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SNOMED INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MEETINGS

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# Content Managers Advisory Group

23rd October 2024  
SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA



# Content Managers Advisory Group

## Welcome!

- Observers welcome
- Hybrid meeting
  - Use microphone when speaking
  - Please mute at other times
- Meeting is recorded
  - Purpose - minute taking
  - Please advise of any concerns
- Attendees list
  - In person - complete attendance list
  - Online - advise full name via chat
  - Apologies - advise Monica or Cathy



# Agenda

- Welcome
- Administration
- Content tracker progress
- CMAG profile and increasing group activity
- Terms of Reference discussion
- Introducing the Modelling Forum
- Editorial guidance for concept reactivation
- National content work
- 2025 CMAG work plan
- Any other business

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# Administration

- Minutes

Last meeting April 2024: No feedback - approved

This meeting: CMAG members will receive an action item to review when minutes created

- Conflicts of interest

This meeting - Any to declare?

- Action Items -nil at present

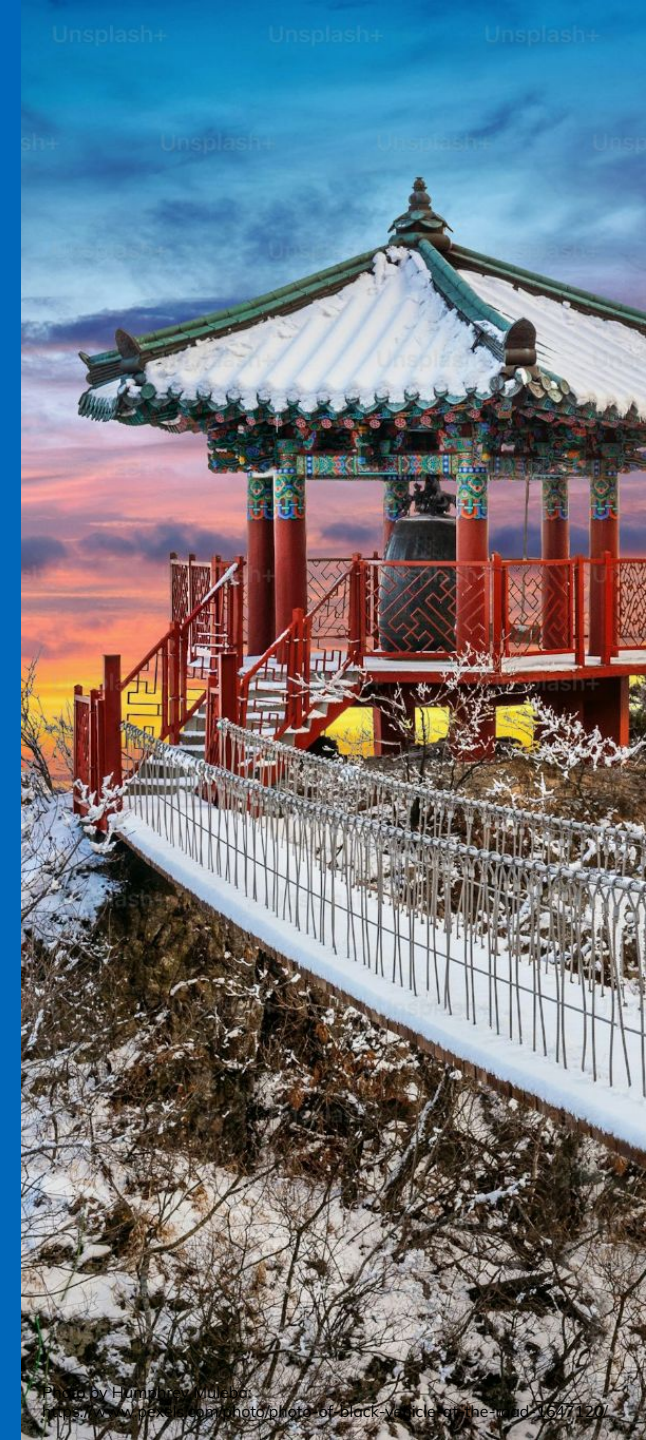


# Content Tracker Status



# CMAG - Profile and Activity

- Presentation to MF (August) and MSUG (October)
- Objectives
  - Limit crossover with other groups e.g. Member Forum
  - Increase effectiveness and output of group
  - Increase awareness and understanding of national development activities
  - Provide a forum for discussion about content topics
  - Increase participation by member countries
- Meetings - plans to increase to six meetings a year
  - Two face to face (April, October)
  - Four virtual (Early February, June, Late August, Early December)



# Terms of Reference

- Draft for review - [document on meeting page in confluence](#)
- Main changes relate to
  - Removed
    - Official CMAG responsibilities re communication with Member Forum representatives - managed at a country level
  - Added
    - National Modeling Forum - scope and responsibilities
    - National Content Development activities updates-responsibilities
  - Changed
    - Increased meeting frequency
- Any initial comments?
- Feedback due Wednesday 20th November - action item



# Modeling Discussion Forum

- Discussion on the setting up of a National Modeling Discussion Forum
- A forum for national extension authors to assist each other with modeling queries
- SNOMED International would support but Modeling Forum would be led by members of the group
- Can make this a standing agenda item for meetings

THOUGHTS? COMMENTS?





# Management of Inactivated International Concepts in an Extension



# Can I Reactivate?

Can an inactivated international concept be reactivated in an extension?

## In some cases

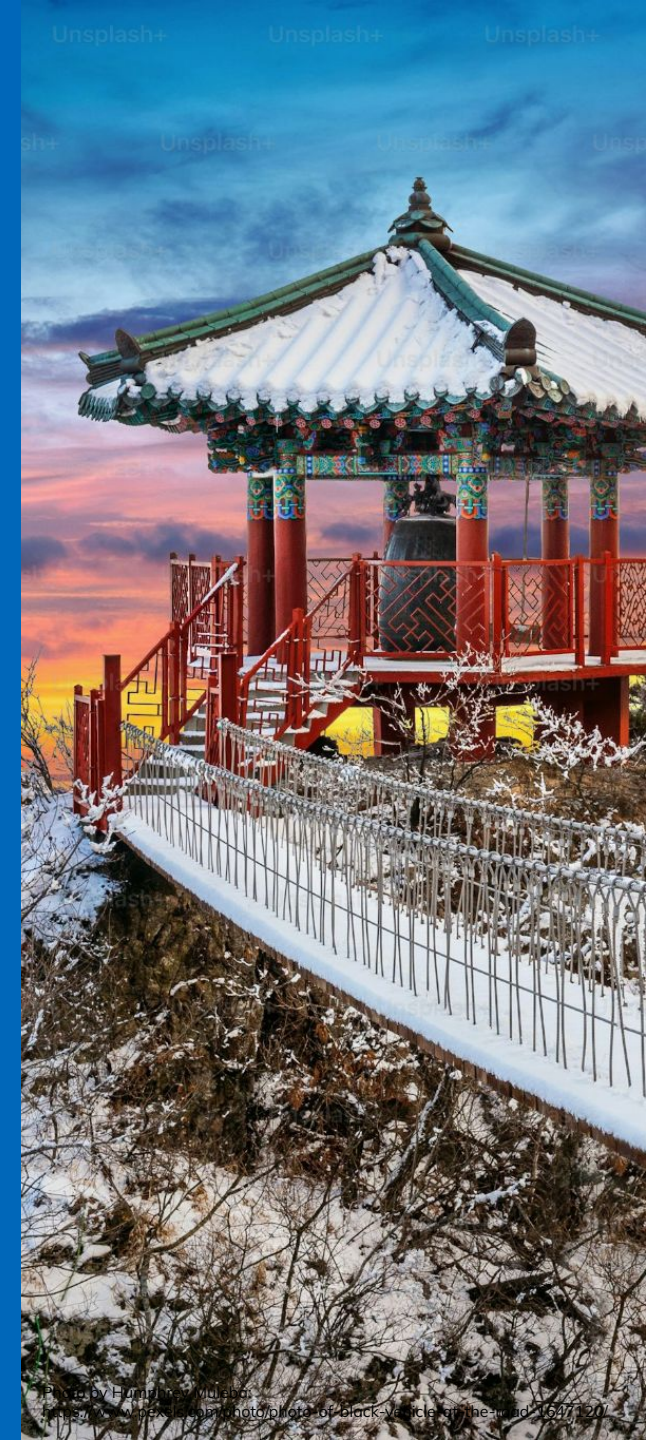
- Careful analysis is required first
- There should be a good clinical use case or business reason
- Reactivation may be used as an interim step whilst a more long-term solution is put into place and then the concept in question is inactivated again.



# Before reactivation

Considerations prior to inactivation:


- **The reason for inactivation**
  - Some concepts need to remain inactive
- **The type of concept**
  - Is the concept clinical, administrative, metadata?
- **Usage**
  - What is the frequency of use?
  - How will the inactivation impact users and systems?
  - Where concept is used - locally, within a country or cross borders?



# Reason for inactivation

Reason	Guidance	Considerations
Ambiguous	Do not reactivate	Consider historical association targets or new concept if not suitable
Classification derived	Discouraged	Consider historical association targets or new concept if not suitable
Duplicate	Do not reactivate	Use historical association target
Erroneous	Do not reactivate	Consider historical association targets or new concept if not suitable
Meaning unknown	Do not reactivate	Create a new concept
Non-conformance	May be reactivated	Decision to reactivate depends on the type of content and usage
Outdated	May be reactivated	Clinically outdated (in most countries) - do not reactivate  Not internationally semantically interoperable - may be considered for reactivation

# Content Type



Type	Guidance	Considerations
Clinical	Discouraged	Consider the reason for inactivation
Administrative	May be reactivated	Consider the reason for inactivation
Metadata	Discouraged	Referential integrity of the post-classification result should not be compromised

# Reactivation > One Extension

- An inactivated extension concept may be reactivated in more than one extension module. Therefore, careful consideration needs to be given to

The potential for the meaning of the concept to be understood differently in different jurisdictions.

The potential for the use of the concept in more than one jurisdiction.

- If a concept is reactivated in different extensions, the same SCTID may suggest identical meaning, but varying interpretations across countries or regions could lead to misinterpretation when exchanged.

Therefore, do not reactivate concepts that are needed for cross-border exchange



# Examples

- **Bulk inactivation of “on examination” concepts (Jan 2021)**

Had been part of CTV3 and were in high usage by UK GP’s.  
UK NRC reactivated in bulk to prevent disruption to users.  
Concepts are being reviewed and some inactivated
- **2000 concepts relating to breeds inactivated (2021)**

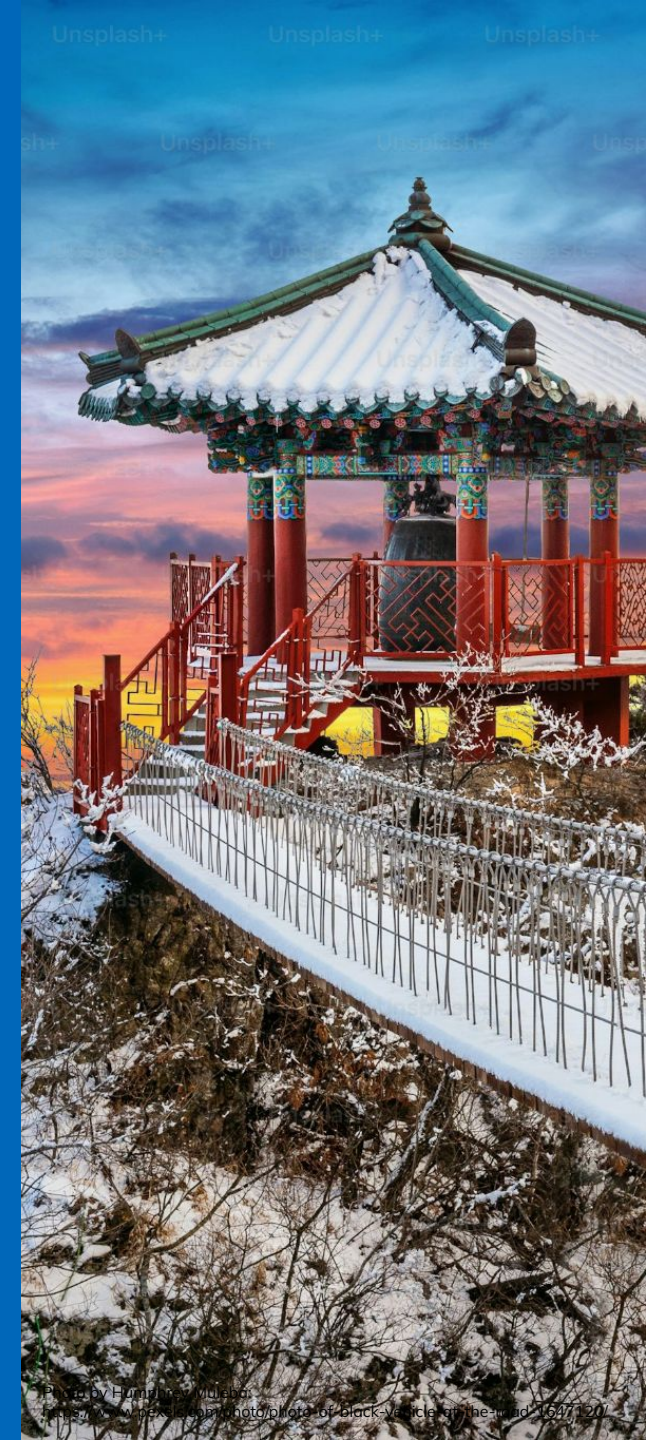
Reactivated in the veterinary extension.  
Example: 64158000 |Angora goat (organism)|
- **Ligation of major artery of extremity (procedure) inactivated (2023)**

Reason - ambiguous  
Not to be reactivated in an extension due to the ambiguity of the term ‘major’ - no clear definition of this exists.



# History and the New Concept

- Where a new concept or an existing extension concept is used as the replacement create a historical association between it and the inactivated international concept
- Maintains the continuity and traceability of clinical data
- Ensures the integrity of historical data
- Important for ECL data queries





# Finding The Guidance

## Extensions Practical Guide

### [5.4.1.3 Management of Inactivated International Concepts in an Extension](#)



# Content Managers Advisory Group

## National Content Development Activities

## Country Updates



# 2025 CMAG Work Plan

- The work items for 2025 are

Provision of national perspectives on current SNOMED International content projects and topics

Provision of national input on the user impact of the SNOMED CT Editorial Advisory Group work items

Provision of information on past, current and future national content development activities

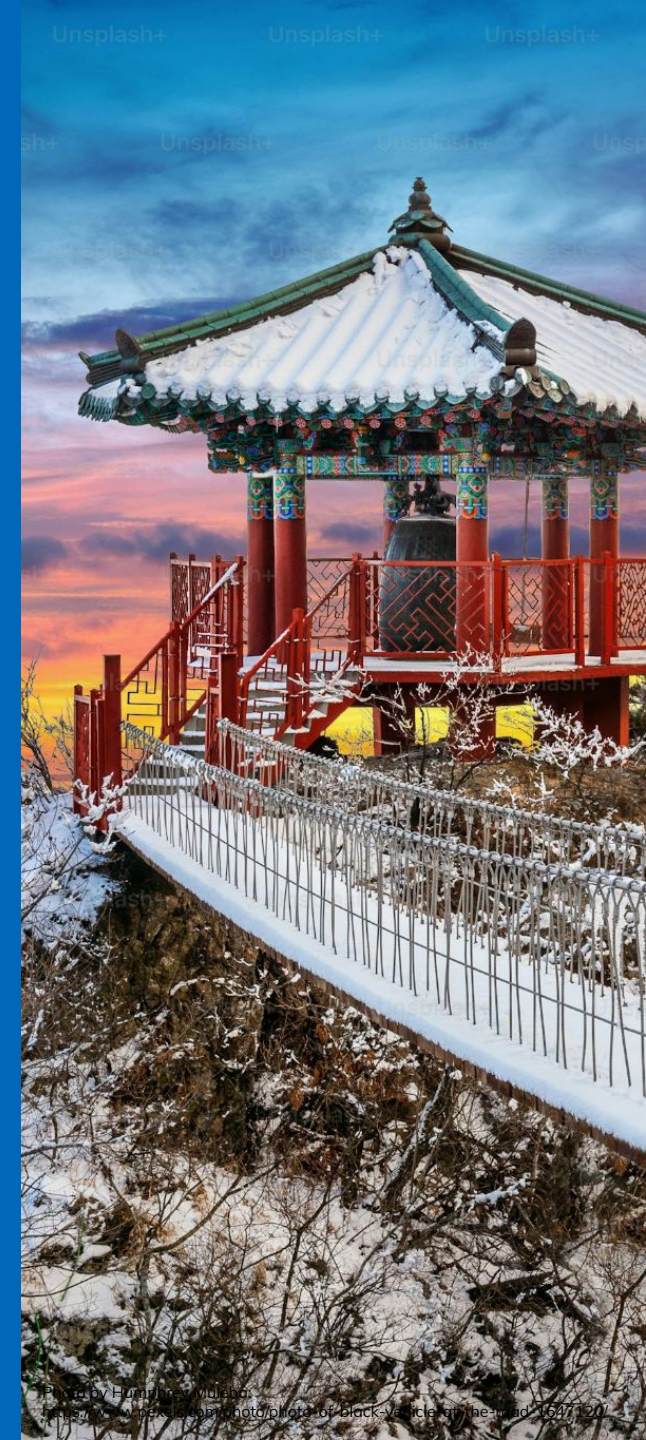
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# Other Business?



# Content Managers Advisory Group

**Next CMAG meeting is online**

**December 2024  
Date and time TBA**

