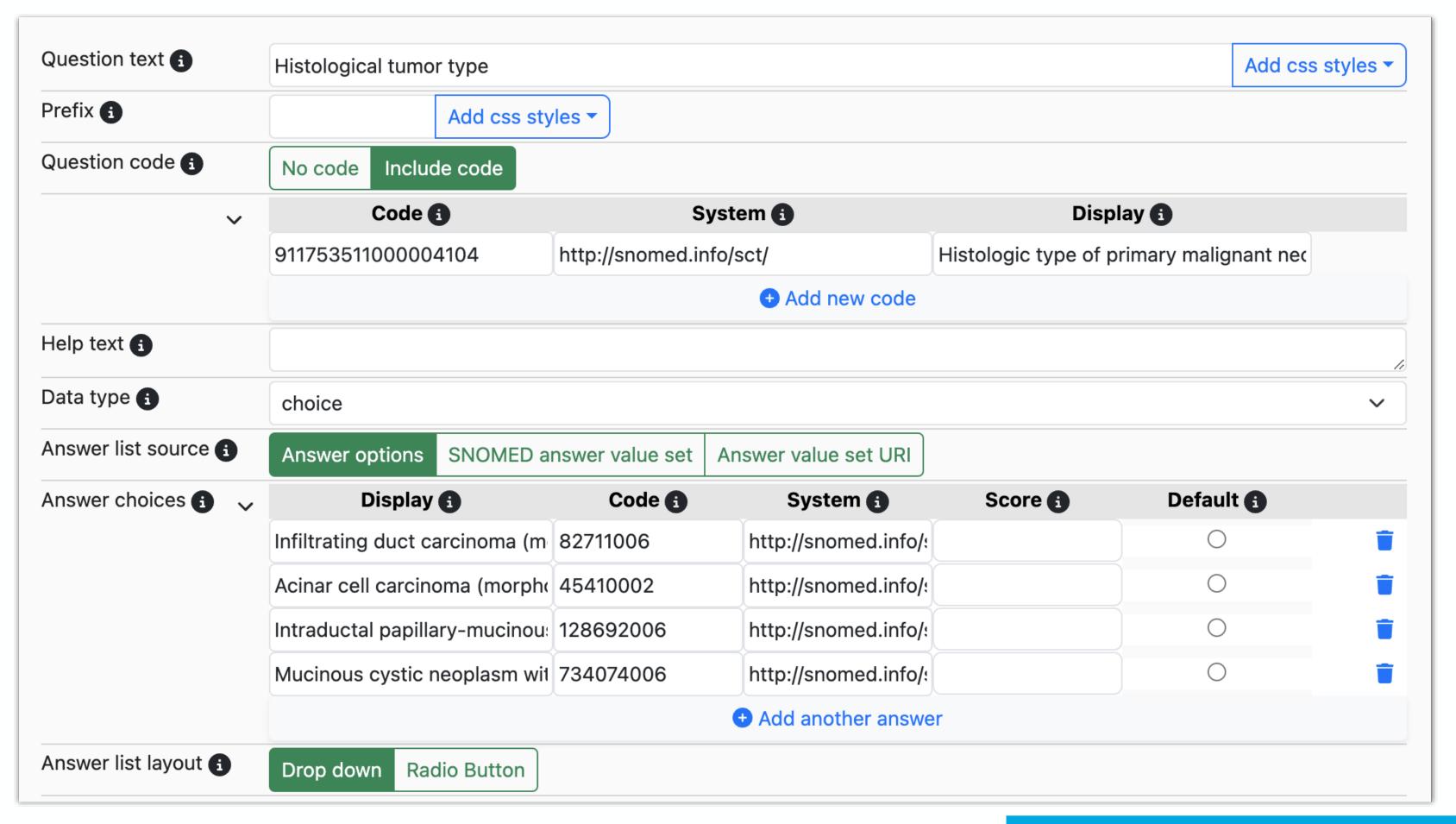






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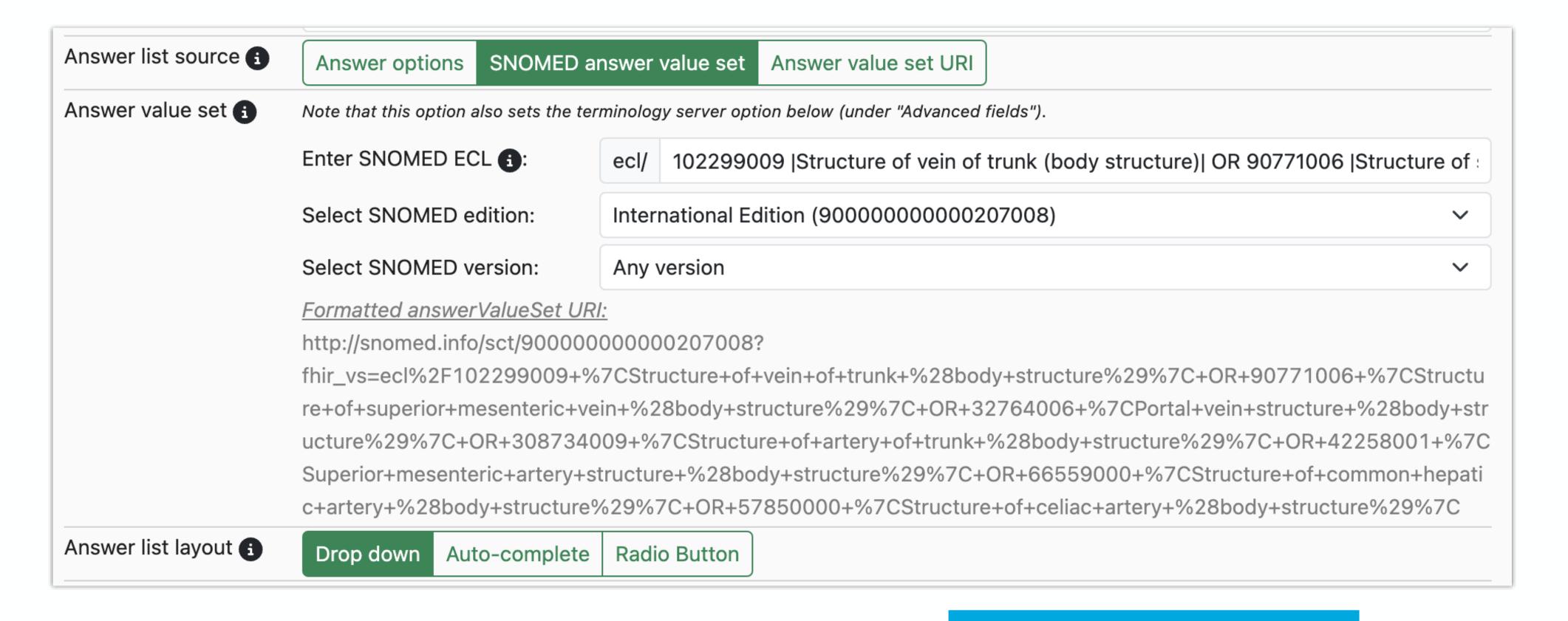






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SNOMED CT in FHIR Questionnaires



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SNOMED CT in FHIR Questionnaires

- Challenges with real world scale projects
 - OStore and manage large collections of questionnaires
 - OMaintain references to SNOMED Concepts up to date
 - ORepeating sections between questionnaires
- •Free tool:
 - **OSNOMED FHIR Questionnaire Manager**
 - OIntegrated with NLM Forms Editor



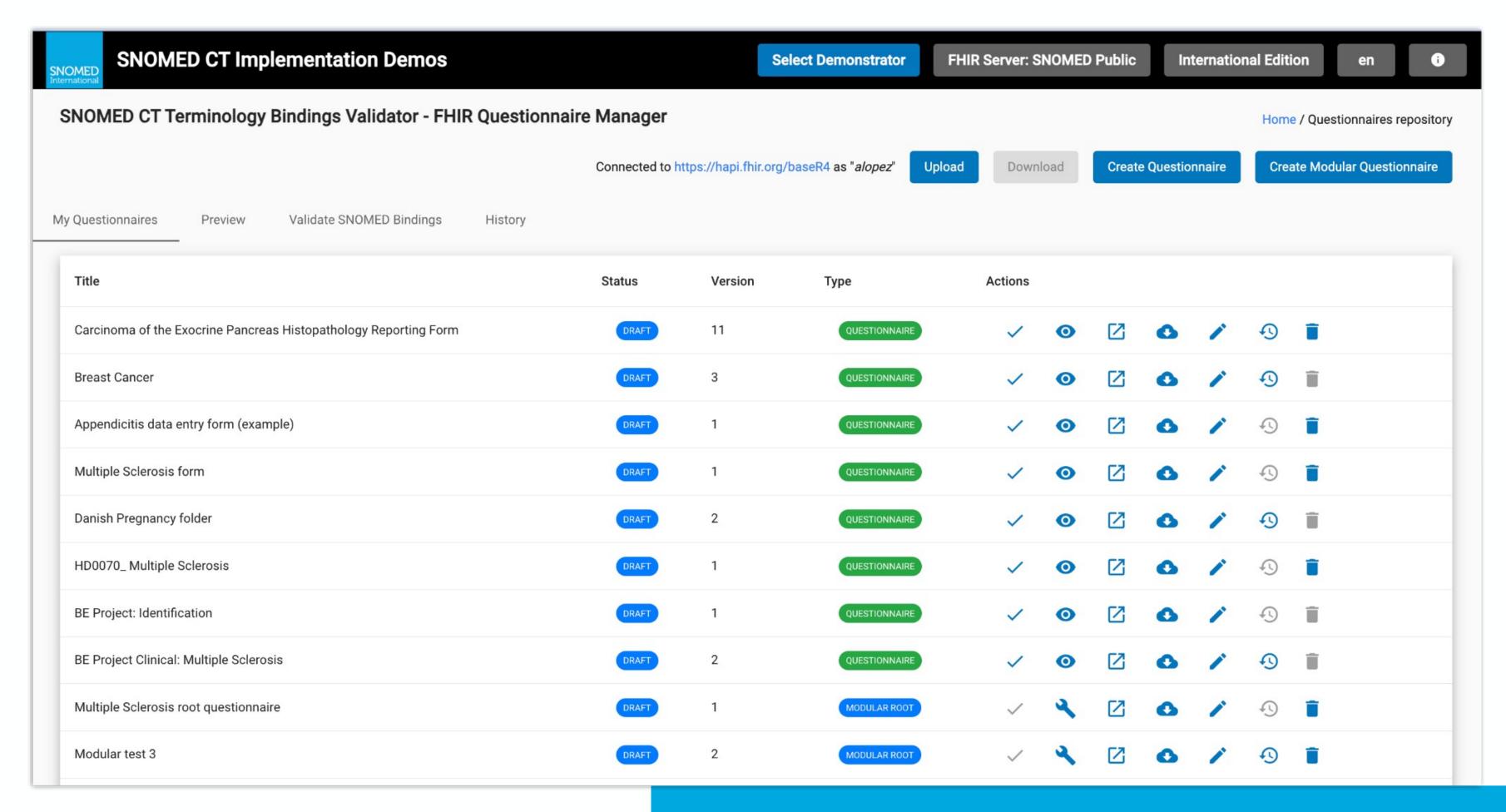






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SNOMED CT in FHIR Questionnaires



https://ihtsdo.github.io/sct-implementation-demonstrator/#/questionnaires



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Cancer Synoptic Reporting



Implementation Guide from the Clinical Reference Group

SNOMED & other standards

Cancer Synoptic Reporting

- Cancer Synoptic Reporting Project Group: supports on the creation of SNOMED CT content necessary to unambiguously represent the data elements required for cancer reporting for all solid tumors, adult and pediatric, as published by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) and the International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR)
- Resulted on the creation of Observable entities, Body structures and Clinical findings required for the project
- Delivers example report templates as FHIR Questionnaires















Cancer Synoptic Reporting

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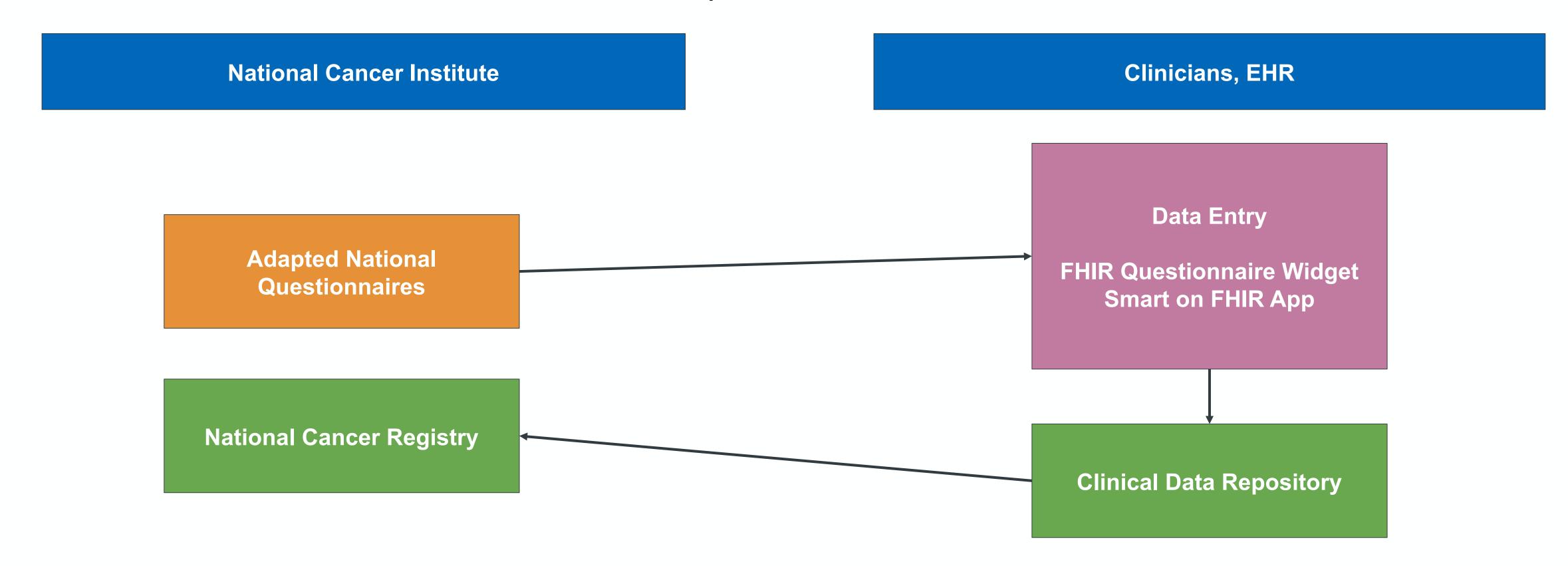




Cancer Synoptic Reporting



Possible implementation scenario









Allergy / Hypersensitivity recording

Implementation Guide from the Clinical Reference Group

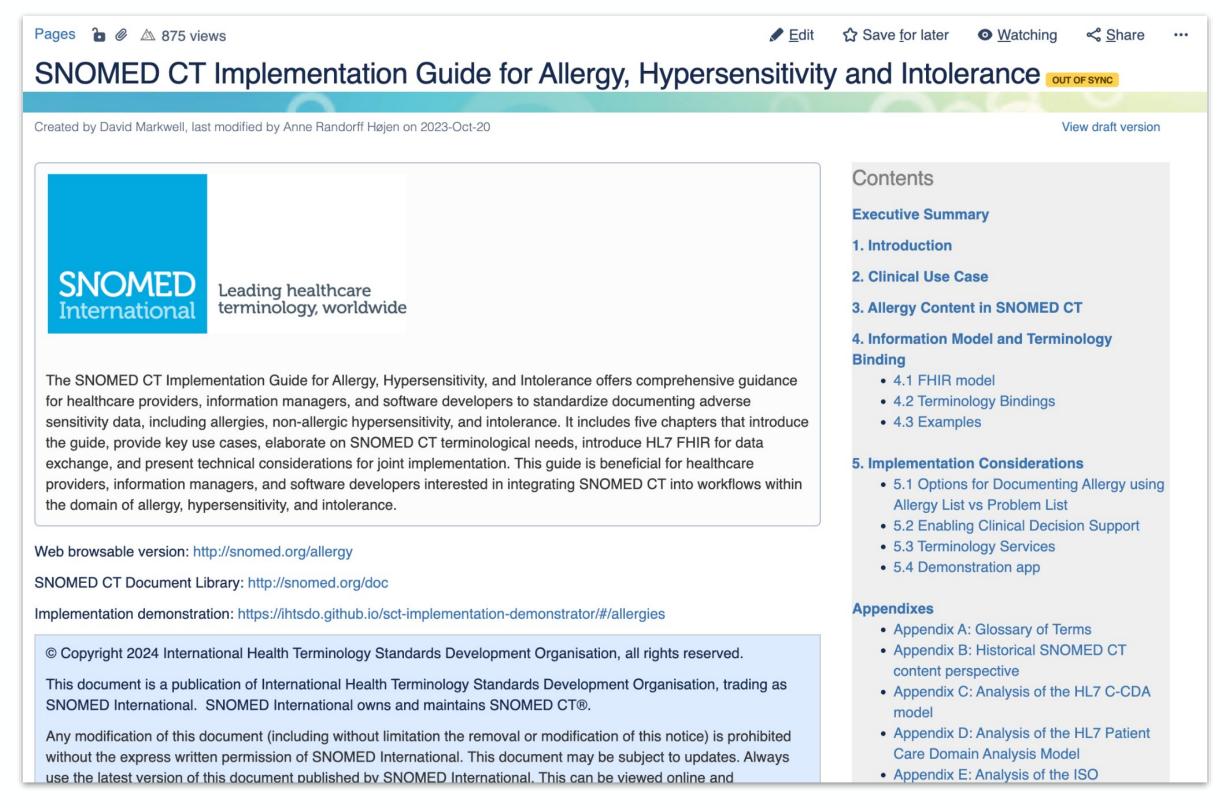
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Allergy / Hypersensitivity Implementation Guide

- SNOMED Allergy Hypersensitivity Clinical Reference Group
- Promote interoperability within and between realms in a consistent way by providing clear guidance for structuring adverse sensitivity data as part of a patient's Electronic Health Record.
- Based on the HL7 FHIR Allergy / Hypersensitivity resource
- Terminology bindings
- Business logic
- User Interface Demonstrator



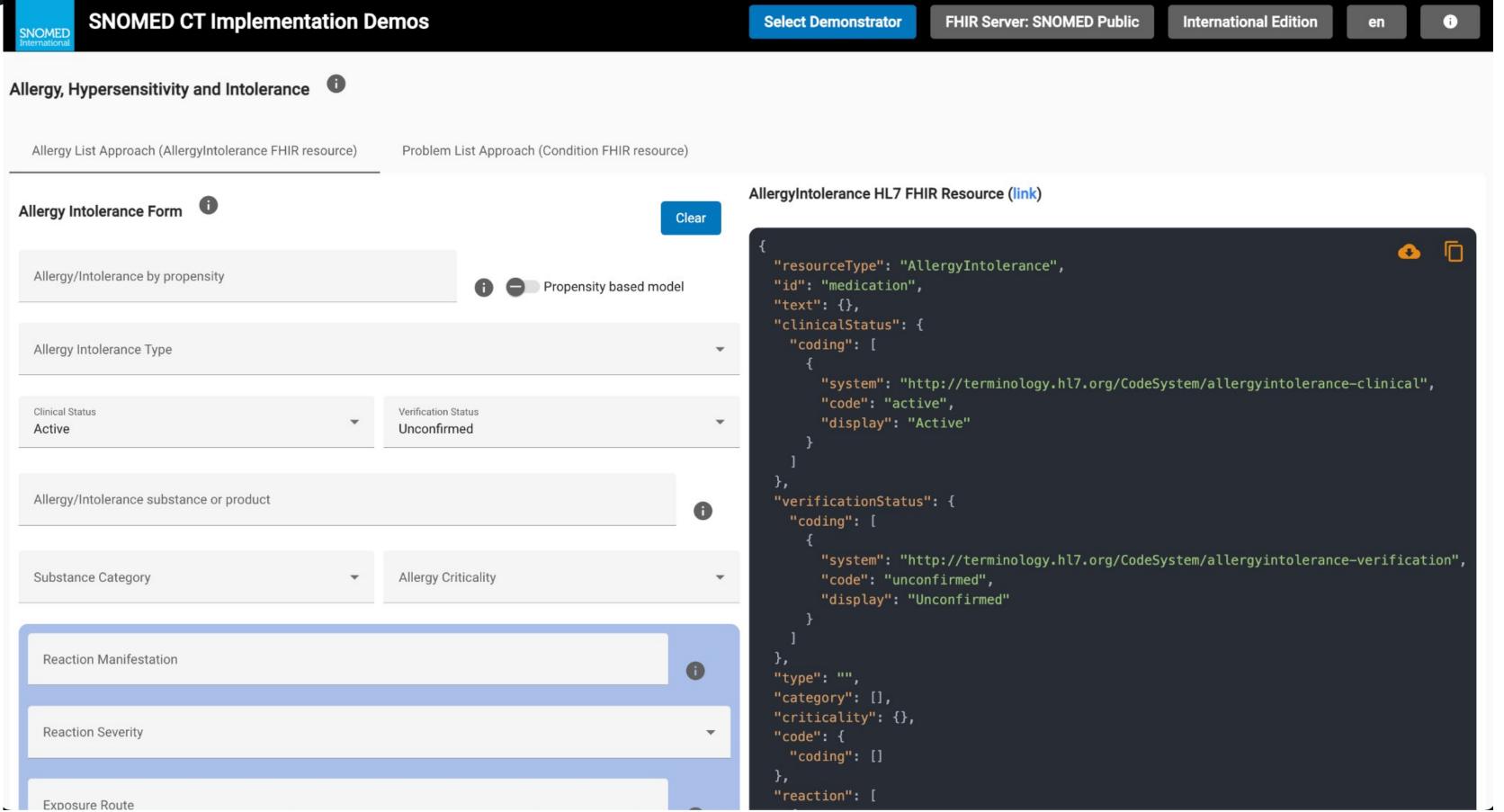








Allergy / Hypersensitivity Implementation Guide



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OpenMRS and Bhamni

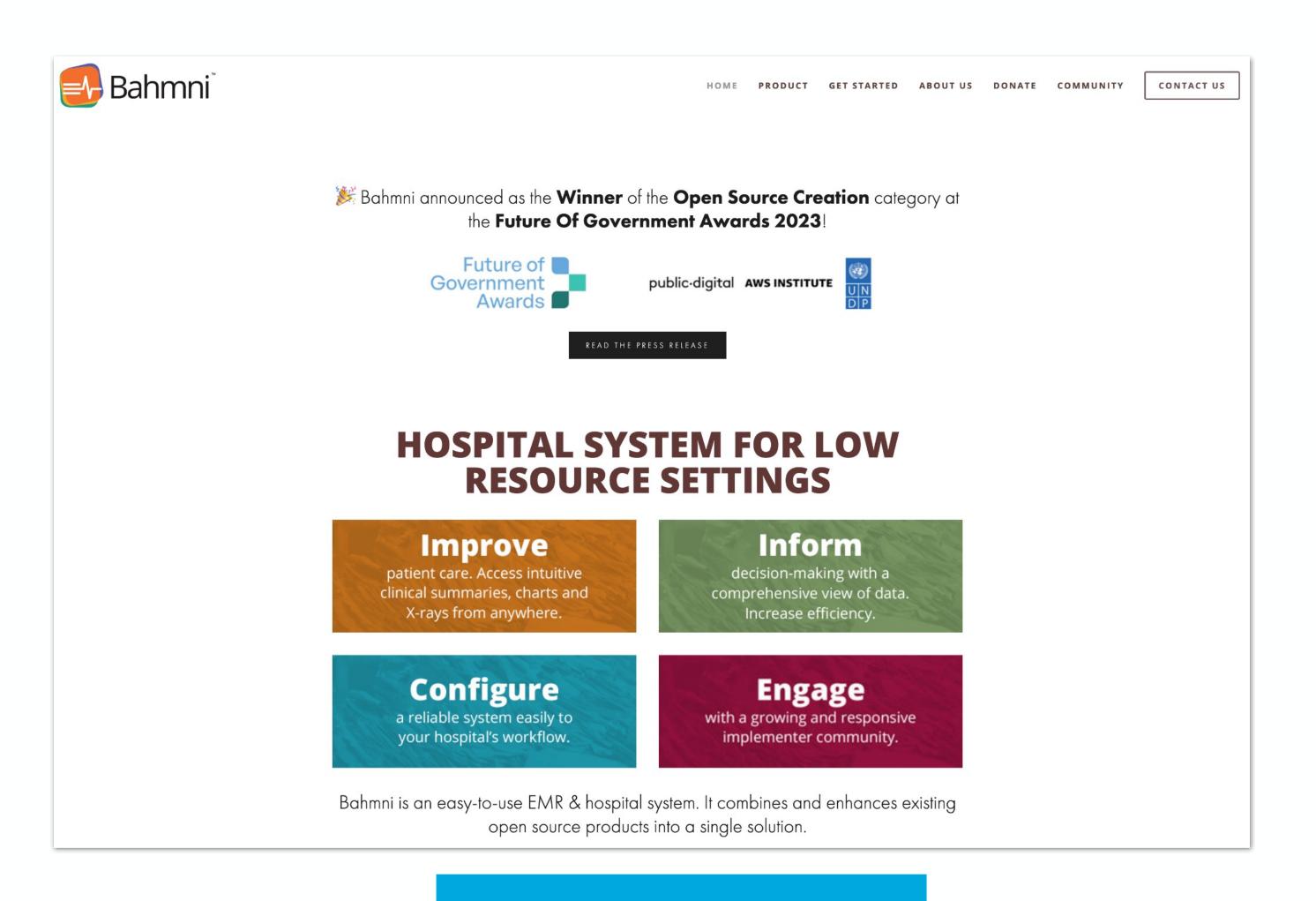
Demonstrating best practice integrations in open source software SNOMED Collaborations



The Bahmni Project

- Open source suite of clinical systems
- 500+ sites. 50+ countries. 4K+ users. 2M+ patient records
- Clinical tool based on













The Bahmni Project

SNOMED International Collaboration with Bahmni Coalition

- Adding best practice SNOMED support in Bahmni / OpenMRS
 - Provide implementation support
 - Help designing overall terminology extension strategy
 - Provide open source tools: Snowstorm Lite, CDS Server
 - Funding open source development teams
- Demonstrating the benefits of SNOMED in settings with constrained resources
 - Typically there are no national dictionaries, drug extensions, access to vendors support or knowledge bases, low technical capabilities, etc.









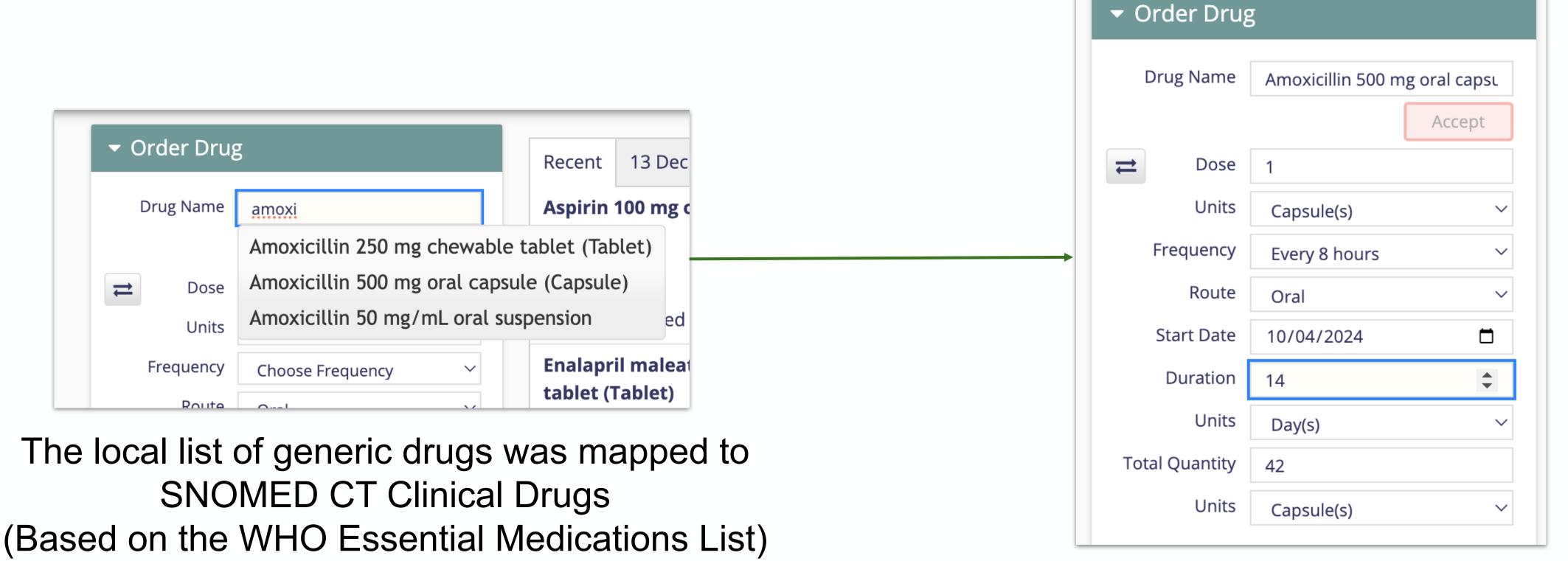
Bahmni Demo



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Prescription in the Bahmni Project



Prescription instructions are captured in the Bahmni Information Model



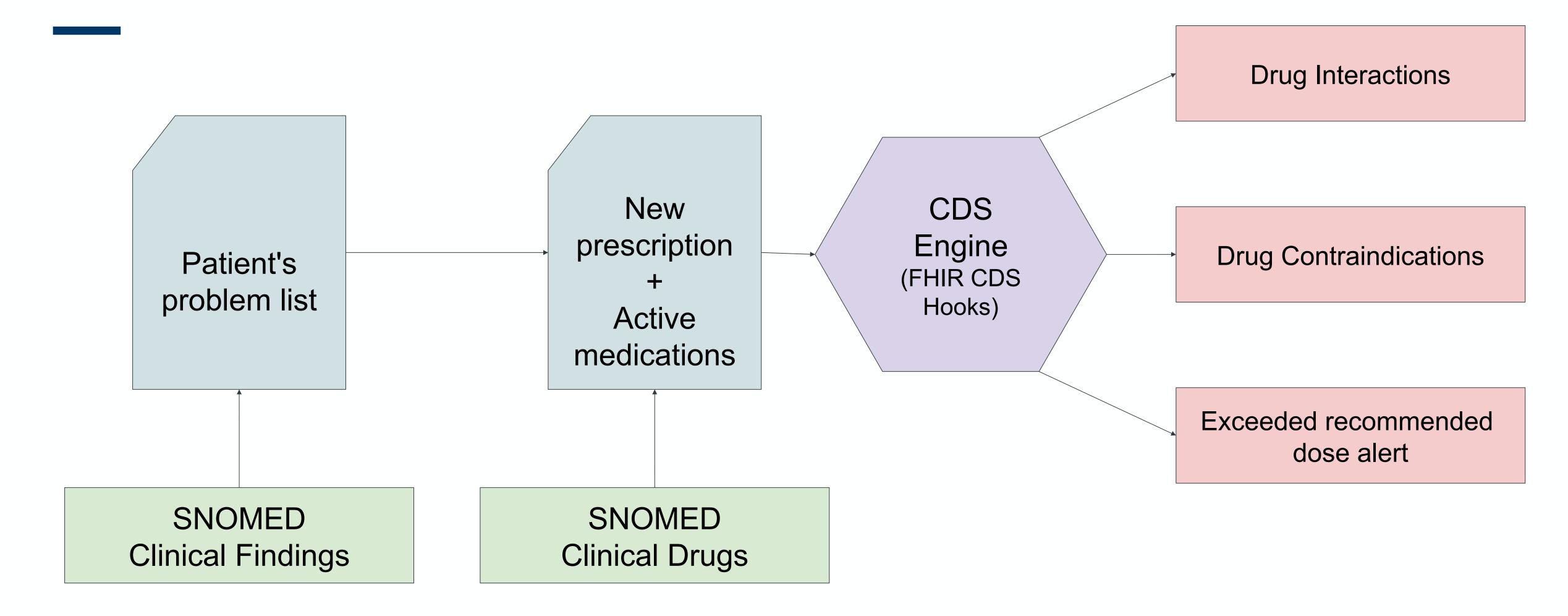
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Use case for prescription CDS









Knowledge bases

A particular challenge for an open source project aimed for LMICs. Difficult to depend on knowledge bases vendors.

Possible solutions:

- Find public domain databases
- Provide the format so that implementers develop their own knowledge bases relevant to local use cases

In this demo:

- Drug Condition (contraindications): local list
- Drug Drug (interactions): local list
- Maximum recommended dose: computed from ATCs DDDs







Dose alerts knowledge base

- This a safety rule, intended to detect atypical dosages that may be the result of data entry errors, focus on extreme cases
- A license for ATC was obtained for the demo project
- ATC drugs were mapped to SNOMED Substances
- DDDs were extracted
- Rules have been set up as:
 - Dosage > DDD *2 = Warning
 - Dos ATC code Adm.R C07AB03 atenolol mg mg P



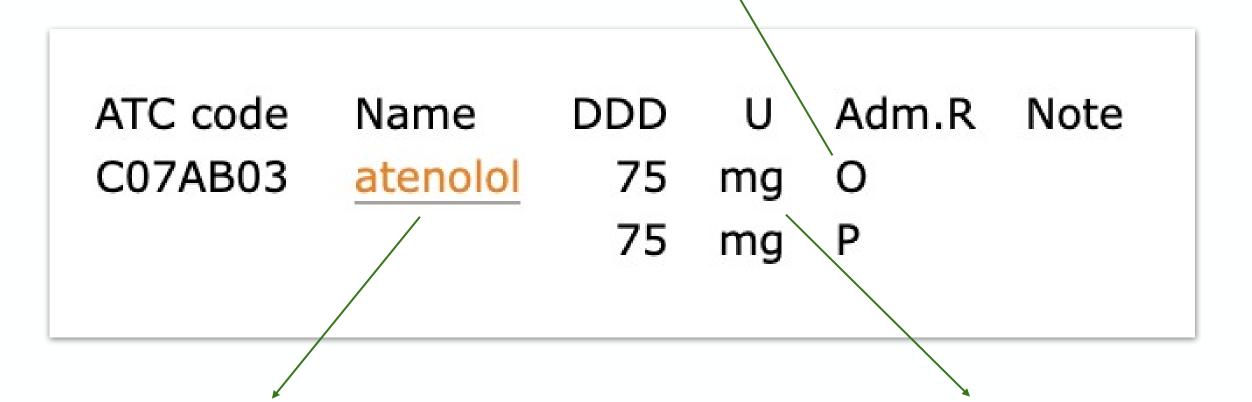






Dose alerts knowledge base

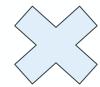
385268001 |Oral dose form (dose form)|



387506000 | Atenolol (substance)|

258684004 | milligram (qualifier value) |





318420003 |Product containing precisely atenolol 50 milligram/1 each conventional release oral tablet (clinical drug)|

200 mg a day > 75 mg * 2 DDD →

Warning









Snowstorm Lite

A new lightweight terminology server simplifying implementation environments



Snowstorm Terminology Server

- Open source under Apache 2.0
- Stand up your own SNOMED CT FHIR
 Terminology Server in less than an hour
- Support other CodeSystems
- Used as the backend of the browser and authoring tool
- X Version with Post-coordination support



SNOMED International github.com/ihtsdo/

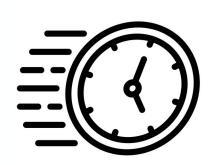
github.com/ihtsdo/snowstorm-x





Snowstorm Lite

- Single edition server
- CodeSystem lookup
- ValueSet expand with ECL Lite
- ConceptMap Translate
- Fast and simple:
 - Index ready in 40 seconds
 - 1 gb ram













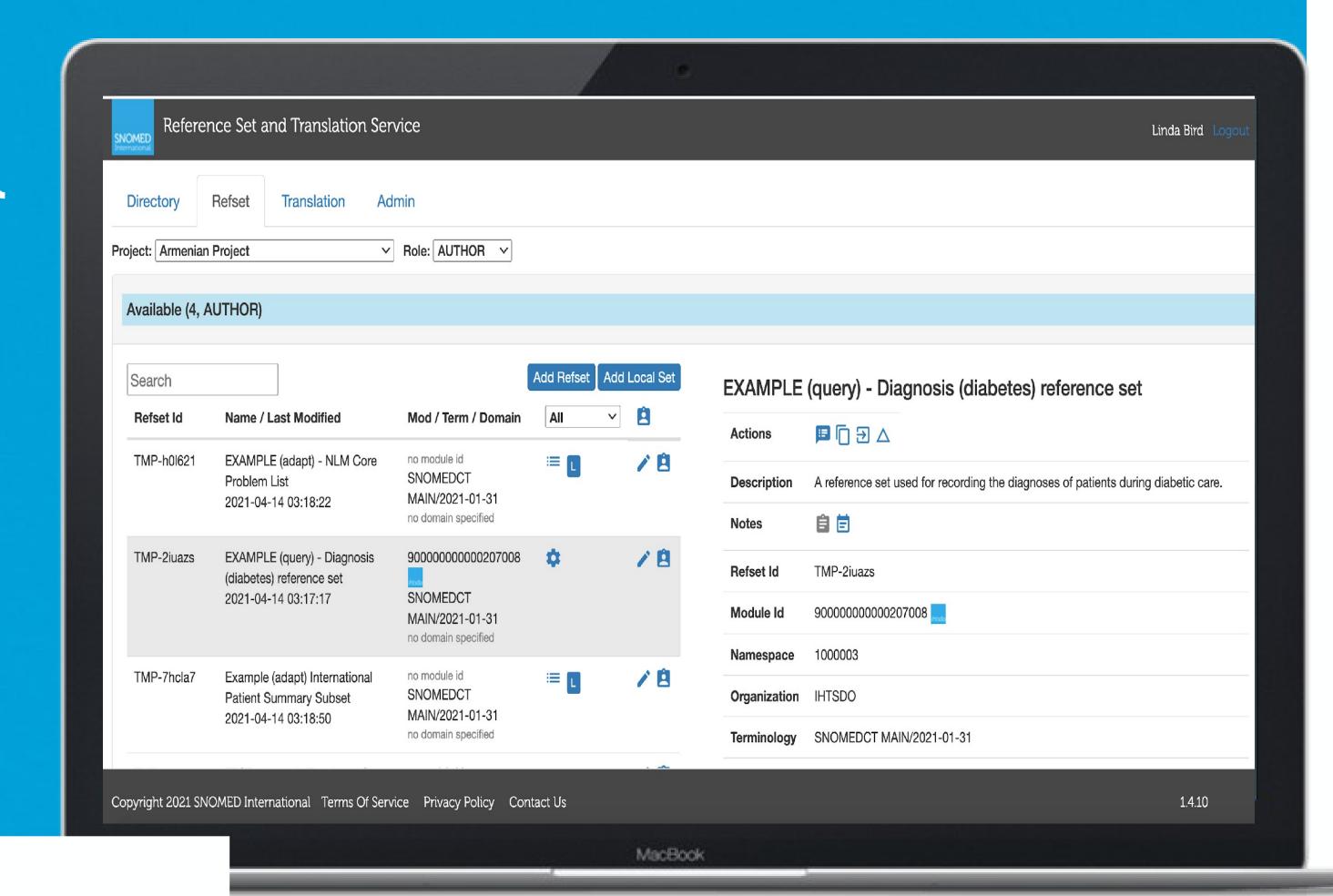
Refset & Translation Tool



An open access tool for maintaining reference sets

SNOMED CT Reference Set Tool

The SNOMED International
SNOMED CT Reference Set
Tool supports the creation of
reference sets and
translations



Available at:

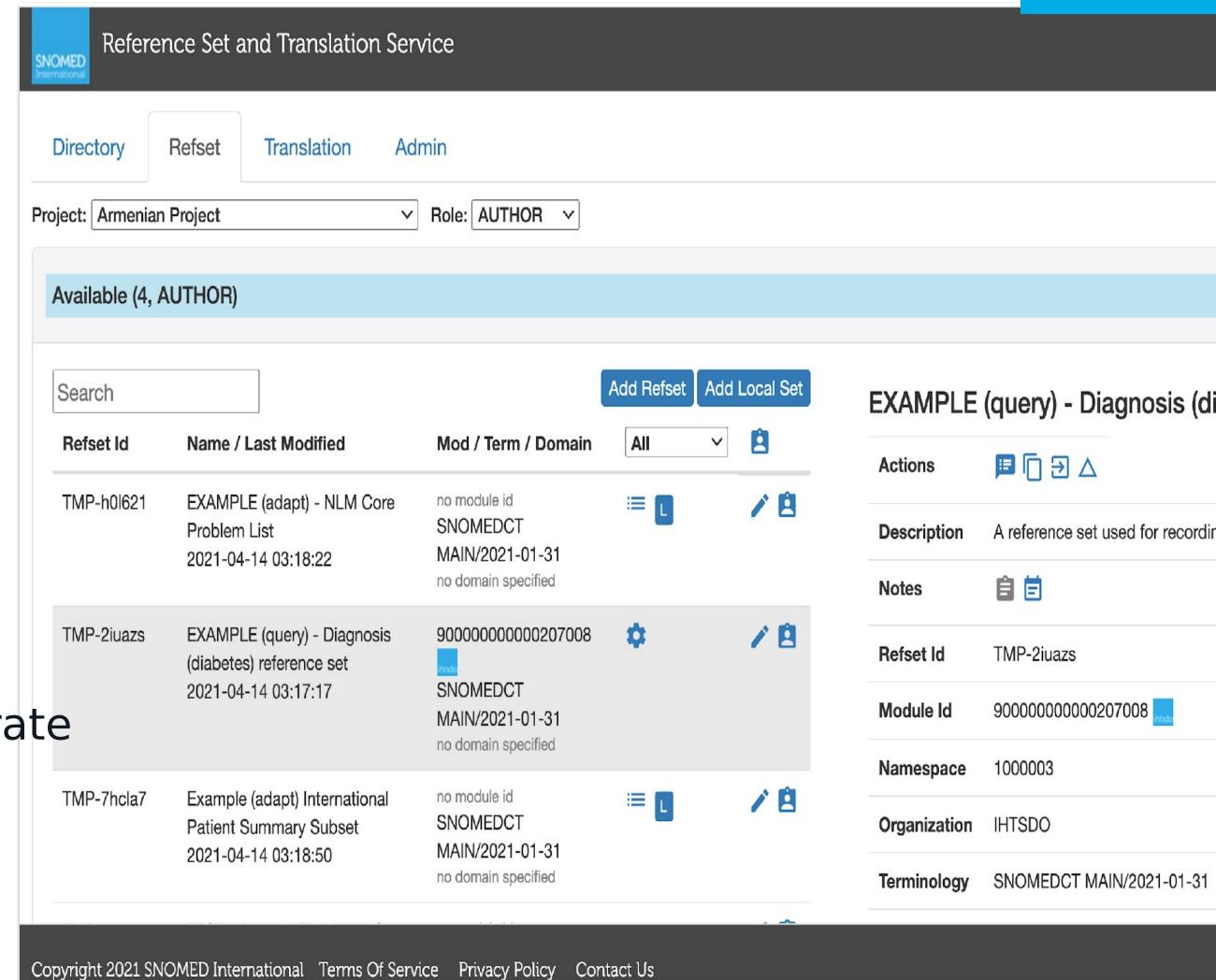
https://refset.ihtsdotools.org

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Refset Tool

- Creates Simple Type Reference Sets
 - Extensional definitions
 - OIntensional definitions
- Supports Refsets and Localsets
- Assignments and revisions
- Translation
- Helps in updating to new versions of the substrate

- New Refset tool in development!
 - OIn internal testing today



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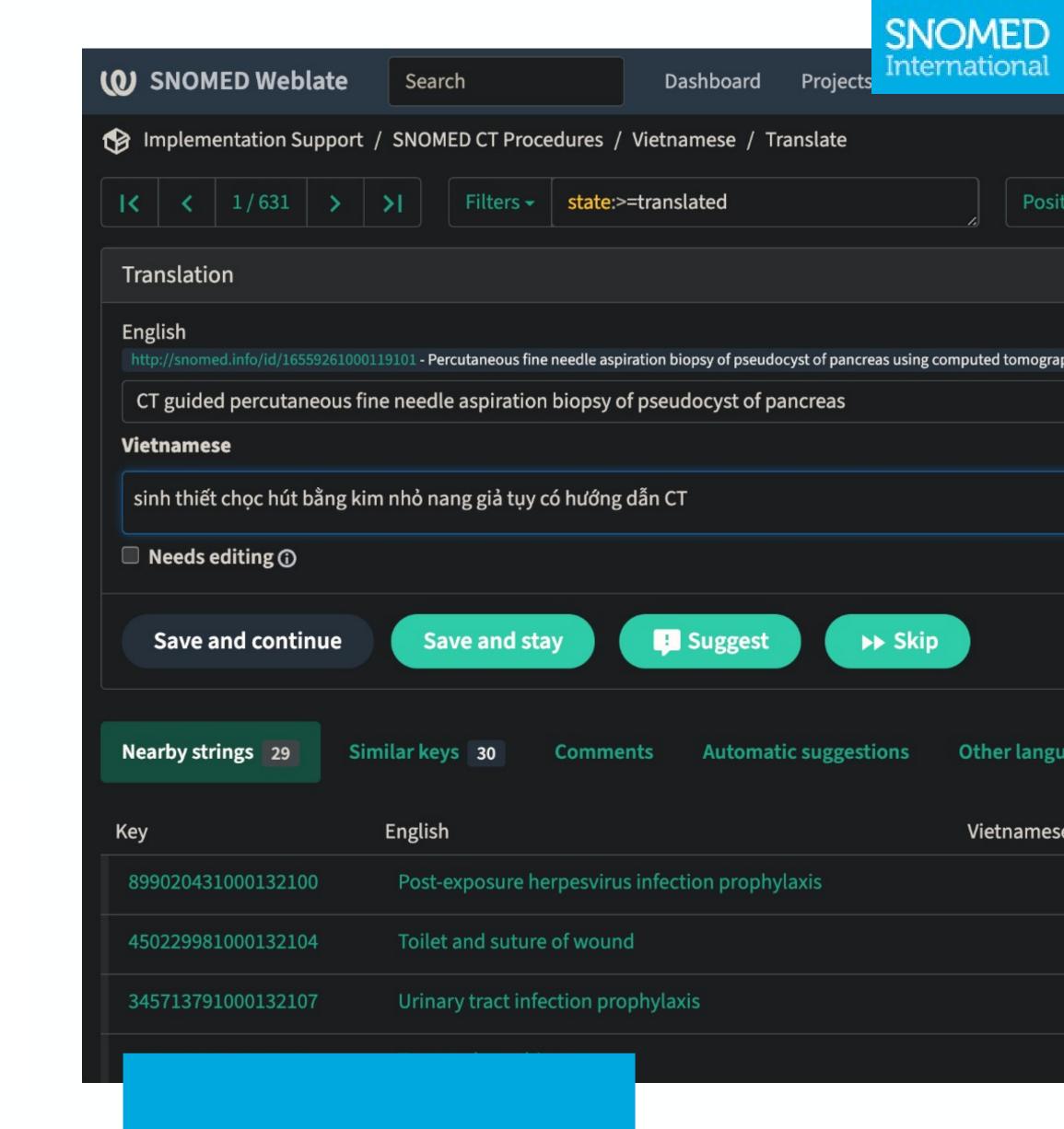


An open access tool for maintaining translations

Weblate

- A Web based SNOMED Translation Tool
- Open to all member countries
- Automatic translation support



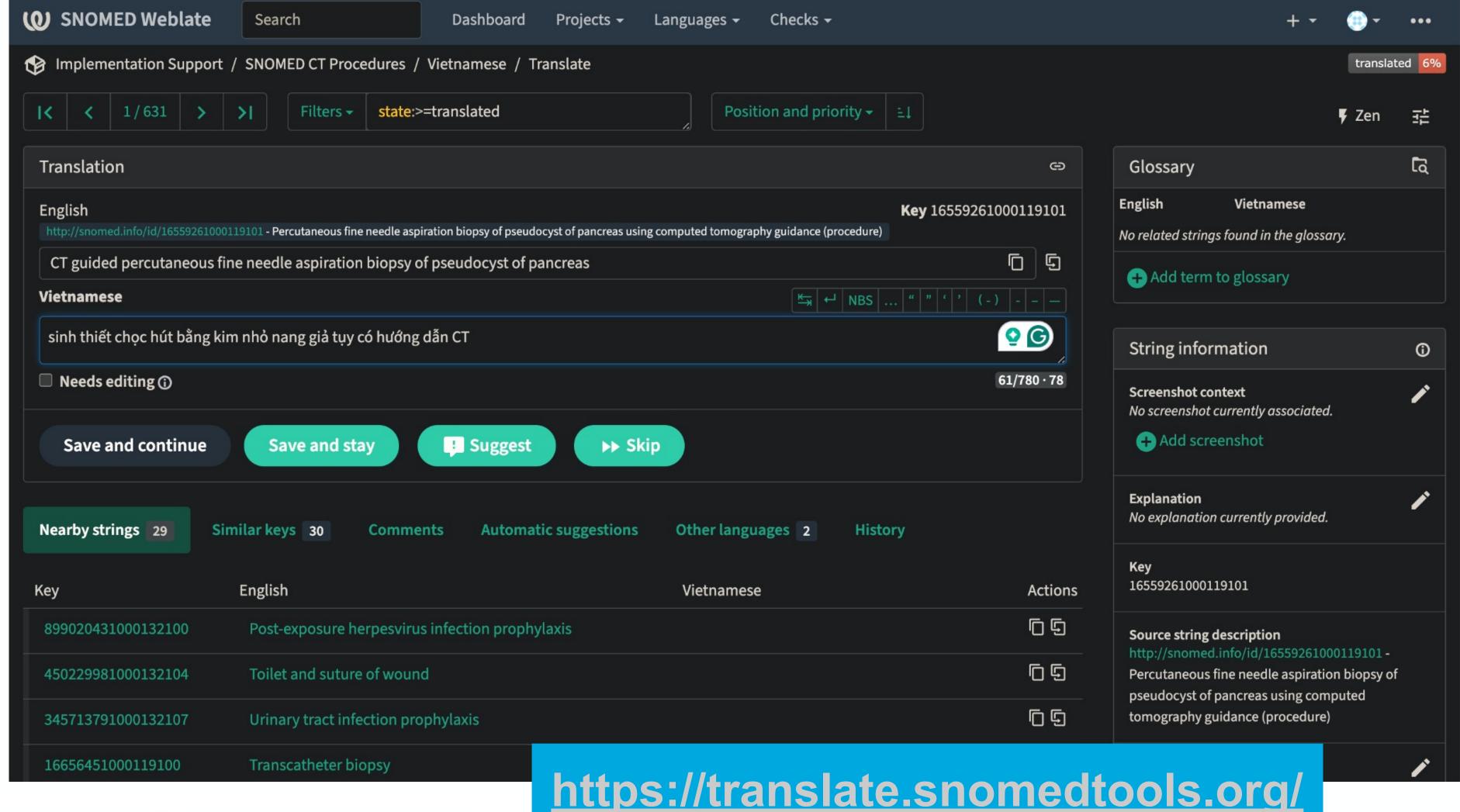






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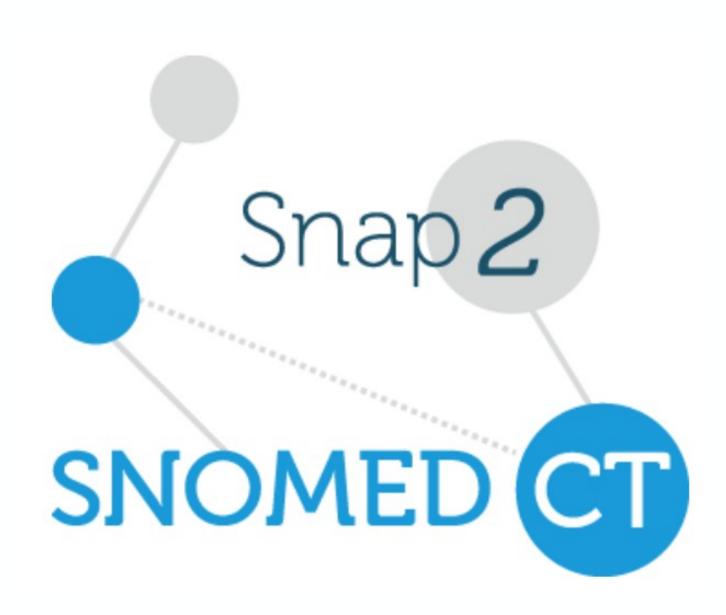


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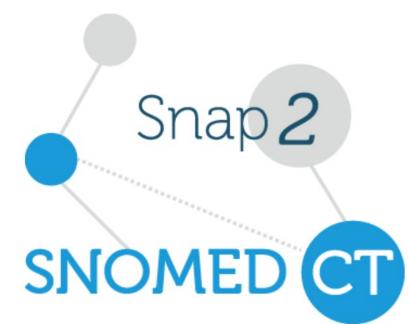


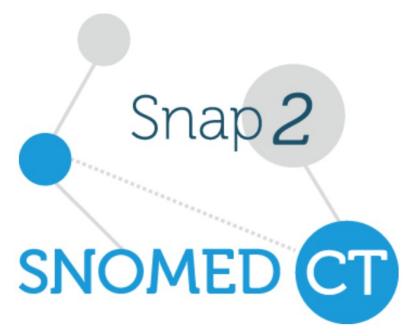
New features

- Streamlines login process
- Dual author mode with reconciliation
- Support for replacement of inactive concepts
- Display concept definitions
- Enhanced export format (multiple columns, notes and more)
- Export to FHIR ConceptMap

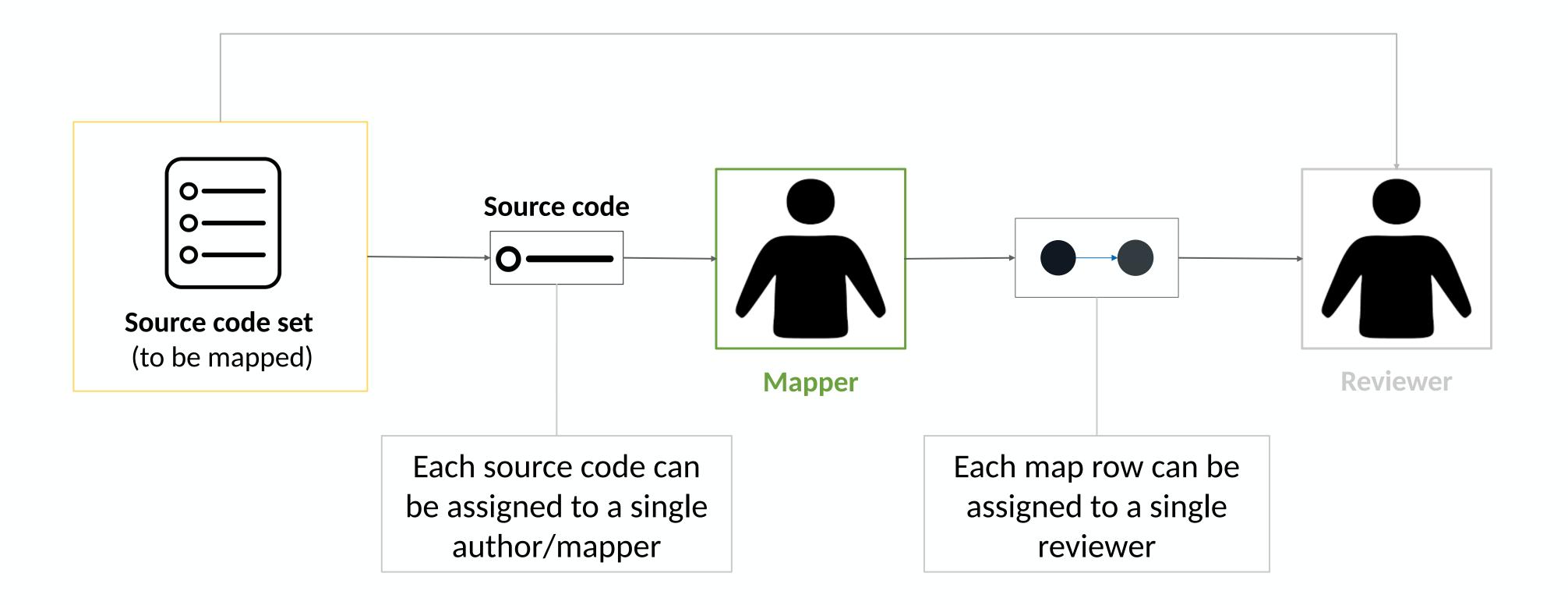


Single author mode

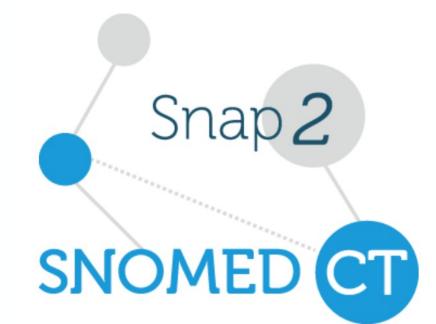


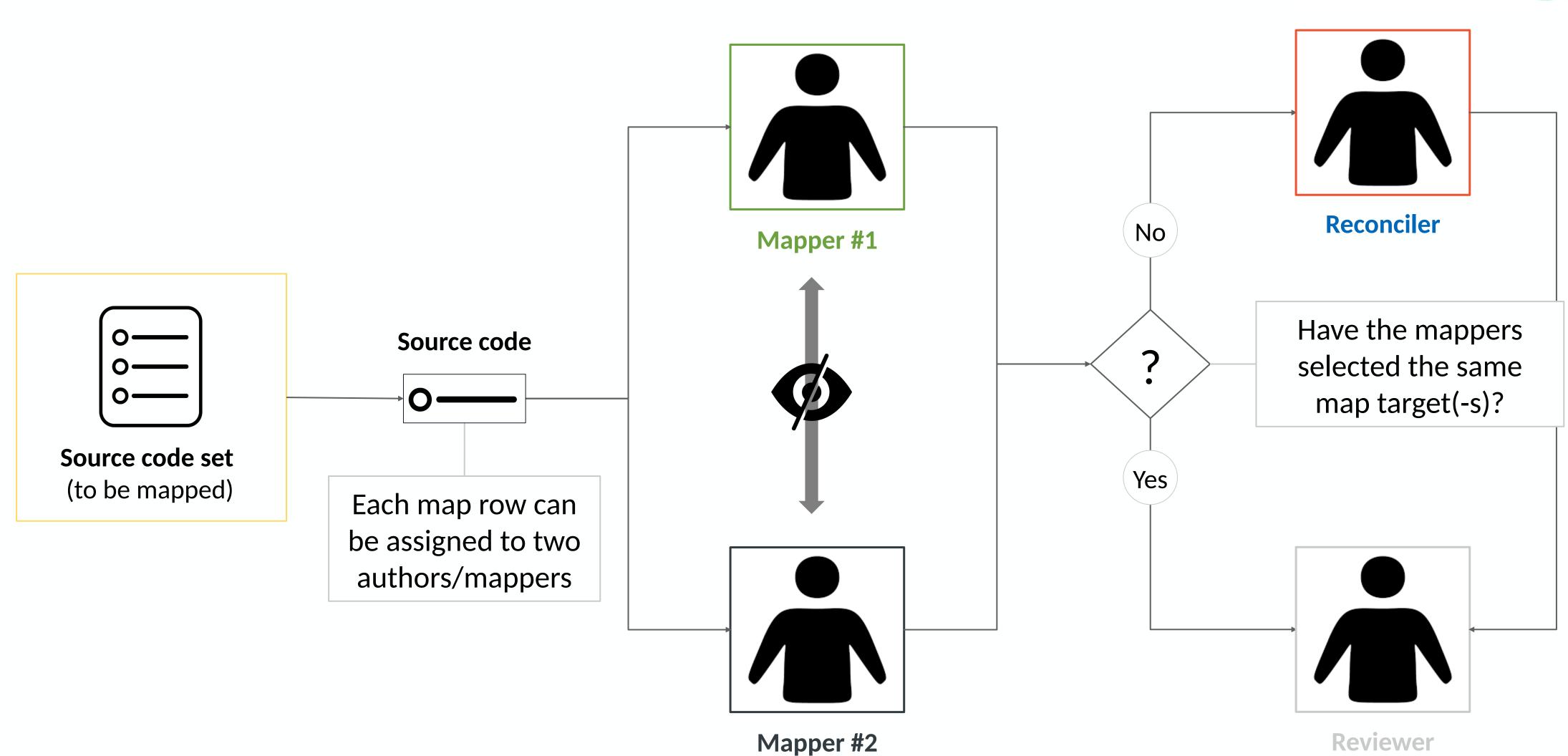


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Dual author mode with reconciliation

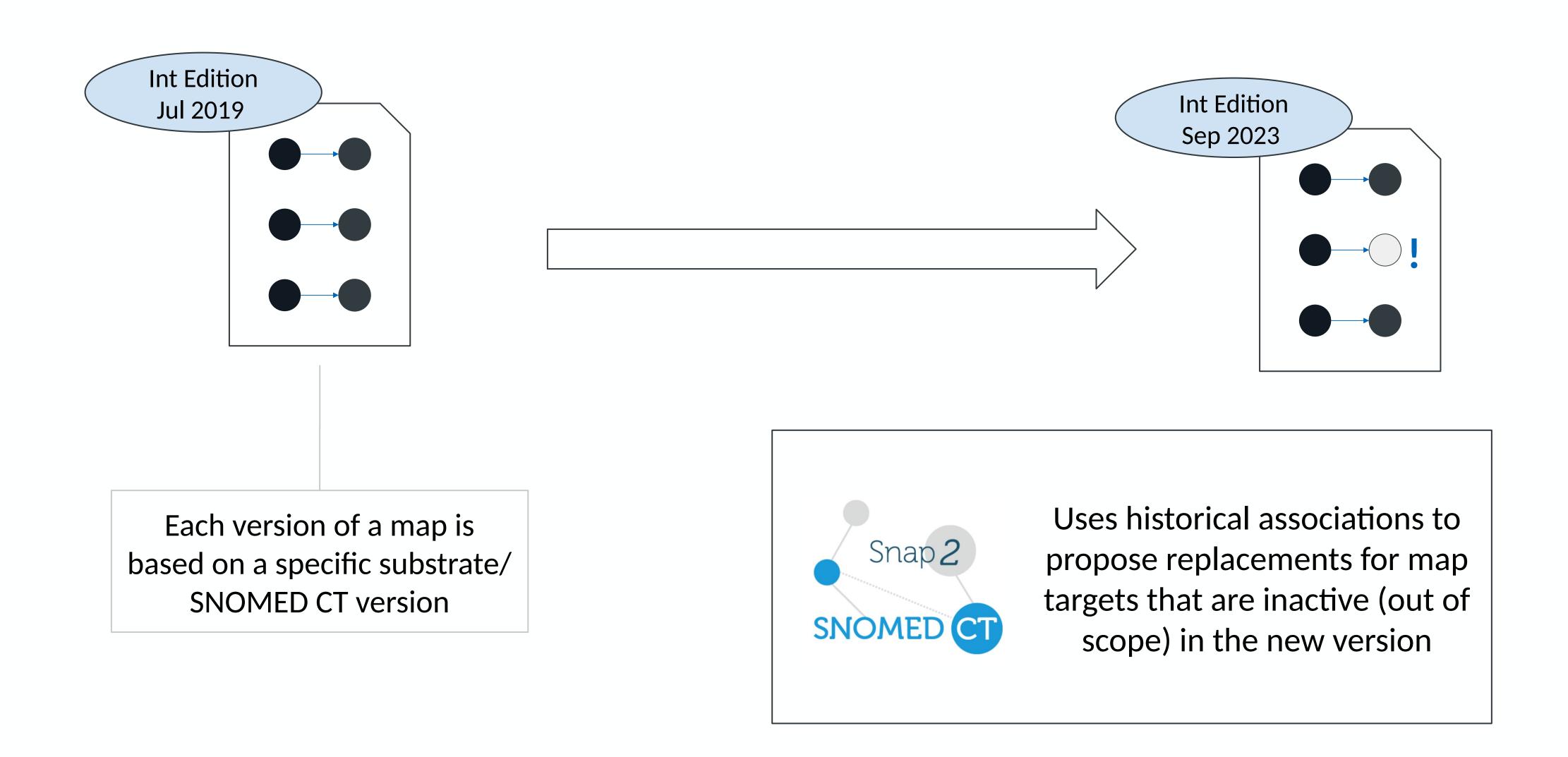






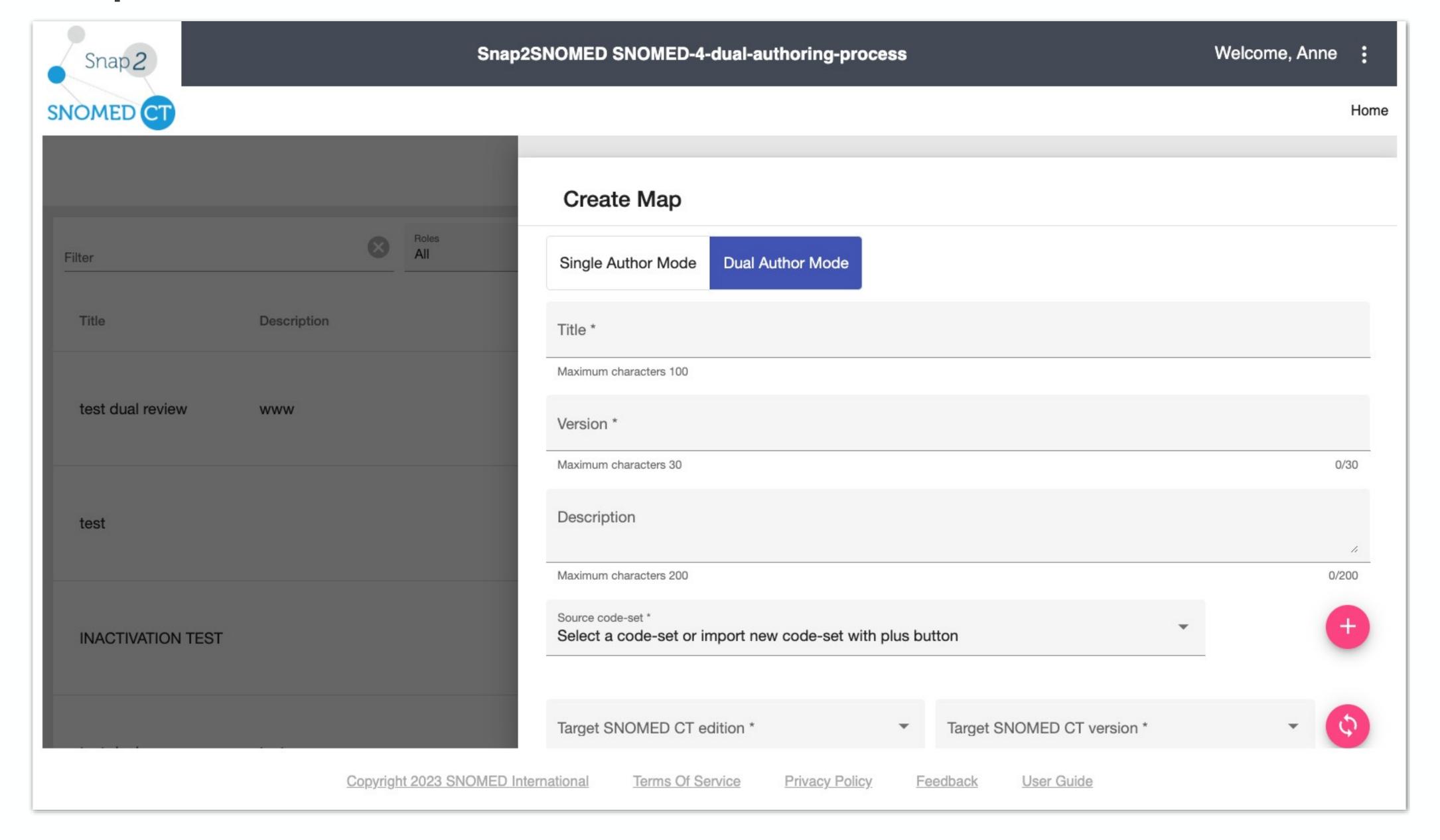
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Support for replacement of inactive concepts



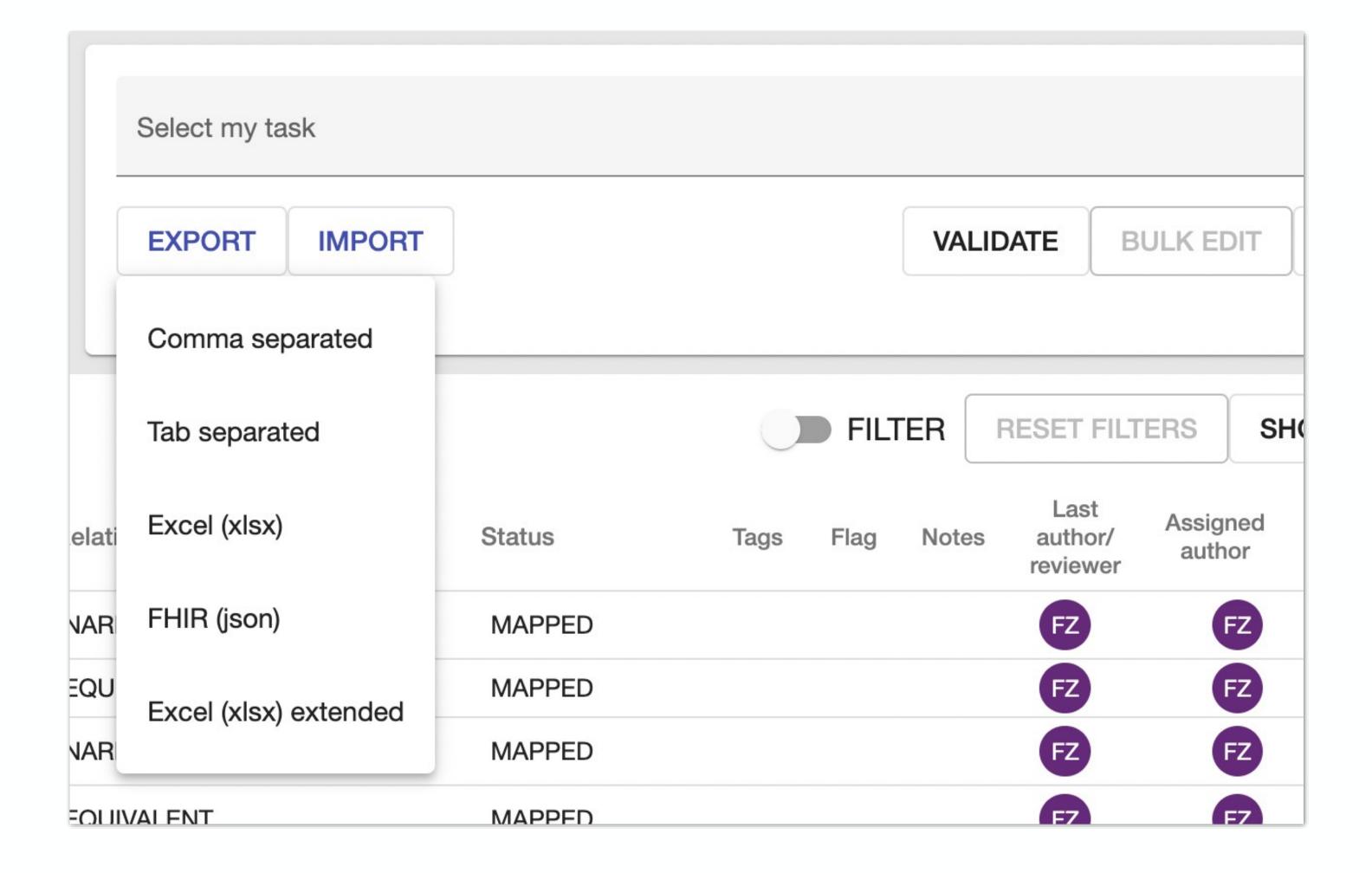
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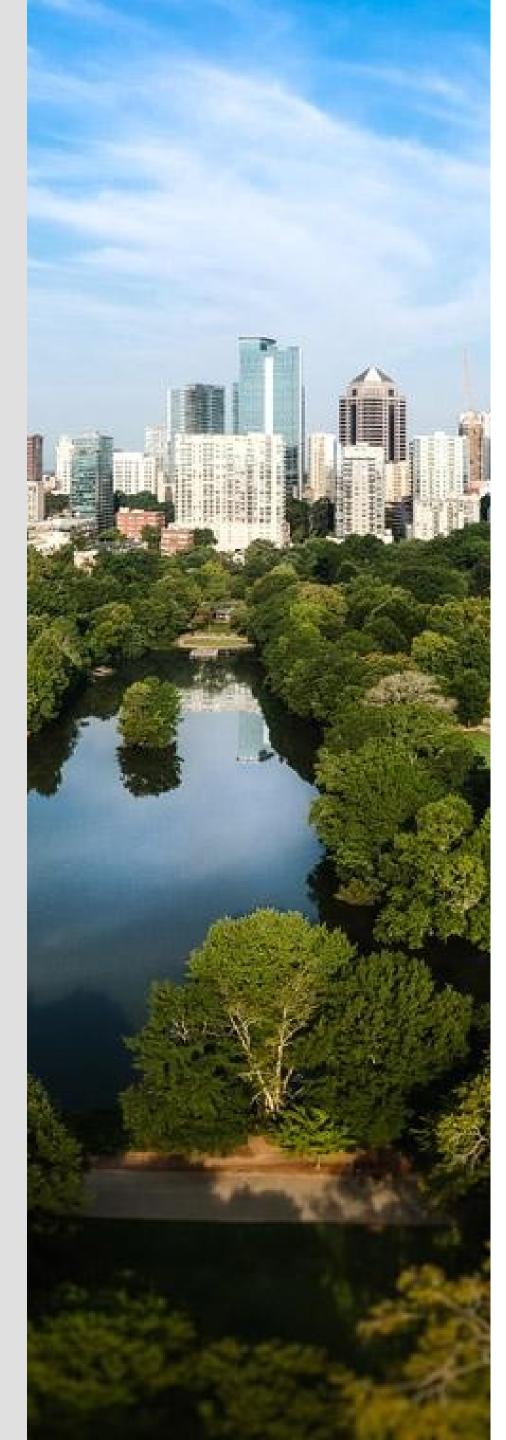


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- Enhanced export format
- Export to FHIR ConceptMap

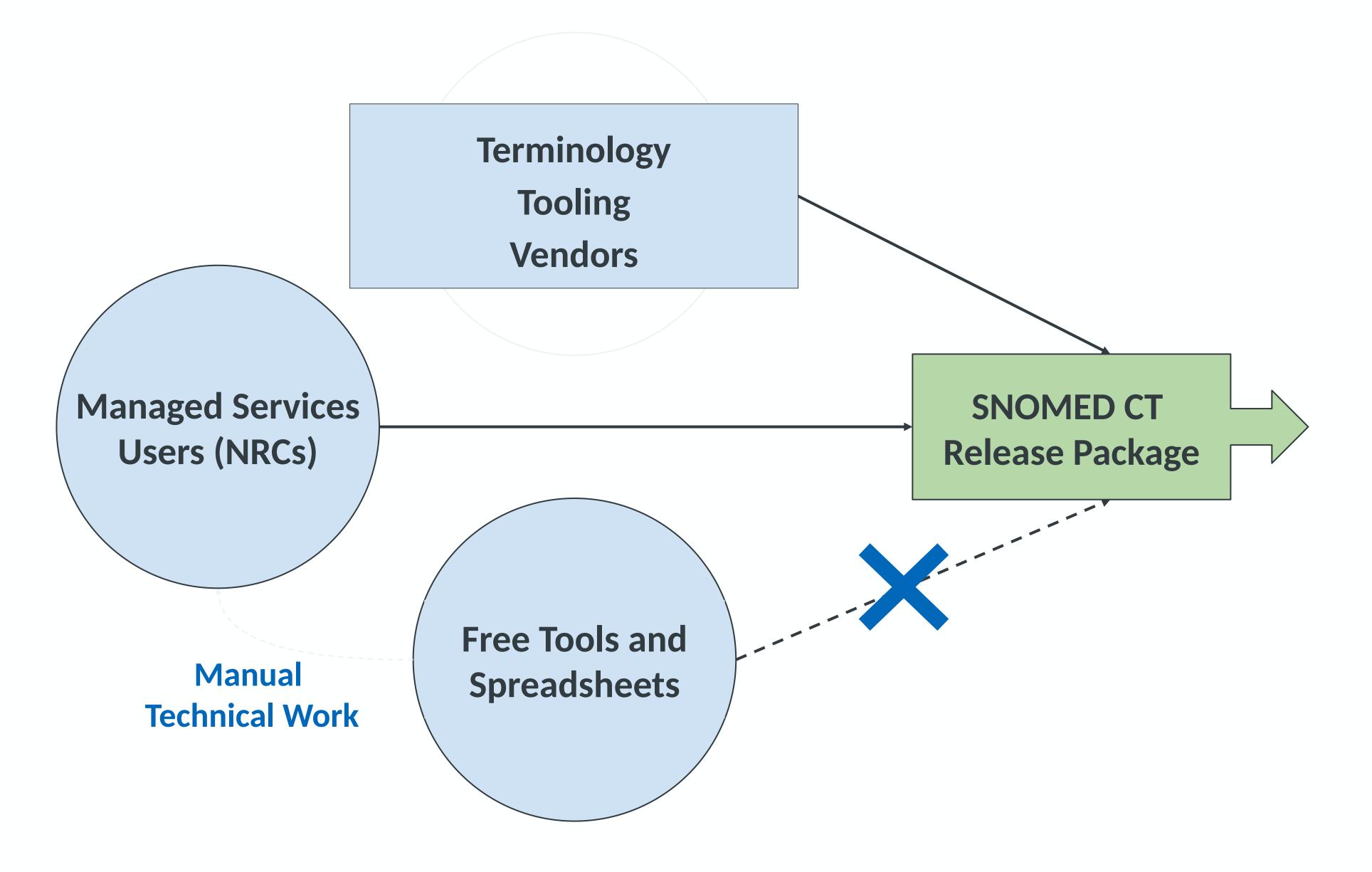


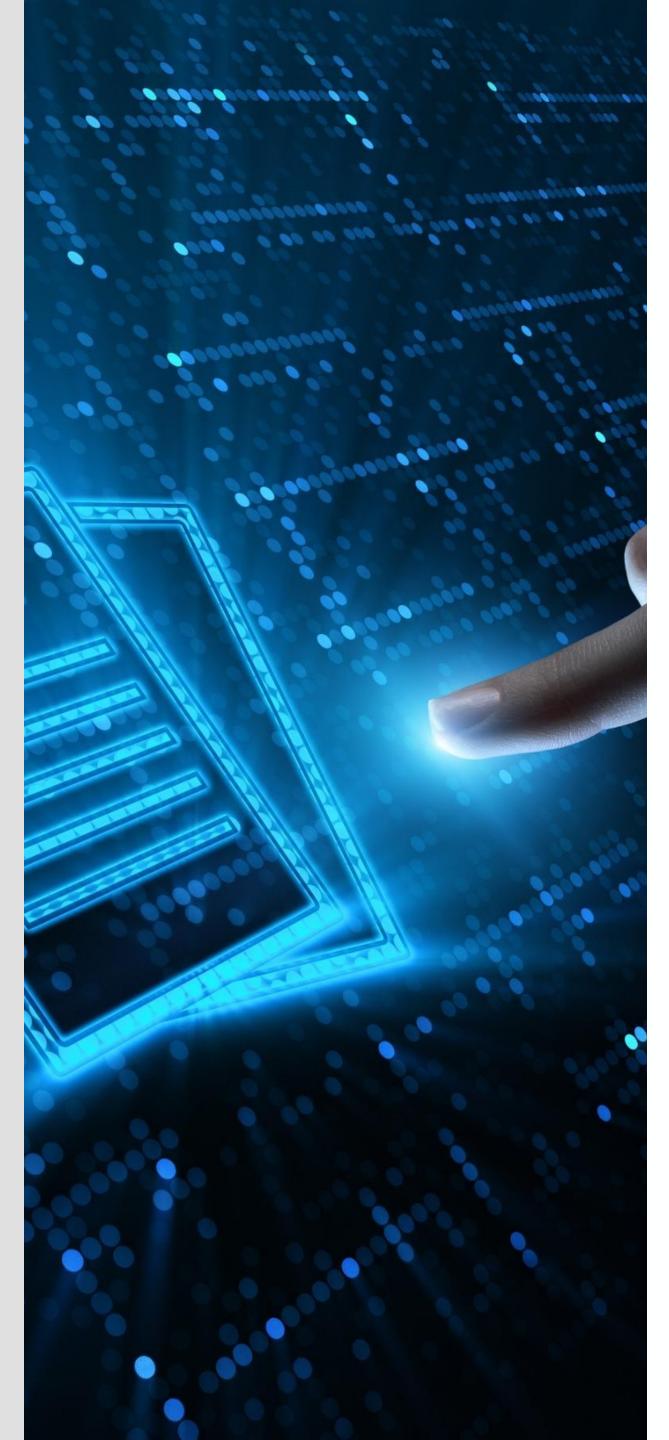
A new tool for publishing simple SNOMED CT Extensions



The Challenge with Free SNOMED Tools



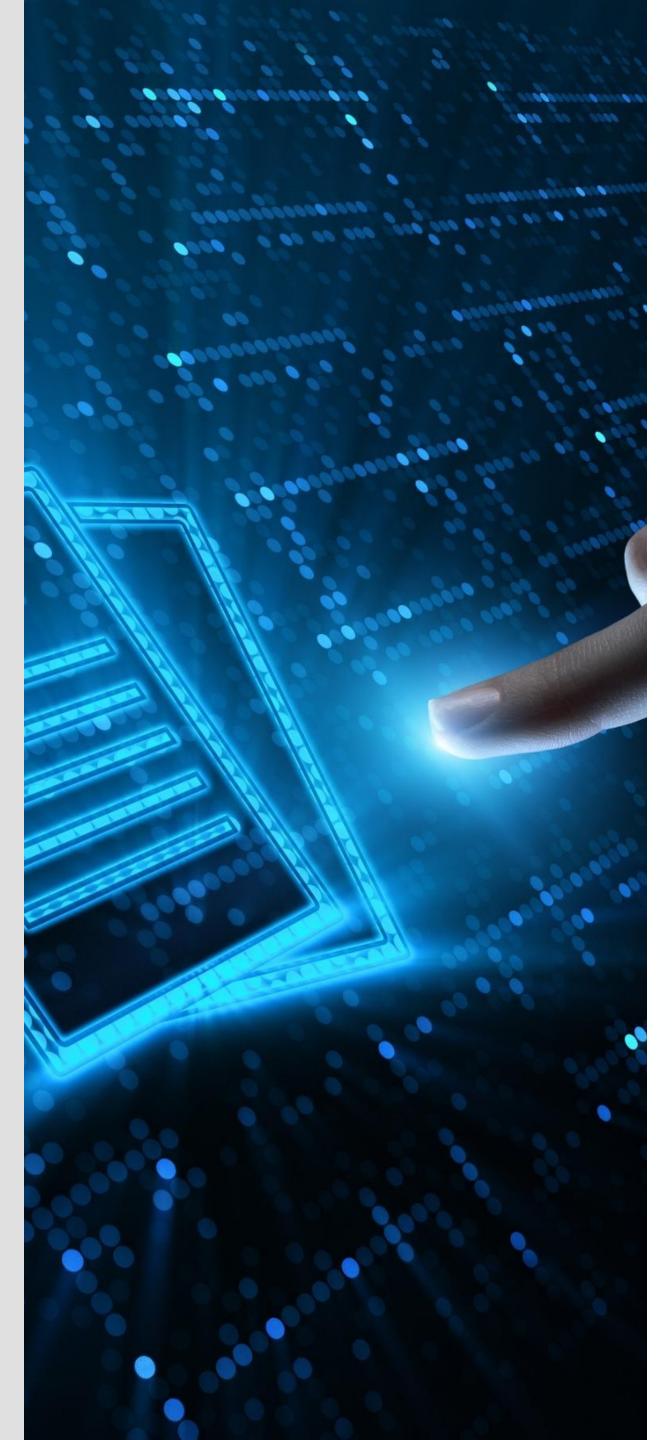




Simplex: Philosophy



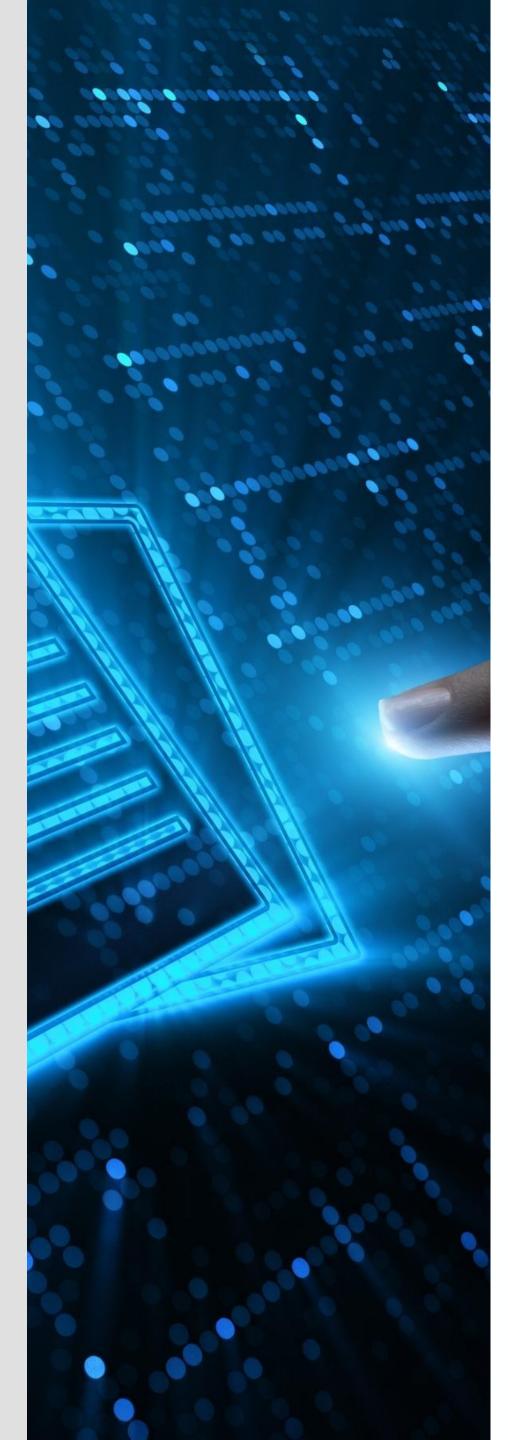
- Open to everyone
- Scalable service
 - Generic service, not customised for any user
 - Simple features, easy to use
 - Guide and enable users to do everything themselves
 - Including setup and release process
 - Aim: no individual support needed
- Leverage existing SI tools
- Produce a high quality standard release



Simplex: Features



- Create and maintain:
 - Subsets
 - Maps
 - Translations
 - Synonyms
 - Local concepts
 - Basic primitive concepts with a stated parent but no stated attributes
- Assemble this content into an Edition
- Browse the Edition during maintenance
- Validate and Release the Edition



Simplex: Solution Outline



Implementation Tools

Release Tools

Production Systems

Weblate

Refset & Translation Tool

Snap2Snomed

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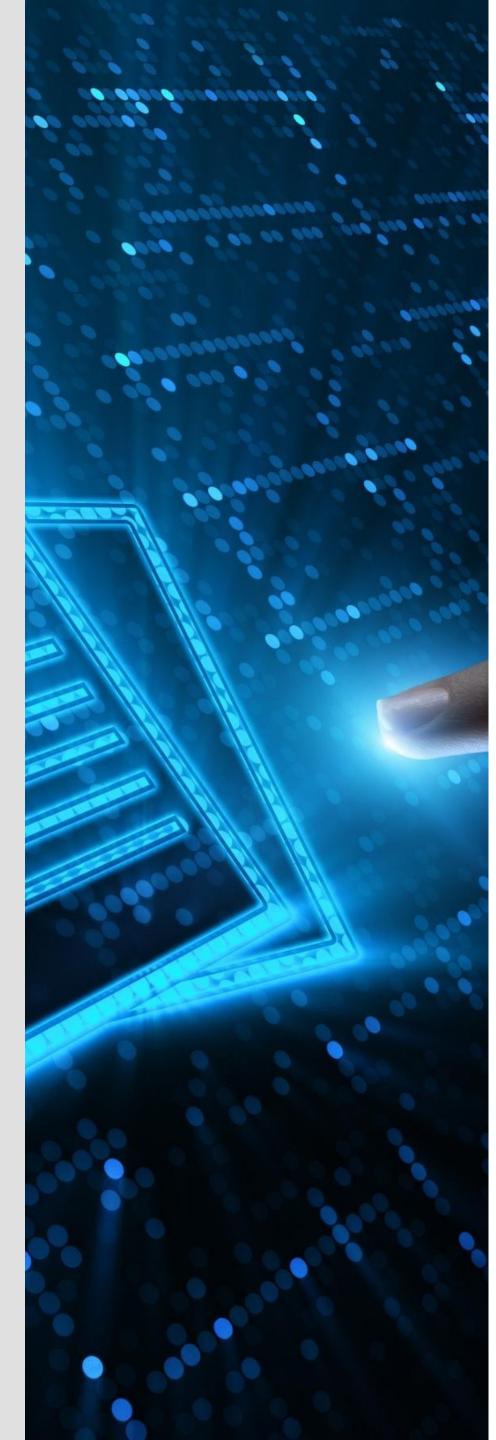
RF2 Release

Clinical information systems

Terminology Server

> **SNOMED CT** Browser

Spreadsheets



Simplex Service: Demo After the Break



SNOMED CT Simple Extension Tool				
Test				
Edit Content Manage Edition info				
Edition artifacts				
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SnoGuess

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An educational word guessing game based on the FHIR API







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Snoguess A SNOMED Game

- Guess the terms and learn about the content of SNOMED CT
- Use the attributes as hints
- Content from the IPS Terminology
- Retrieves random concepts using the FHIR API
- Multi-lingual
- Get in the High Scores Board!







Welcome to SnoGuess!

A fun way to learn about SNOMED CT concepts and their definitions.

New game

Instructions

High Scores

http://snomed.org/snoguess







Snoguess A SNOMED Game



- ✓ Click the keys on the screen to guess the letters of the term ==
- ✓ You have three to five lives, depending on your difficulty level ♥♥♥
- ✓ You will loose one life with each wrong guess ♥
- ✓ You earn points for each correct guess +1
- ✓ In Easy mode you get 2 hints for free, and in Medium mode you get one ?
- ✓ You can reveal more hints, but each hint it will cost one life ♥
- ✓ If you guess the whole term you can recover one life
- Keep guessing terms to increase your score and earn trophies
- Endless mode will not finish when you reach the Diamond Trophy

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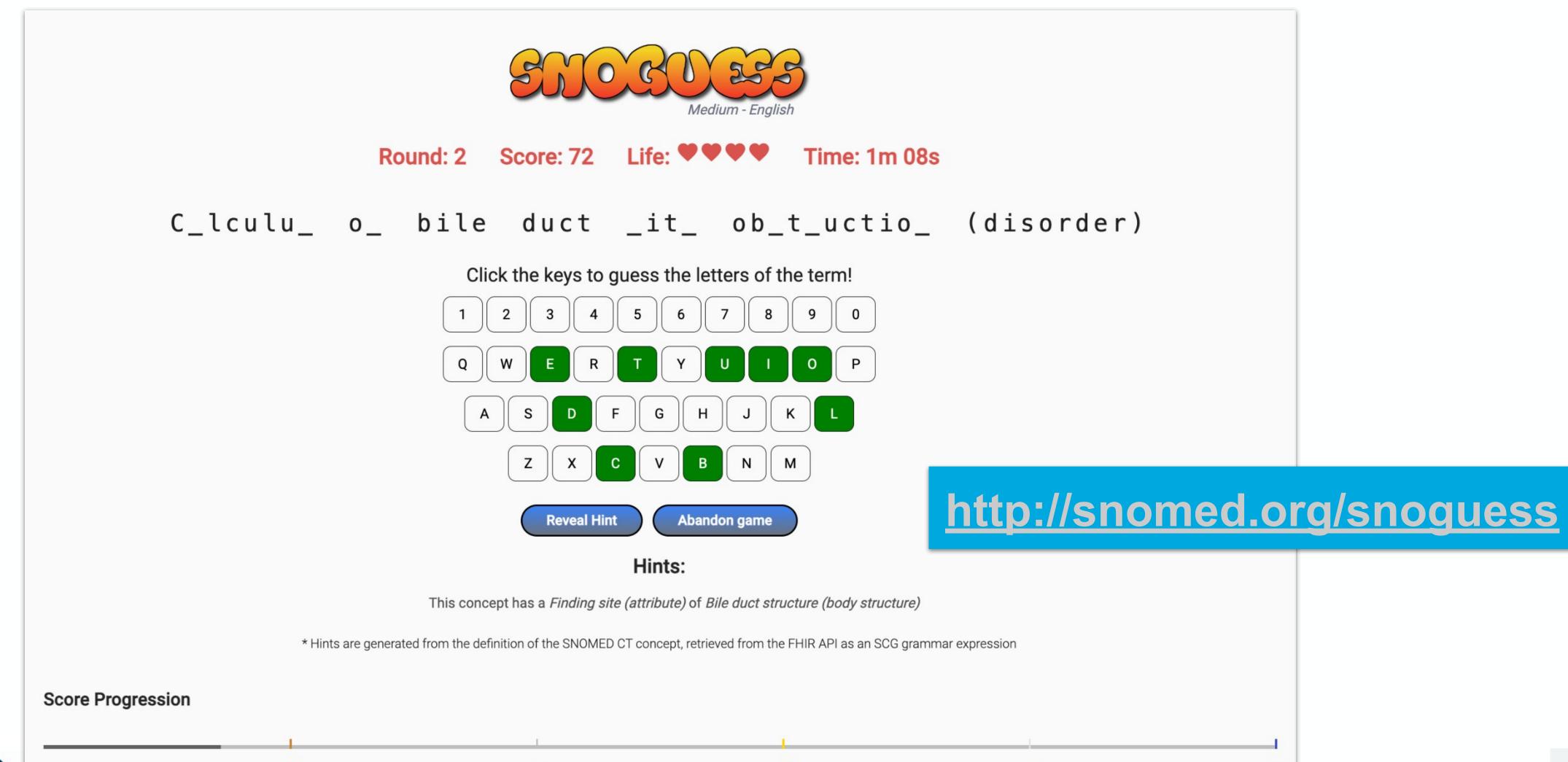






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Snoguess A SNOMED Game















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