

Briefing Note for the Member Forum

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Request for Member Forum Endorsement of the Addition of Nine Prioritised Content Trackers to the Content Work Plan

Purpose

Member Forum endorsement is sought for the addition of nine top-priority content trackers identified by the Content Managers Advisory Group (CMAG) to the content work plan.

Content Trackers

For over 15 years, SNOMED International has used [Jira issue trackers](#) to capture and manage content development work items that require resolution but could not be addressed at the time of identification due to factors such as resource constraints, lack of subject matter expertise (SME), or other competing priorities. When used to track content development, Jira issue trackers are often referred to as 'content trackers' and will be referred to as such throughout this document.

Content Tracker Prioritisation Project

In the past 12-18 months, a review of open content trackers was undertaken internally. As part of that review, a number of content trackers were closed due to competing priorities, limited resources, and no identified member need. As part of the work noted below, CMAG members were given access to the list of closed content trackers, in case any were deemed appropriate for reopening. From this list, [IHTSDO-1173](#) was identified and with information from the Netherlands this has now been progressed and completed.

The CMAG members were asked to review the remaining 109 open unassigned content trackers to determine the priority of resolving each content issue for their country. Ten CMAG members undertook this work, with nine fully completing the review and one partially completing it.

The group was provided with the following prioritisation criteria:

- 1 = Top priority and use case identified
- 2 = A use case has been identified but it is not contingent on completion of this work
- 3 = A "good to have" topic but no current use case
- 4 = Not currently a priority

A value of 4 was applied for the incomplete review in cases where a content issue had not yet been assigned a specific value.

When the prioritisation spreadsheet was developed, an initial assessment of each issue was also undertaken to determine the potential need for external clinical input, as some issues will require an SME to enable resolution. As part of the review process, the group was also asked whether any known SMEs in their country would be willing to assist. At this point, no new SMEs have been identified for the relevant content issues.

The full results of this review can be found here: [CMAG Content Tracker Prioritisation](#)

Please note: A small number of content trackers already assigned to internal terminologists were not included in the review.

Refinement Criteria

The CMAG prioritisation review produced a ranked spreadsheet of 109 content trackers, ordered from highest to lowest priority. To identify a manageable and actionable subset for presentation to the Member Forum, the following criteria were applied:

- Four or more member countries ranked the content tracker as Priority 1
- The initial content tracker review indicated that no SME would be required for resolution

The refined list of content trackers is provided below.

Prioritised Content Tracker List

- [IHTSDO-1230](#): Review 281667005 |Maternal history of disorder (situation)| to resolve ambiguity regarding whether the "history" refers to the subject of record or the biological mother.
- [IHTSDO-1244](#): Resolve structural and linguistic inconsistencies in the Findings hierarchy. This includes standardising word order (e.g. "Bathing disability" vs. "Disability of arm") and aligning synonyms for "disability," "limitation," and "reduced" with their Fully Specified Names (FSNs).

- [IHTSDO-1235](#): Address duplication and semantic overlap between injury and damage concepts (e.g. "Injury of liver" vs. "Liver damage") to ensure a single, consistent modelling pattern.
- [IHTSDO-1280](#): Review and improve subsumption within the 129025006 |Activity of daily living (observable entity)|subhierarchy and assess and manage related concepts such as 284545001 |Ability to perform activities of everyday life (observable entity)|. Impacts in the Procedure and Clinical Finding hierarchies will also be reviewed.
- [IHTSDO-130](#): Rationalise overlapping and duplicate concepts related to foetal position, presentation, and lie, specifically focusing on the distinction between findings and disorders (e.g. abnormal fetal presentation vs. malpresentation).
- [IHTSDO-404](#): Review and refine concepts related to prematurity and post-maturity of infants. Key issues include ambiguous and inconsistent concept naming, unclear subtype relationships, and overlap between findings and disorders that require reconciliation and, in some cases, inactivation and replacement.
- [IHTSDO-1161](#): Resolve ambiguity in the usage of "labor" and "delivery" within << 118215003 |Delivery finding (finding)|.
- [IHTSDO-1153](#): Consolidate or clarify overlapping neonatal hierarchies, specifically addressing the redundancy between Finding of state at birth, Neonatal finding, and Finding of neonatal condition.
- [IHTSDO-1204](#): Review concepts in 243120004 |Regimes and therapies| that contain "management" in their FSNs; determine if they should be reclassified under 119270007 |Management procedure (procedure)|.

Recommendation

The Member Forum is invited to endorse the addition of the nine prioritised content trackers listed above to the SNOMED International content work plan, to be progressed as member-priority items.

Next Steps

If endorsed, the nine content trackers will be assigned to internal terminologists, scheduled within the content work plan, and progressed across upcoming release cycles.

Upon completion of this phase, we will review the remaining open trackers for future scheduling. Given that many of these items require SME guidance, we would welcome support from Member Forum representatives who can provide the necessary expert input.

Release date

To be confirmed following Member Forum endorsement and work scheduling.

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