

e-Medications ePrescribing Terminology Cover Note

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NEHTA is pleased to announce the first construct document for e-Medications Management.

This release is not for clinical use. It has been released to licensed SNOMED users for test and evaluation purposes only.

NEHTA's National Clinical Terminology Service (NCTS) has been tasked to develop terminology and related material to support the requirements of the clinical community. NCTS develops and delivers terminology reference sets that define and contain the terminology concepts supporting the use cases for a given data element within a specification. These reference sets will assist with standardised data capture and data representation within information systems and subsequent electronic information exchange that facilitates interoperability.

Document Purpose

This document describes the link between the NEHTA published specifications and the NEHTA developed terminology in support of the current scope.

Release 1 of the e-Medications Management is supporting the electronic transmission of a prescription from a GP/Specialist as the prescriber to a community pharmacy as the dispenser. Incorporation of industry feedback is ongoing, hence subsequent maintenance releases will follow as feedback is incorporated.

The e-Medications ePrescribing content will be subject to NEHTA's Clinical Safety Assessment Program (CSAP). CSAP has been established to define, measure, report and refine clinical safety metrics in relation to the creation and use of terminology products for defined use cases. It is intended that CSAP provides an increased level of assurance compared to quality assurance alone for all Australian terminologies developed or endorsed by NEHTA. It is creating a standard approach to the evaluation of terminology products as fit for purpose and is being defined, tested and refined through operation.

The clinical terms comprising this release are not for implementation in live clinical systems at this stage, but are made available for comment.

Release Files

Reference sets are available in the form of both distribution files and a viewer that allows permissible values to be displayed in the context of the applicable SNOMED CT hierarchy.

Supporting documentation is also provided to describe the approach adopted in the development of the supporting terminology and the rationale behind the approach.

The release documents are available directly from NEHTA's secure site (<https://nehta.org.au/aht/>) or via the NEHTA website (www.nehta.gov.au). Access to the secure site is restricted to those holding SNOMED CT license agreements managed by NEHTA. To apply for the free licenses, please register at <https://nehta.org.au/aht>.

Feedback

NEHTA is committed to ensuring that quality assurance processes are in place and therefore invites feedback on the content of this e-Medications Construct, particularly from those in the health sector with operational domain-relevant expertise.

Once feedback is obtained it will be published in a document that includes NEHTA's responses to feedback and our ongoing strategy around the resolution of any issues that arise.

Please submit your feedback by **Tuesday 30th June 2009** by email - medicines@nehta.gov.au or by mail -

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