



**e-Medications ePrescribing
Terminology Construct**

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1 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide a brief description of the e-Medications deliverables and their location, highlight resolved and outstanding issues and also provide links to supporting documentation relevant to the release.

2 Introduction

The scope of the specification for this first e-Medication Management (eMM) release is to support the communication of an electronic prescription (e-prescription) from a General Practitioner/Specialist to a community pharmacist.

NEHTA's terminology work features an iterative development lifecycle designed to incorporate feedback following each successive release. Access to the e-Medications Terminology Construct documents and software terminology browser is limited to those holding the following licence agreements currently managed by NEHTA:

- The SNOMED CT Affiliate License Agreement for access to SNOMED CT International Release;
- The Australian National Terminology Release Licence Agreement for access to extensions and derivatives supplied by NEHTA.

3 Release Log

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4 Supporting Documentation

The following supporting documentation is available for download from the [NEHTA website](#).

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¹ <https://nehta.org.au/aht/index.php>

4.1 e-Medications Terminology

4.1.1 ePrescribing – Terminology Construct

This document describes the link between the NEHTA published specifications and the NEHTA developed terminology in support of the communication of an electronic prescription (e-prescription) from a General Practitioner/Specialist to a community pharmacist.

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22 May, 2009	NEHTA_0411_2009_ePrescribing_Terminology_Construct_R1.0-20090522.pdf This file is found on the NEHTA website ² .

4.1.2 ePrescribing Cover Note

A communications note that introduces the work undertaken and the purpose of the e-Medications Construct released to support the ePrescribing Structured Document v0.6.

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4.2 NEHTA Specifications

The following specification and user guide is available for download from the [NEHTA Website](#).

4.2.1 Structured Document Template - ePrescribing: General Practitioner to Community Pharmacist

The template outlines the allowable content of the information to be exchanged for a community generated prescription and structures the content in a manner that delivers context and meaning. It provides an information framework on which to achieve semantic interoperability, independent of any messaging format, sending/receiving application or data store.

4.2.2 Data Specifications and SDT - Guide for Use

This document is a companion guide to all NEHTA Data Specifications and Structured Document Template (SDT) documents. This guide is designed to assist with the interpretation of these documents by those involved in the development, implementation

or operation of systems that generate or interpret data pertaining to the health care of individuals.

In particular, this guide describes the generic data structures, data types, keywords and icons used in Data Specifications and SDTs.

4.3 SNOMED CT Supporting Documentation

Access to these up to date documents is restricted to current licensees of SNOMED CT. To apply for the free licences, please register at <https://nehta.org.au/aht>.

4.3.1 SNOMED CT Technical Reference Guide

The Technical Reference Guide is intended for SNOMED CT implementers, such as software developers. The guide assumes an information technology background. Clinical knowledge is not a prerequisite.

It contains reference material related to the current release of SNOMED CT and includes file layouts, field sizes, required values, and their meanings and high-level data diagrams. It can be used to install and use SNOMED CT.

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January 2009	This file is found in the 'Essential Resources' section of the International Release, in the folder named 'Documentation and Other Resources'. SNOMED_CT_Technical_Reference_Guide-January 2009.pdf

4.3.2 SNOMED CT Technical Implementation Guide

The Technical Implementation Guide is intended for SNOMED CT implementers, such as software developers. The guide assumes information technology and software development experience. Clinical knowledge is not required, although some background is helpful to understand the application context and needs.

It contains guidelines and advice about the design of applications using SNOMED CT, and covers topics such as terminology services, entering and storing information, and migration of legacy information.

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4.3.3 SNOMED CT User Guide

The User Guide is intended for clinical personnel, business directors, software project managers, and project leaders. Information technology experience, though not necessary, is helpful.

The guide is intended to explain SNOMED CT's capabilities and uses from a content perspective. It explains the content and the principles used to model the terminology.

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