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Briefing Note for the Member Forum March 2022

Replacement of subtypes of 717234006 |Allergy to animal protein (finding)| representing allergy to animal parts

Purpose

The purpose of this briefing note is to communicate to SNOMED CT Members that current subtypes of the “717234006 |Allergy to animal protein (finding)|” sub-hierarchy that represent allergy to “animal part” are considered for inactivation and will be replaced by concepts representing “Allergy to X animal protein”.

This change is based on the recommendation of the Allergies/Hypersensitivity and Intolerance Clinical Reference Group. Animal parts (e.g. dander, feather, hair) are not allergens but rather structures on which allergenic proteins may be found. Allergenic proteins may be produced by the structure, transferred to the structure from another part of the animal or adhere to the structure from an exogenous source. Concepts representing allergy to “animal part” are not clinically useful as avoidance would be focused on the animal itself rather than a part of the animal, and most would not recognize a specific animal part from which the actual allergen is derived.

The change is scheduled for implementation in the April 2022 release.

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