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## Briefing Note for the Member Forum October 2020

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### Inactivation of Devices Content Referencing Use Frequency

#### Purpose

To update the Member Forum on the inactivation of device concepts in the physical object hierarchy which reference a device use frequency.

#### Background

The Devices Project Group (PG) has established and published organizing principles for content in the physical object hierarchy. The device content in the International edition of SNOMED CT should contain broad and non-contextual characteristics. Concepts containing detailed data characteristics such as device use frequency (e.g., “single use,” “reusable,” “reprocessed”) are not in scope for the International edition. Concepts containing device use frequency may be handled in other resources such as an UDI repository or National Extension. The project organizing principles can be viewed on Confluence:

<https://confluence.ihtsdotools.org/display/IAP/Reference+Documentation+-+Devices>.

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## Plan

For the July 2021 International edition of SNOMED CT, we will identify and inactivate the physical object content that contains a use frequency such as 465286007 [Skin clip, single-use (physical object)] and 468015006 [Cranial bur, reprocessed (physical object)]. We will inactivate these as ambiguous and refer each to an appropriate concept. For accuracy, the reason for inactivation may be updated to “Non-conformance to editorial policy” in a subsequent release. If any concepts are missed for the July 2021 release, they will be inactivated in subsequent releases.

This briefing note will be distributed to selected Advisory and Project Groups.

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