

Briefing Note for the Member Forum, Content Managers Advisory Group and Clinical Leads 09 August 2023

Inactivation of Ethnic and Racial Group Social Context Content

Purpose

The purpose of this briefing note is to inform the Member Forum, Content Managers Advisory Group and Clinical Leads Group of the plan to inactivate the subtypes of 372148003 |Ethnic group (ethnic group)| and 415229000 |Racial group (racial group)|.

Background

The representation of ethnicity and race varies from country to country.

For example:

- <https://www.doi.gov/pmb/eeo/directives/race-data>
- <https://www.ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk/style-guide/ethnic-groups>
- <https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/classifications/australian-standard-classification-cultural-and-ethnic-groups-ascecg/latest-release>

There is no international categorisation that can be used for international content. Given this, ethnicity and racial group concepts are out of scope for the international edition.

Next Steps

The subtypes of 372148003 |Ethnic group (ethnic group)| and 415229000 |Racial group (racial group)| will be inactivated using the reason Non-conformance to editorial policy with no replacement value.

Note: Where a concept is relevant for use within a specific country, a new concept representing that meaning should be created. Reactivation of the international concept is not recommended.

The concepts 372148003 |Ethnic group (ethnic group)| and 415229000 |Racial group (racial group)| will remain active.

It is recommended that the Member Forum, Content Managers Advisory Group, and Clinical Leads representatives give advance warning to users who may be affected by the updates in this area. Notification has also been provided via the [2023 Early Visibility](#) confluence page. The inactivation work is planned for the last quarter of 2023.

Comments on this plan should be submitted to Cathy Richardson (cri@snomed.org) or info@snomed.org by 21 September 2023.

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