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SNOMED CT in Action

SNOMED CT has been recognized by the following standards setting organizations government bodies:

ANSI – American National Standards Institute

- On December 7, 1999, the College of American Pathologists (CAP) was app ANSI accredited Standards Developer Organization (SDO). The CAP activity clinical terminology, through SNOMED International, focuses on standardizin terminology across clinical specialties and sites of care. These standards are in response to the increasing need to document care in a computer-readable reliably and reproducibly retrieve and aggregate patient level and population- as well as to transmit data in electronic format.
- On September 30, 2003, the CAP Received ANSI Approval for the **Healthca Terminology Structure** Standard. This standard specifies a standard file str use in distributing healthcare terminology. ([Availability of the standard](#))

NCVHS – National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (United States)

- As a continuation of its HIPAA mandate, NCVHS has assessed clinical termii standards for the Patient Medical Record Initiative (PMRI). In 2003, the NCVI Subcommittee on Standards and Security completed a detailed evaluation of care terminologies and classification systems to support the electronic medic Ten terminologies met all of the essential criteria defined according to sound informatics practices. SNOMED CT was rated highest among all terminologie evaluated.
- On November 12, 2003 an advisory panel of the Department of Health and H Services has recommended the College's Systematized Nomenclature of Me Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT) as part of a core set of patient medical record (PMRI) terminology. In the letter regarding PMRI terminology, the NCVHS sa breadth of content, sound terminology model, and widely recognized value of CT qualify it as a general-purpose terminology for the exchange, aggregation analysis of patient medical information. The broad scope of SNOMED CT its inclusion within it of concepts from other important healthcare terminologies (the following terminologies developed to support nursing practice: HHCC, NA NIC, Omaha System, and PNS) allow SNOMED CT to encompass much of tl medical record information domain." [NCVHS recommendation](#)

CHI – Consolidated Health Informatics Initiative (United States)

- This U.S. government initiative is charged with defining health information int standards in federal healthcare to enable the sharing of health information in environment. SNOMED CT is currently under evaluation by CHI and its partn agencies (e.g., The Department of Veterans Affairs, The Department of Defe and Human Services, General Services Administration, etc.) for a number of
- On January 29, 2004 the CHI Initiative recommended and endorsed SNO ME terminology of choice for the domains of anatomy, nursing, diagnosis and prc non-lab interventions and procedures. [CHI NCVHS recommendation](#)

DICOM – Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine

- In June 2000, SNOMED International and NEMA entered into an agreement terms required for basic interoperability will be represented in SNOMED and a pre-paid royalty basis. By agreement, terms continue to be added.

- Since 1996, the CAP has served as secretariat of DICOM Working Group 8: Reporting and actively participates in DICOM Working Group 13: Visible Light. SNOMED is an integral component to full content integration of digital images using DICOM's Structured Reporting standard. In June 2000, SNOMED International entered into an agreement whereby all terms required for basic interoperability will be represented in SNOMED and available on a pre-paid royalty basis. By 2005, more terms continue to be added.

HL7 – Health Level 7

- The CAP is a member of HL7 and actively contributes to the coordination of HL7 messaging standards and SNOMED content. SNOMED is a registered standard with the HL7 Vocabulary Technical Committee for use in HL7 messages. The HL7 standard is an installed base that extends outside the US to Canada, the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, The Netherlands, Finland, South Africa and India.

ISO – International Organization for Standardization

- The CAP participates in the ISO Technical Advisory Working Group on Health Information Representation ISO TC 215 WG3. ANSI standards can be submitted as ISO standards.

X12 – Accredited Standards Committee

- In 1997, SNOMED was balloted as an approved code source in ASC X12 version 4010 for the purpose of reporting more precise terms of medical test results primarily for statistical purposes in the public health system. In October 1999, a name change to "Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine" and the addition of an abstract that describes the use of the code source for indexing the entire medical record was approved. The new version published in X12 sub-release version 4031 in February 2000.

IOM – Institute of Medicine (United States)

- The IOM Committee on Patient Safety Data Standards is charged with producing a detailed plan to facilitate the development of data standards applicable to the coding and classification of patient safety information, both adverse events and errors data. Funded by the Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), report completion is expected in 24 months.

CISB – United Kingdom Clinical Information Standards Board

- In the UK, the CISB is responsible for approving clinical standards, in areas such as clinical datasets terminology and clinical messages for direct patient care.
- To date, SNOMED is considered a "Strategic Standard."

SNOMED has also received endorsement, acceptance and recognition by professional associations (e.g., American Nurses Association - ANA, World Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine -WASPaLM), interoperability initiatives (e.g., eHealth Initiative, National Association for Healthcare IT –NAHIT), and industry analysts (e.g. Gartner Group).