

Briefing Note for the Member Forum April 2018

Implications of describing liquid dose from product concepts using presentation strength

Purpose

To update the Member Forum on the plans for the management of existing liquid dose form product concepts.

Background

There are alternatives that can be used to describe liquid dose form concepts within the international medicinal product terminology model, which include using either presentation strength and unit of presentation and concentration strength, or concentration strength only (for further details see Section Medicinal Product Strength of SNOMED CT Medicinal Product Model Specification v0.3). No final decision as to the pattern to use has been reached for the international release, since this requires further consultation with members.

Issue

There are currently about 1000 liquid dose form concepts in the international release described using presentation strength and unit of presentation that are in active use. In order not to disrupt that implementation, these concepts should not be inactivated.

2018-July Release Plan

The 1000 Clinical Drug concepts using presentation strength and unit of presentation *and* their concentration strength that can be confirmed to be in active use will be present as fully defined Clinical Drug concepts in the July 2018 release. A further 900 concepts with a similar pattern will be inactivated as their provenance cannot be confirmed. No new content will be created.

Future Plan

Choice of modelling pattern for this type of product in the International Release will be further consulted on, in order to provide the best value from the core content for its use cases, which includes supporting national medicinal product extensions.

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