

About SNOMED International

OUR VISION

By 2025, Clinical Terminologies will be used globally, which will result in better health and improved patient outcomes, supported by one language of health.

OUR MISSION

SNOMED International produces and enhances the vocabulary that enables the clear exchange of health information for all.



OUR STRATEGY

The 2020-2025 SNOMED International Strategy focuses on goals in three areas.

P+S Goals

- SNOMED CT Value Proposition
- SNOMED CT Evolution
- Terminology Integrator



Adoption Goals

- SNOMED CT Adoption & Consumption
- SNOMED CT Implementation Support

Innovation Goal

- Emerging Technologies

We are a Member-based, not-for-profit organization. Our core product is SNOMED CT: the world's most comprehensive healthcare terminology.

WHO WE ARE

We play an essential role in improving the health of humankind by determining standards for a codified language that represents groups of clinical terms. This enables healthcare information to be exchanged globally for the benefit of patients and other stakeholders. We are committed to the rigorous evolution of our products and services, to deliver continuous innovation for the global healthcare community.

WHO WE WORK WITH

We actively partner with international standards development organizations, professional clinical bodies, commercial organizations and more to deliver on our vision of improving health through the adoption and use of clinical terminology.

By collaborating with our Members and this diverse set of stakeholders we have built SNOMED CT: the most comprehensive and widely used clinical terminology in the world. SNOMED CT has been translated into more than 11 languages and is used in over 90 countries worldwide.

Our stakeholders include:



OUR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

We provide a growing number of products and services to our customers and stakeholders.



CLINICAL CONTENT:

- content development and editing services for the International Edition release of SNOMED CT.
- maintenance of key mappings with other standards and terminologies



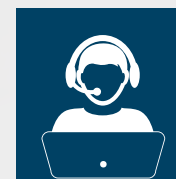
PRODUCT SUPPORT

- develop, enhance and provide product support guides and documents for our customers



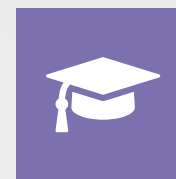
TOOLING

- develop and operate applications and platforms to support our products and services



CUSTOMER AND STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT

- customer and stakeholder support services to Members and Vendors as well as collaboration activities with external classification and terminology organizations.



EDUCATION:

- online courses designed for users to learn more about SNOMED CT.
- graded completion certificates and certifications
- in person education offerings at the SNOMED CT Expo

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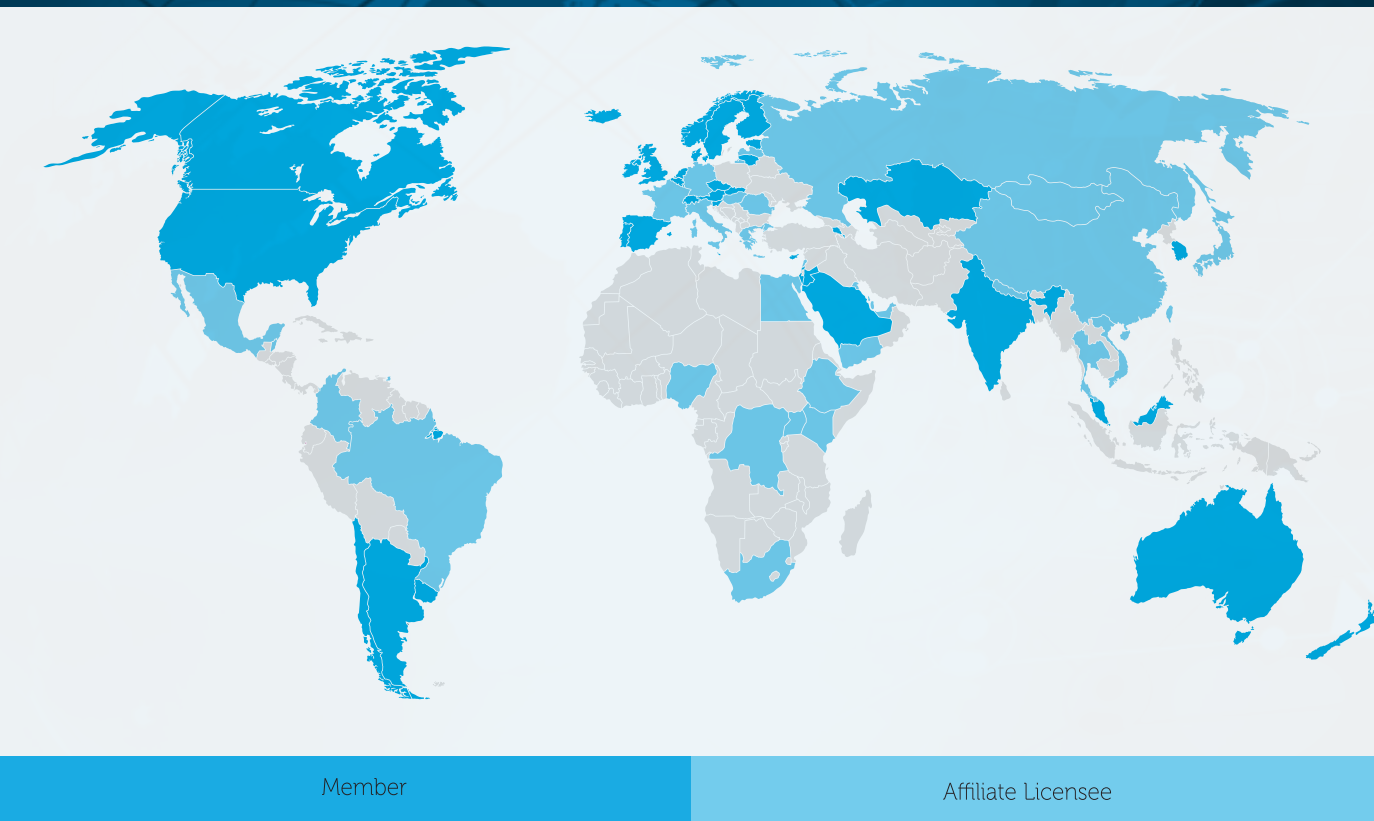
GET INVOLVED

Join our active Community of Practice by attending one of our events, joining a Clinical Reference Group or Advisory Group or by getting involved locally.

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Membership + licensing



SNOMED CT, the world's most comprehensive, multilingual clinical terminology, is owned and maintained by SNOMED International. As a Member or licensee, you join an international community with shared assets, common needs, and a commitment to collaboratively improving the health of people worldwide.

Join our Community: SNOMED CT is
officially used in 75+ countries worldwide

MEMBERSHIP AND LICENSING BENEFITS

USE AND CONTROL	MEMBER	AFFILIATE LICENSEE
Use of SNOMED CT	Within entire Member territory	Within parameters of license
Use of SNOMED International guides, tools and tooling support in your territory	Within entire Member territory	Within parameters of license
Management of the release, distribution and sublicensing of SNOMED CT and other SNOMED International products within your territory	Y	
Twice-yearly updates of the SNOMED CT International Release	Y	Y
KNOWLEDGE SHARING		
Access to knowledge sharing forums and networks	Y	Y
Tailored training for onboarding	Y	
Foundation course; discounts and free registrations for other educational offerings	Y	
ADAPTABILITY		
Create national extensions to suit your needs	Y	
Support for translation of SNOMED CT into Member's language(s)	Y	
REPRESENTATION + INFLUENCE		
Representation on the SNOMED International General Assembly and Member Forum	Y	
Nominate candidates for Advisory Groups	Y	Y
Participation in Clinical Reference Groups	Y	Y
Submit changes for consideration in biannual SNOMED CT International Releases	Y	

LICENSING AND FEES

Membership

- **Scope:** enables all entities within a licensed country or territory (e.g. public, private and not-for-profit) to access, implement and use SNOMED CT
- **Fees:** joining fee plus annual Membership fees based on the country/territory's World Bank Gross National Income

Affiliate and Global Licenses

- **Scope:** for entities wishing to access, implement and use SNOMED CT outside of membership
- **Fee:** varies based on license (fee exemptions may apply in certain situations)

GLOBAL PATIENT SET

- A managed collection of existing SNOMED CT reference sets released by SNOMED International.
- Comprised of unique identifiers, fully specified names (FSN), preferred terms in international English, and active/inactive status flags.
- Excludes SNOMED CT's inherent relationships and hierarchies.
- Produced by SNOMED International and licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License
- Available to users at no cost



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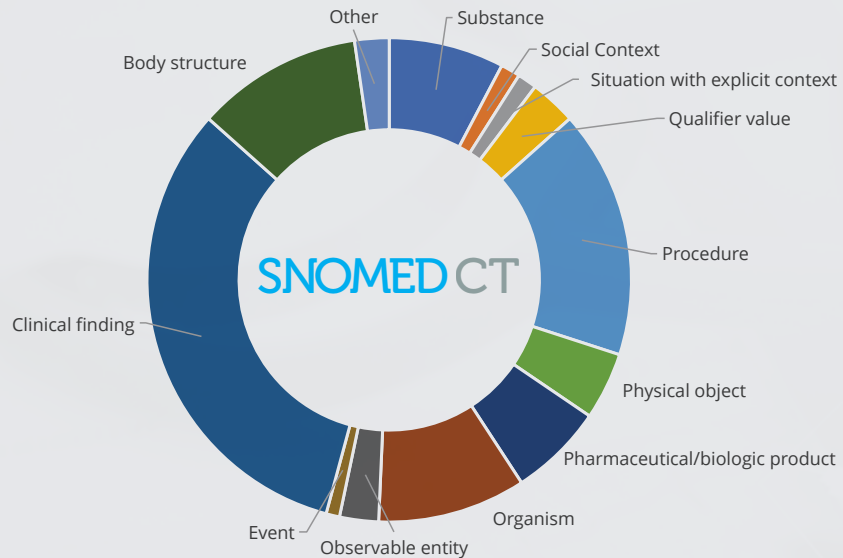


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SNOMED CT: at a glance



UNMATCHED CLINICAL BREADTH

SNOMED CT enables clinicians to record data with enhanced accuracy and consistency largely through electronic health records.

The purpose of SNOMED CT is to encode the meanings used in health information and support the clinical recording of data to improve patient care.

SNOMED CT is the the most comprehensive, multilingual clinical terminology in the world.



SNOMED CT

HOW DOES SNOMED CT WORK?

SNOMED CT is a controlled coded clinical terminology intended for use in electronic health records.

When implemented in an electronic health record (EHR), SNOMED CT can be used to represent relevant clinical information consistently and comprehensively as an essential part of producing electronic health information.

SNOMED CT provides health care professionals the ability to use different terms that mean the same thing when implementing SNOMED CT in their software applications.

SNOMED CT contains concepts with unique meaning and formal logic based definition and is organized into hierarchies. SNOMED CT content is represented using three types of components:

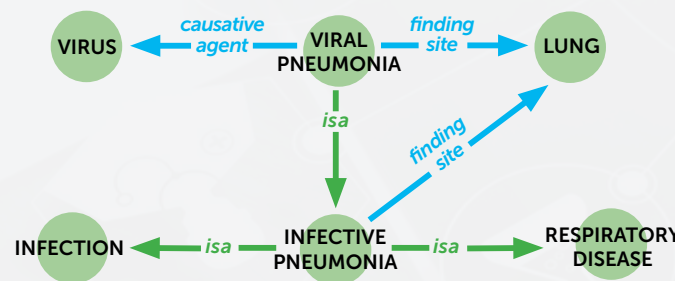


WHO BENEFITS FROM SNOMED CT?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enhances patient safety decreases the need to repeat health history facilitates consistent and reliable patient information 	PATIENTS 	CLINICIANS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> clinician oriented, clinically validated and semantically rich improves data portability and consistent sharing within and across healthcare settings enables enhancement in the delivery of patient care using customizable queries
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enables solutions with robust clinical decision support, leading to market differentiation improves market differentiation 	VENDORS 	OUR MEMBERS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enables broad use of information including health system and clinical program management, public health and research facilitates data integration and customization based on national priorities Updated twice a year to help users keep pace with the advances of healthcare terminology

SNOMED CT ADDS MEANING

A key benefit of SNOMED CT is that it allows the meaning of information recorded in electronic records using SNOMED CT concepts to be computer processable. This is possible because each coded concept is linked to other concepts, which are logically related.



For example: viral pneumonia is linked through a series of 'is a' relationships that represent a polyhierarchy of subtypes.

Viral pneumonia 'is a' infective pneumonia, infective pneumonia 'is a' infection, and similarly, infective pneumonia 'is a' respiratory disease.

SNOMED CT links concepts to the applicable part of the body, or **finding site**, as well as the **cause** (e.g. causative agent.)

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