## Briefing Note for Editorial Advisory Group
## January 2022

## Inactivation of concepts related to legality of abortion

## Purpose

For discussion and approval on the inactivation of concepts with descriptions that refer to the legality of an abortion procedure.

## Background

Recent discussions in the Editorial Advisory Group (EAG) and a formal request from the Argentina National Release Center (NRC) have suggested for the inactivation of concepts linked to the legality of procedures related to the interruption of pregnancy (see suggested inactivations below). The Argentina NRC has prepared supporting documentation (attached) with the issues of these concepts and reasons for inactivation. In brief:

- The concepts correspond to a legal status of a procedure which will be different in all countries, states, territories, etc.
- Due to the varied regulations of abortion procedures, SNOMED CT terms referencing illegal/legal can impact semantic interoperability and quality of records as these will reflect different meanings in different jurisdictions.
- These concepts are in violation of current SNOMED CT editorial policy.
  - "Concepts referring to regulatory status or characterization (e.g., over-the-counter) are out of scope for the International Release. Meaning may vary by jurisdiction and may not be consistent internationally." (See Out of Scope policy).
- Due to the reasons above, the notion of 'legal' or 'illegal' can be added by an Extension if deemed necessary.

It is proposed that these concepts referencing the legality of the procedure are inactivated.

## Issues for consideration

Inactivation of the descendants of the concept: 49632008 |Illegally induced abortion (disorder)|

| Concept | Id |
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| Illegal abortion complicated by cardiac failure (disorder) | 1010447000 |
| Illegal abortion complicated by cardiac arrest (disorder) | 1010446009 |
| Complete illegal abortion complicated by excessive hemorrhage (disorder) | 698587001 |

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| Illegal abortion complicated by genital-pelvic infection (disorder) | 373902000 |
| Complete illegal abortion with embolism (disorder) | 198762000 |
| Complete illegal abortion with shock (disorder) | 198761007 |
| Complete illegal abortion with metabolic disorder (disorder) | 198760008 |
| Complete illegal abortion with renal failure (disorder) | 198759003 |
| Complete illegal abortion with damage to pelvic organs or tissues (disorder) | 198758006 |
| Complete illegal abortion with delayed or excessive hemorrhage (disorder) | 198757001 |
| Illegal abortion complete (disorder) | 198755009 |
| Incomplete illegal abortion with embolism (disorder) | 198750004 |
| Incomplete illegal abortion with shock (disorder) | 198749004 |
| Incomplete illegal abortion with metabolic disorder (disorder) | 198748007 |
| Incomplete illegal abortion with renal failure (disorder) | 198747002 |
| Incomplete illegal abortion with damage to pelvic organs or tissues (disorder) | 198746006 |
| Incomplete illegal abortion with delayed or excessive hemorrhage (disorder) | 198745005 |
| Incomplete illegal abortion with genital tract or pelvic infection (disorder) | 198744009 |
| Illegal abortion incomplete (disorder) | 198743003 |
| Illegal abortion with pelvic peritonitis (disorder) | 90450000 |
| Illegal abortion with perforation of cervix (disorder) | 84143004 |
| Illegal abortion with septic shock (disorder) | 82338001 |
| Illegal abortion with parametritis (disorder) | 82204006 |
| Illegal abortion with perforation of bladder (disorder) | 80438008 |
| Illegal abortion with perforation of uterus (disorder) | 77099001 |
| Illegal abortion with complication (disorder) | 74978008 |
| Illegal abortion with laceration of vagina (disorder) | 73280003 |
| Illegal abortion with septic embolism (disorder) | 71362000 |
| Illegal abortion with intravascular hemolysis (disorder) | 70823006 |
| Illegal abortion with perforation of periurethral tissue (disorder) | 68189005 |
| Illegal abortion with defibrination syndrome (disorder) | 61810006 |
| Illegal abortion complicated by shock (disorder) | 61752008 |
| Illegal abortion with pulmonary embolism (disorder) | 55589000 |
| Illegal abortion with uremia (disorder) | 54155004 |
| Illegal abortion with laceration of bladder (disorder) | 53247006 |

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| Illegally induced abortion (disorder) | 49632008 |
| Illegal abortion with air embolism (disorder) | 44101005 |
| Illegal abortion with laceration of uterus (disorder) | 40500006 |
| Illegal abortion with cerebral anoxia (disorder) | 40405003 |
| Illegal abortion with amniotic fluid embolism (disorder) | 38905006 |
| Illegal abortion complicated by damage to pelvic organs AND/OR tissues (disorder) | 38784004 |
| Illegal abortion with postoperative shock (disorder) | 34701001 |
| Illegal abortion with acute renal failure (disorder) | 33561005 |
| Illegal abortion with urinary tract infection (disorder) | 33046001 |
| Self-induced abortion (disorder) | 31207002 |
| Illegal abortion with fat embolism (disorder) | 29995000 |
| Illegal abortion with laceration of broad ligament (disorder) | 29583006 |
| Illegal abortion complicated by embolism (disorder) | 26743002 |
| Illegal abortion with perforation of vagina (disorder) | 25519006 |
| Illegal abortion with electrolyte imbalance (disorder) | 25404008 |
| Illegal abortion with perforation of bowel (disorder) | 23401002 |
| Illegal abortion with salpingitis (disorder) | 22046002 |
| Illegal abortion with blood-clot embolism (disorder) | 21604008 |
| Illegal abortion with laceration of periurethral tissue (disorder) | 19564003 |
| Illegal abortion with laceration of cervix (disorder) | 18872002 |
| Illegal abortion complicated by metabolic disorder (disorder) | 18684002 |
| Illegal abortion with laceration of bowel (disorder) | 17335003 |
| Illegal abortion with sepsis (disorder) | 11373009 |
| Illegal abortion complicated by renal failure (disorder) | 8996006 |
| Illegal abortion with salpingo-oophoritis (disorder) | 8670007 |
| Illegal abortion without complication (disorder) | 7802000 |
| Illegal abortion with perforation of broad ligament (disorder) | 6802007 |
| Illegal abortion with oliguria (disorder) | 6134000 |
| Illegal abortion with renal tubular necrosis (disorder) | 4451004 |
| Illegal abortion with afibrinogenemia (disorder) | 3230006 |
| Illegal abortion with endometritis (disorder) | 195005 |

## Next Steps

Pending discussion and approval at EAG will guide the next steps. Suggested that the notice of final decision be sent to Argentina NRC (requesting country) and to the Member Forum for informational purposes.

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