



SNOMED DK drug terminology and Decision Support Services

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Medication Decision Support - why ?

- **Difficult to get an overview of all relevant information**
 - large amounts of data available about patients and drugs:
physiological data, investigations, lab data, disease- and treatment data, guidelines, SPC's, internet site, interaction databases, commercial databases, terminologies and classifications etc..
 - polypharmacy - 10 drugs prescribed at the same time doesn't make it easier
 - many different, generics and analogical, drugs on the market
- **A busy clinic:**
 - Lack of time for in-depth investigation of drug side effects, interactions, allergies, contraindications, etc.
 - Lack of time for in-depth investigation of interaction between drugs and the patients physiology, diseases, foods, etc.



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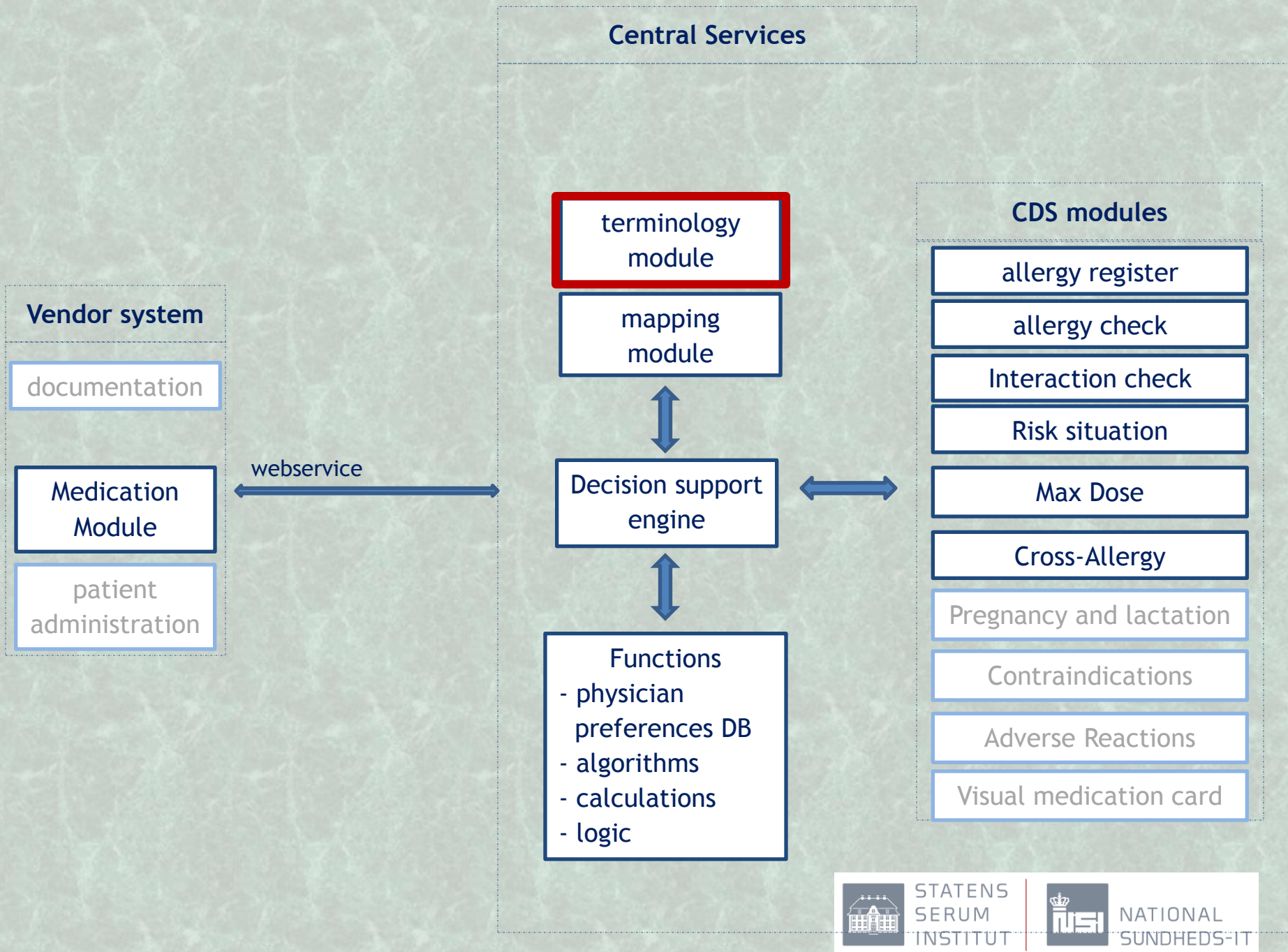
BASE

- Structured SNOMED DK terminology
- Decision support engine
- Physicians preferences DB
- Mapping table
- Webservices
- Common Drug Database - central medication service
- National Service Platform infrastructure

MODULES

- Allergy register
- Allergy check
- Interaction DB
- MaxDose DB
- Risk situation DB
- Cross allergy

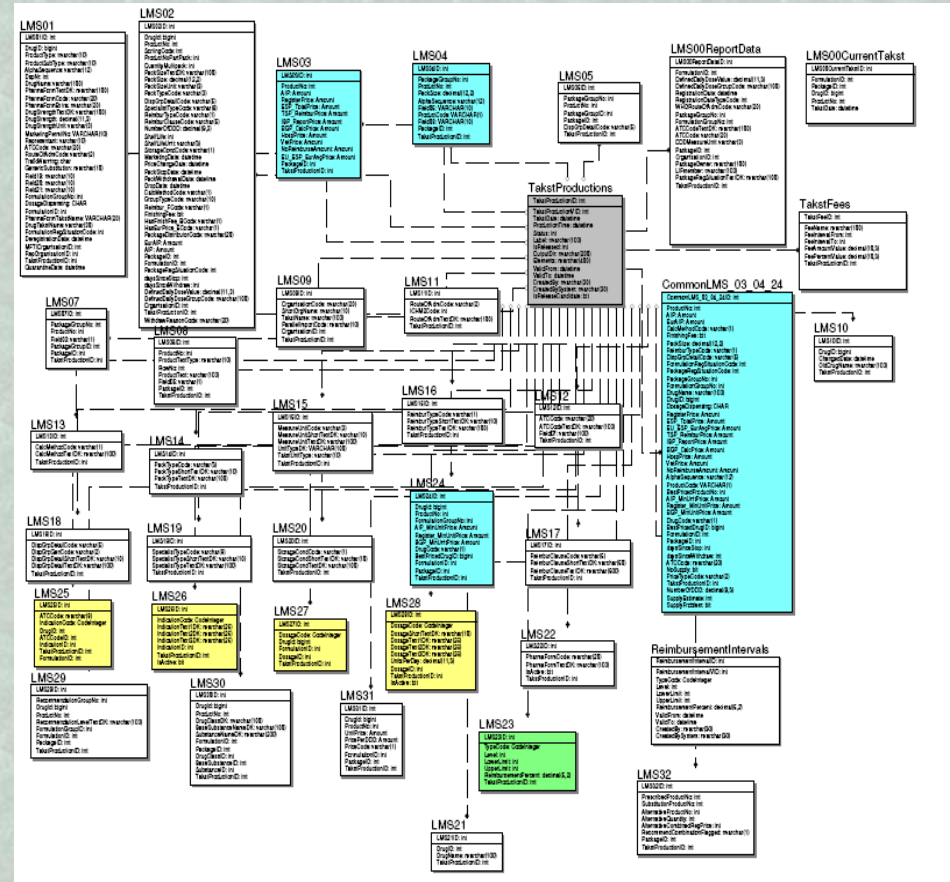




Is there a local terminology we can use ?

- **Medicin Price (Taksten)**

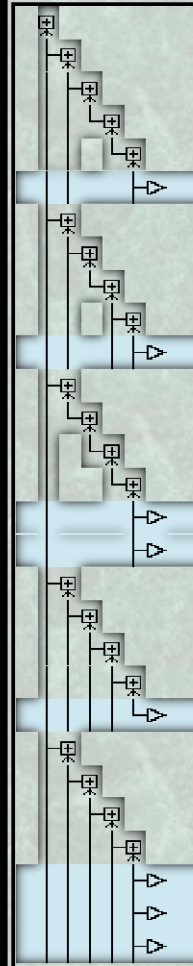
- Contains a product ID (DrugID)
- Published by National Board of Health
- Covers many other things than substances and drugs
- Doesn't covers al drugs on the Danish market
- Meant for prices and stockhandling
- 32 data tablets - no attribute relationships
- Combination drugs strengths give problems doing calculation
- No substance ID



Is there an international terminology we can use ?

- **ATC:**

- Published by WHO
- Covers only substances in 5 levels
- Made for statistics on drug consumption in therapeutic areas
- mono-hierarchical classification
- substances can be represented many places in the ATC hierarchy
- Its necessary to know indication/diagnosis to know which ATC code to use
- Many combination drugs can't be properly identified
- Drug can have different ATC codes in different countries



Lægemiddelstoffklassifikation ATC		
	Fordøjelsesorganer og stofskifte	M
	midler mod sygdomme i mundhulen	MA
	stomatologica	MA01A
	andre midler til lokal behandling i mundhulen	MA01AD
	acetylsalicylsyre	MA01AD05
	Blod og bloddannende organer	NB
	antithrombosemidler	NB01
	antithrombosemidler	NB01A
	blodplade-aggregationshæmmere excl. heparin	NB01AC
	acetylsalicylsyre	NB01AC06
	cardiovaskulære system	NC
	lipid-modificerende midler	NC10
	lipid-modificerende midler, komb.	NC10B
	hmg coa reductase-inhibitorer, andre kombinationer	NC10BX
	simvastatin og acetylsalicylsyre	NC10BX01
	pravastatin og acetylsalicylsyre	NC10BX02
	musculo-skeletalt system	MM
	antiinflammatoriske og antirheumatiske midler	MM01
	antiinflammatoriske/antirheumatiske midler i komb.	MM01B
	antiinflam./antirheum. midler i komb. m. corticosteroider	MM01BA
	acetylsalicylsyre og corticosteroider	MM01BA03
	nervesystemet	NN
	analgetica	NN02
	andre analgetica og antipyretica	NN02B
	salicylsyre-derivater	NN02BA
	acetylsalicylsyre	NN02BA01 [\$]
	acetylsalicylsyre, komb. excl. psycholeptica	NN02BA51 [\$]
	acetylsalicylsyre, komb. med psycholeptica	NN02BA71 [\$]



Why should Denmark have a new drug terminology ?

- Problems with combination drugs in **ATC**
- Same substance can be found several places in **ATC**
- Different **ATC** codes in different countries
- **...so how about SNOMED ?**
- Problems with combination drugs strengths in **DrugID**
- **DrugID** is local
- No substance ID in **DrugID**
- No built in knowledge in attributes in **DrugID**
- A structured terminology is required to have better handling of CDS

A few good reasons to choose SNOMED CT

- structured

- unique ID's

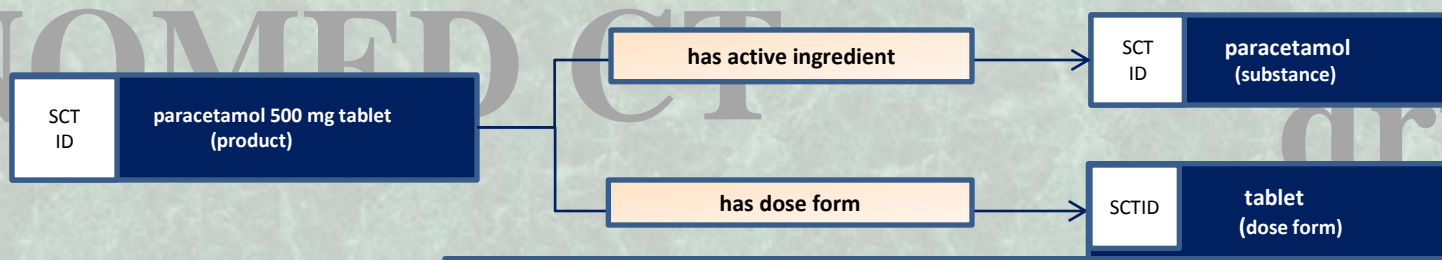
...so how do we create a SNOMED CT based Danish terminology

- customisable

...but first a small lesson in drug terminology – SNOMED style

- accessible - workbench
- standardised





Current hierarchies

1. hierarchy:

pharmaceutical/biological product

fx: "paracetamol 500 mg tablet (product)"

attributes:

paracetamol 500 mg tablet (product) *has active ingredient* paracetamol (substance)

paracetamol 500 mg tablet (product) *has dose form* tablet (qualifyer)

2. hierarchy:

substances

fx: "paracetamol (substance)"

attributes :

paracetamol 500 mg tablet (product) *has active ingredient* paracetamol (substance)

paracetamol allergy (disorder) *has causative agent* paracetamol (substance)

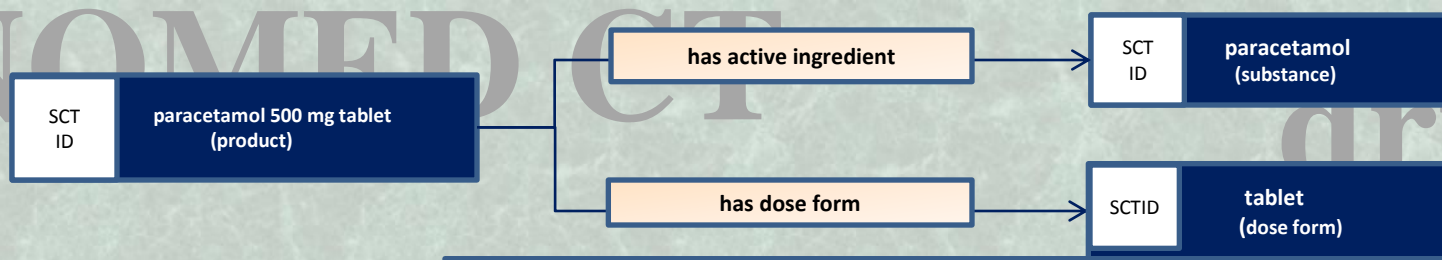
3. hierarchy:

qualfyer

fx: "tablet (qualifyer)"

attributes :

paracetamol 500 mg tablet (product) *has dose form* tablet (qualifyer)



Future hierarchies

4. Hierarchy

strength

fx: "500 (strength)"

attributes:

paracetamol 500 mg tablet (product) *has strength* 500 (strength)

5 ...so back to how to create a SNOMED CT based Danish terminology

measurement unit

fx: "mg (measurement unit)"

6. Hierarchy

ATC-code

fx: "N02AA59 (ATC code)"

Base component: SNOMED DK drug terminology

Part **1** One : Data extraction and cleaning

Danish Medicines Database



DrugID; trade name; substances,
dose form, strengths, ATC code

Data sheet

	A	B	C	D	E	F	H	I
1	DrugID	BegrebsID	Kommentarer	Skal oprettes i SNOMED (sæt kryds)	Salgsnavn	Form	Styrke 1 (numerisk)	Styrke 1, enhed
6169	28103379402				Pangaba	kapsler, hårde	400	mg
6170	28100173055				Pankreatin "Recip"	enterogranulat	0	Ph.Eur. enheder
6171	28100636073				Panodil	filmovertrukne tabletter	500	mg
6172	28101041380				Panodil	suppositorer	500	mg
6173	28101279286				Panodil	suppositorer	1000	mg
6174	28101674394				Panodil	filmovertrukne tabletter	1000	mg
6175	28100907676				Panodil Brus	brusetabletter	500	mg
6176	28101594294				Panodil Hot	pulver til oral opløsning, breve	500	mg
6177	28100902976				Panodil Junior	oral suspension	24	mg
6178	28101041280				Panodil Junior	suppositorer	125	mg
6179	28101313688				Panodil Junior	suppositorer	250	mg



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Base component: SNOMED DK drug terminology

Part 2 Two : Mapping

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6176	28101594294			Panodil Hot	pulver til oral opløsning, breve		500 mg	
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data sheet with drug information from the Danish Medicines Agency DB

Automated procedure

- finds 100% matches
- suggestions on possible matches
- suggestion on missing concepts in SNOMED CT

SNOMED CT database

Choose hierarchy: SNOMED CT

- SNOMED CT Concept
 - Pharmaceutical / biologic product
 - Analgesic
 - Non-opioid analgesics
 - Analgesic AND antipyretic product
 - Acetaminophen
 - Oral form paracetamol
 - Acetaminophen 500mg tablet
 - Panodil 500 mg tablet

Find: Show concept non-current components

Parents

- Oral form paracetamol

Is a ↑

Concept

- Acetaminophen 500mg tablet

Fully specified name:
Paracetamol 500mg tablet (product)
Concept Status: Current
The Concept is Primitive
IDs:

Attribute relationship →

- Has active ingredient: Acetaminophen
- Has dose form: Oral tablet

Children

Base component: SNOMED DK drug terminology

Part 3 three: SNOMED DK creation

Enhanced data sheet
...now with SNOMED ID's

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Script

Using the found concept ID as a
super concept with IS_A relation

let me illustrate

Adding concept ID's, attribute
relationships, trade name,
substances, strengths, dose form,
measurement unit, ATC code



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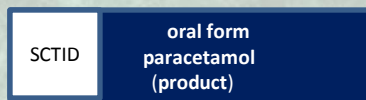


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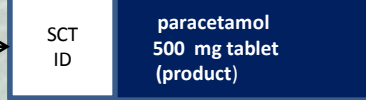
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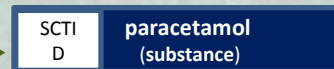
SNOMED CT



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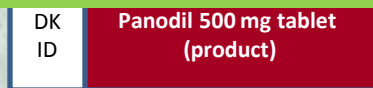
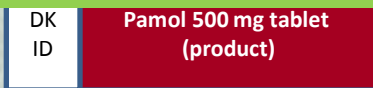
has active ingredient



has dose form



let me show you a combination trade name product...

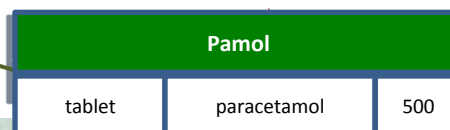
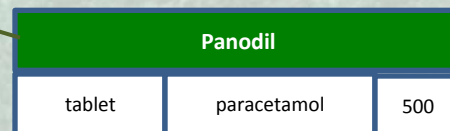
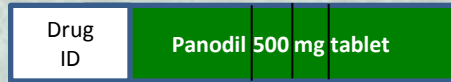
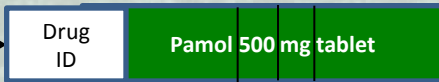


map

create

SNOMED DK drug terminology

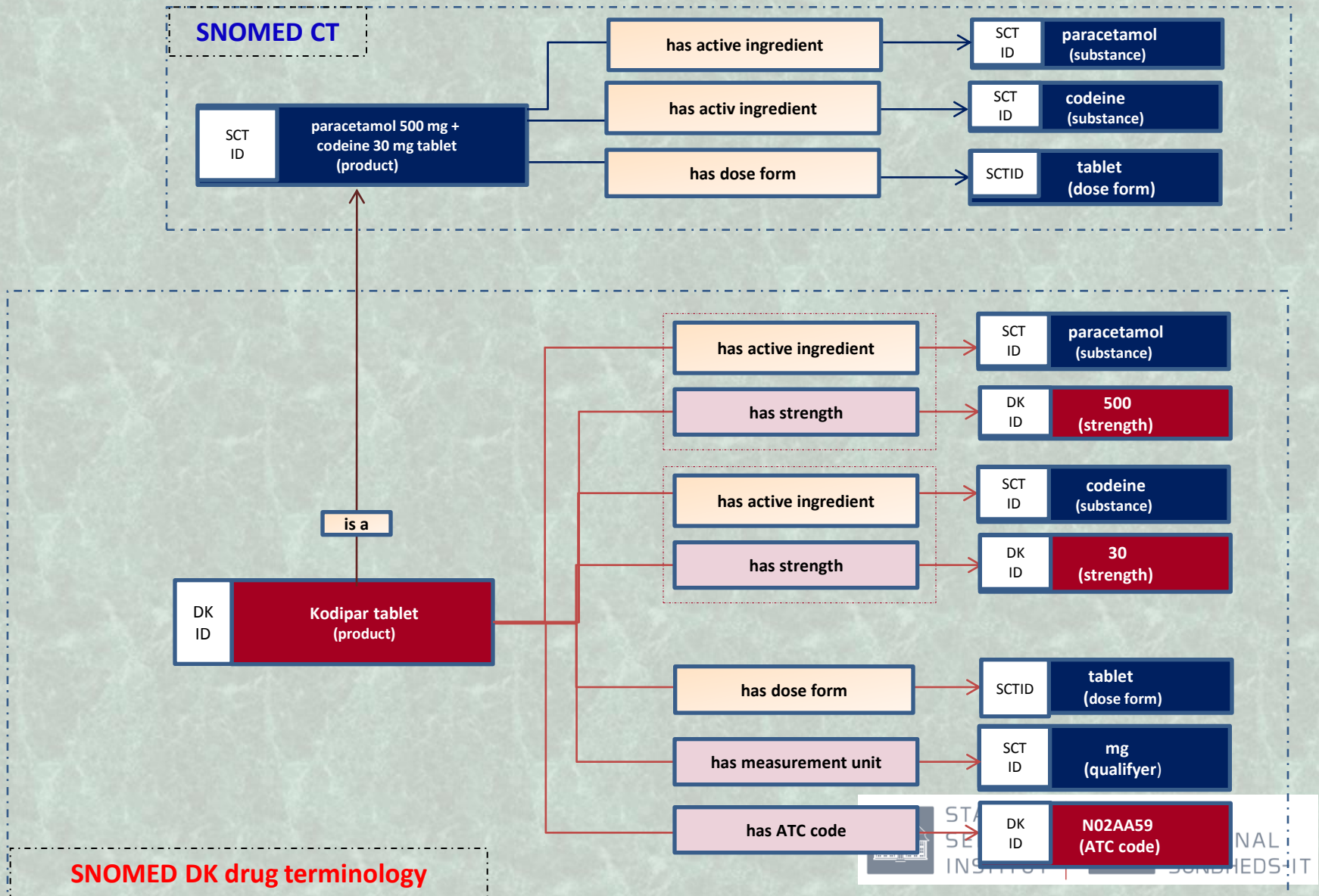
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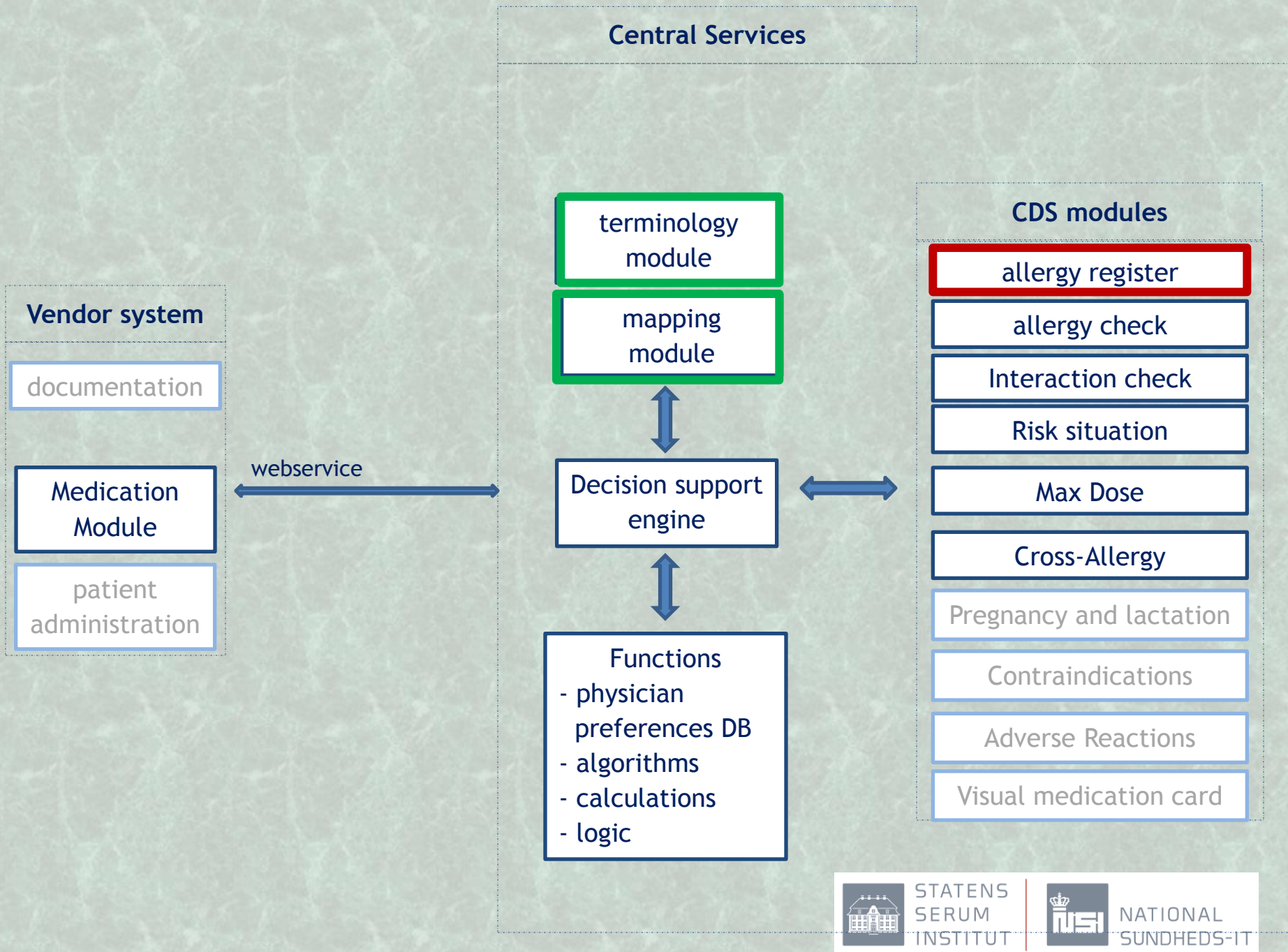


extract

Base component: SNOMED DK drug terminology

Trade name combination product finished





Decision support component: Allergy register

What information should an allergy register contain ?

Sources: Report, HL7, OpenEHR archetypes...

Expert groups and the medical societies will discuss it

Content

...so how will it work

- Allergy SNOMED coded name
- Reaction type SNOMED or MeDRA
- Frequency SNOMED coded qualifier
- Severity SNOMED coded qualifier
- Verification SNOMED coded qualifier ?



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Decision support component: Allergy register

Fulde navn
John doe

✓ Gem!

Advarsel	Allergi	Reaktion	Alvorlighedsgrad	Reaktionshyppighed	Verifikationsmåde	
⚠	allergi over for NSAID	Hoste	Livstruende	Lejlighedsvis	Priktest	✎ 🗑
⚠	allergi over for paracetamol	Udslæt	Harmfuld	Hyppig	Patient-oplyst	✎ 🗑
	allergi over for bredspektrede penicilliner	Hoste	Harmfuld	Lejlighedsvis	Blodprøve	✎ 🗑
⚠		Udslæt	Generende	Hyppig	Patient-oplyst	✎ 🗑

+ Ny registrering

Cloxacillin

- ⊖ allergi over for antibakterielt lægemiddel
 - ⊖ allergi over for penicillin
 - ⊖ allergi over for penicillinaseresistente penicilliner
 - allergi over for cloxacillin**
 - allergi over for flucloxacillin
 - allergi over for methicillin

⚠ Advarsel

Reaktion

Udslæt

Alvorlighedsgrad

Generende

Reaktionshyppighed

Hyppig

Verifikationsmåde

Patient-oplyst

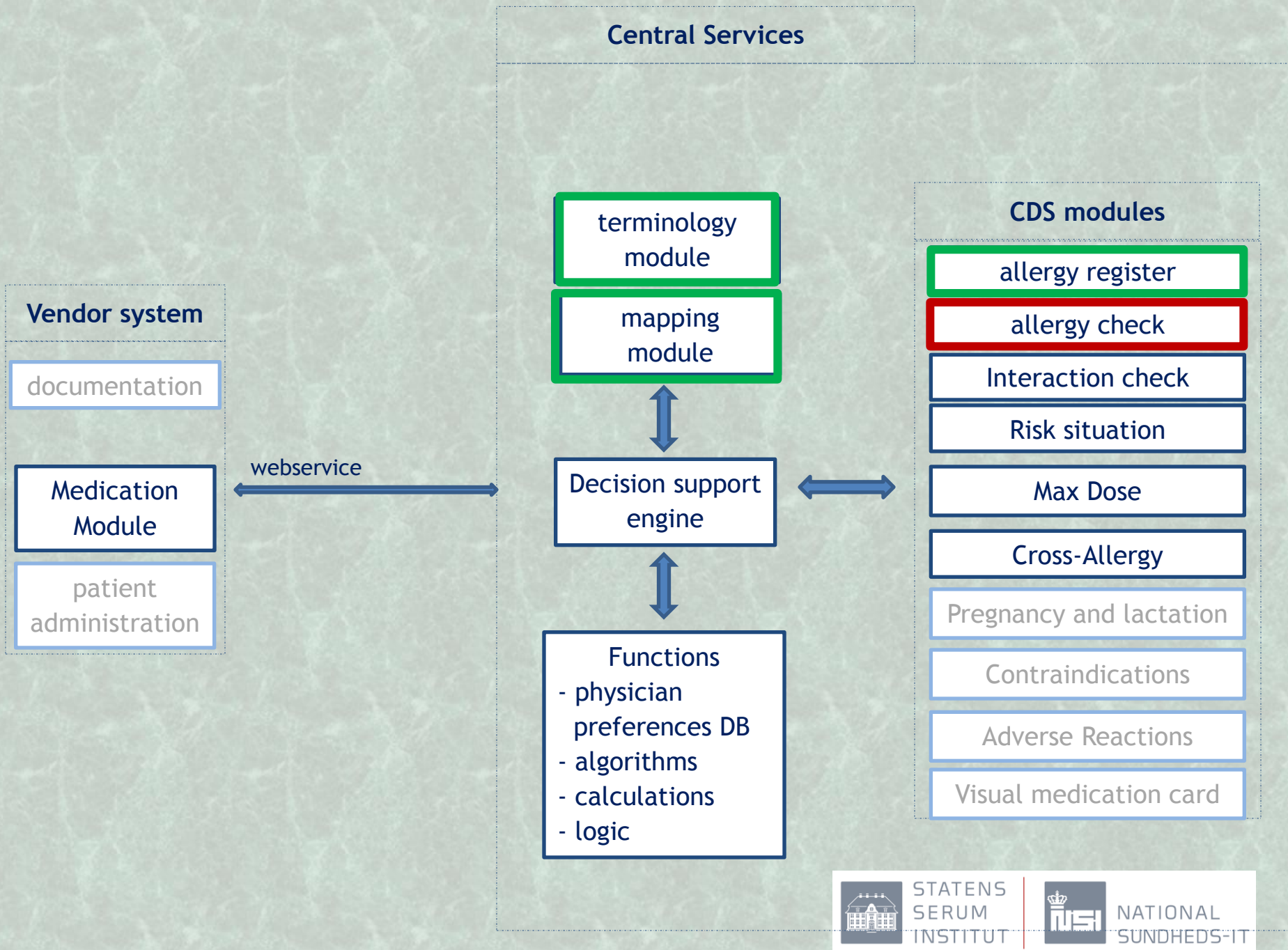
Allergy register [demo](#)



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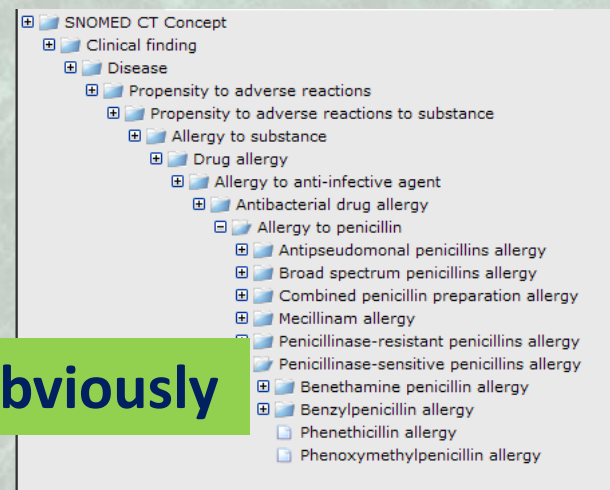


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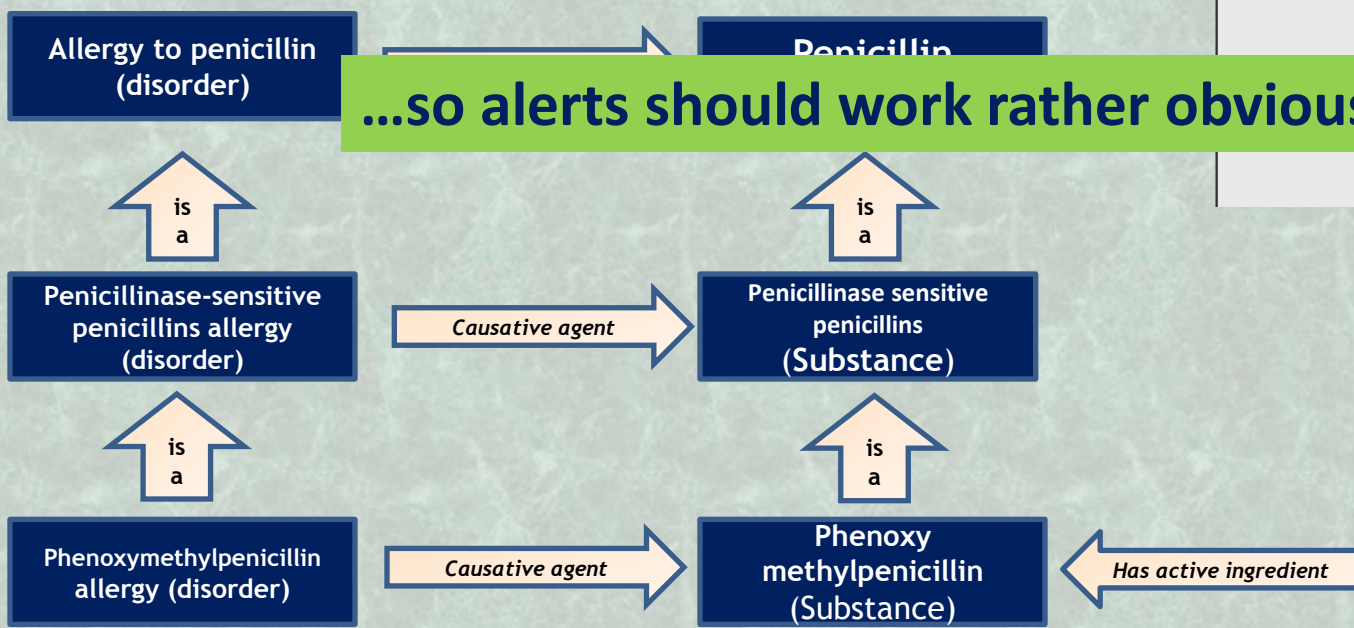
SNOMED CT allergy structure

- 1472 concepts reading "[substance] allergy"
- attribute: "causative agent" pointing to [substance]
- can easily be made into a subset



SNOMED CT

...so alerts should work rather obviously

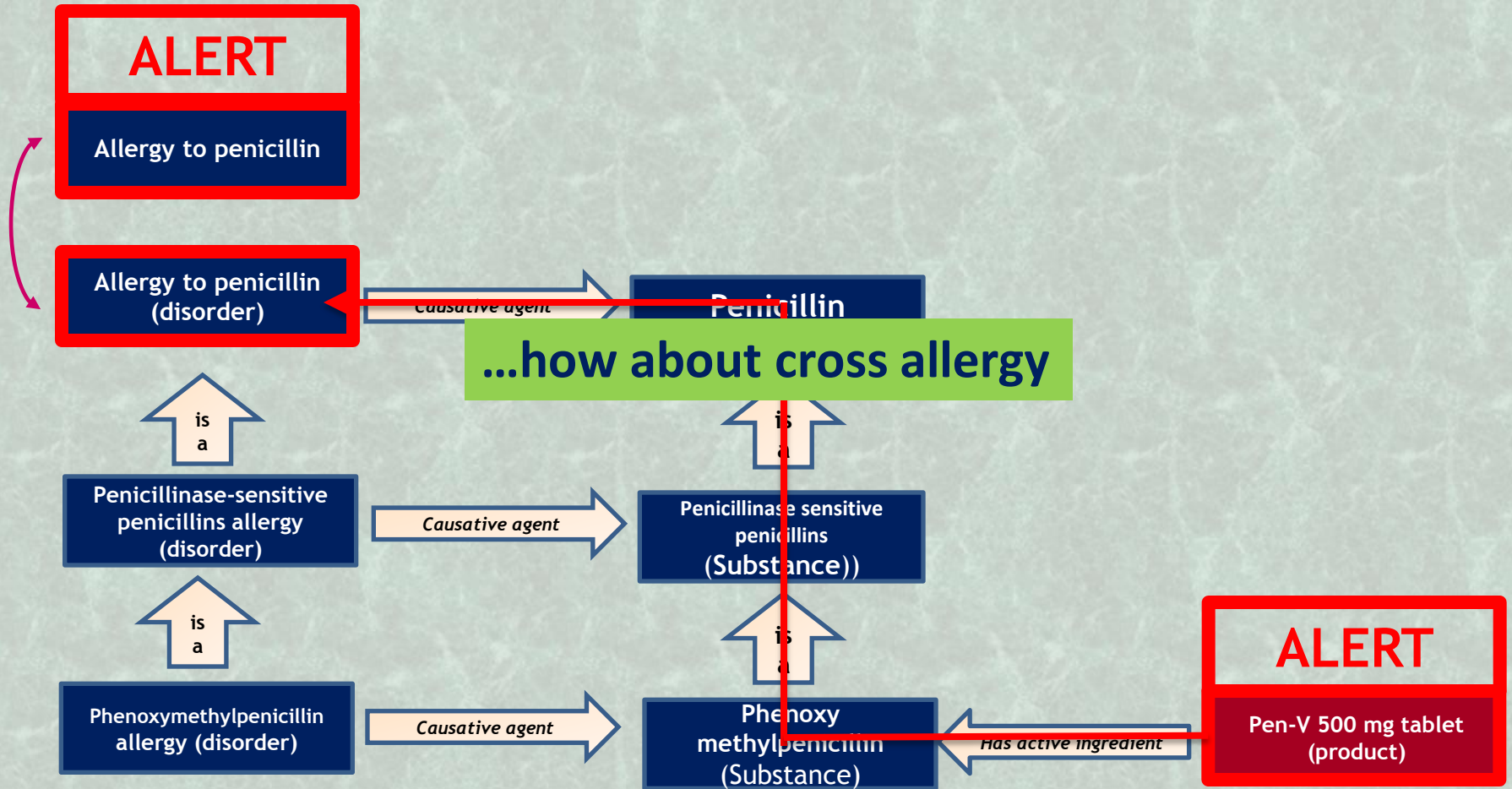


SNOMED DK

Pen-V 500 mg tablet (product)

← Has active ingredient →

ALERTS



Decision support component: Cross allergy Database

Stofnr_A	Indholdsstof_A	ATC_A	Stofnr_B	Indholdsstof_B	ATC_B	Referencer	Gruppe navn	Gruppetekst_kun_til_A	Gruppetekst_A_og_B_Advarsel	Gruppetekst_A_og_B_Rek ommandation	Stofspecifik_tekst_in kl_evt_testmetode
169	benzylpenicillin (G-penicillin)	J01CE01	2145	meropenem	J01DH02	1411, 1412, 1413	penicillin	Betalactamantibiotika bør generelt undgås ved svær overfølsomhed for #A. Ved mindre alvorlige reaktioner, hvor type 1-allergi for #A mistænkes, kan måling af specifikt IgE, prik- og intradermaltest med andet betalactamantibiotika være vejledende (specialistopgave). Er disse negative, kan	Ved overfølsomhed for #A, bør #B sædvanligvis undgås.	Betalactamantibiotika bør generelt undgås ved svær overfølsomhed for #A. Ved mindre alvorlige reaktioner, hvor type 1-allergi for #A mistænkes, kan prik- og intradermaltest med #B være vejledende (specialistopgave). Er	#B har været givet til en større gruppe med anafylaktiske eller ikke-anafylaktiske reaktioner på #A uden problemer.
836	phenoxymethylpenicillin (M-penicillin)	J01CE02	2145	meropenem	J01DH02	1411, 1412	penicillin	Betalactamantibiotika bør generelt undgås ved svær	Ved overfølsomhed for #A, bør #B sædvanligvis undgås.	Betalactamantibiotika bør generelt undgås	#B har været givet til en større gruppe med anafylaktiske eller
125	ampicillin	J01CA01	2145	meropenem	J01DH02	1411, 1412, 1413	penicillin	specifikt IgE, prik- og intradermaltest med andet betalactamantibiotika være vejledende (specialistopgave). Er disse negative, kan behandling med dette stof	Ved overfølsomhed for #A, bør #B sædvanligvis undgås.	Betalactamantibiotika bør generelt undgås ved svær overfølsomhed for #A. Ved mindre alvorlige reaktioner, hvor type 1-allergi for #A mistænkes, kan prik- og intradermaltest med #B være vejledende (specialistopgave). Er disse negative, kan	#B har været givet til en større gruppe med anafylaktiske eller ikke-anafylaktiske reaktioner på #A uden problemer.
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...let me show you how all this allergy information works together



Mapping table to SNOMED DK

SNOMED CT contains this information in the product and substance hierarchies

Prescribed drug
DrugID

Mapping
DrugID → SDK

DrugID	SNOMED	DrugName	Strength	Form	Dose	Unit
1001	301075002	Propofol	100 mg/ml	liquid	100 mg	ml
1002	301075003	Propofol-Tropol	100 mg/ml	liquid	100 mg	ml
1003	301075004	Propofol	100 mg/ml	liquid	100 mg	ml
1004	301075005	Propofol-Lipid	100 mg/ml	liquid	100 mg	ml
1005	301075006	Propofol-Lipid	100 mg/ml	liquid	100 mg	ml
1006	301075007	Propofol-Lipid	100 mg/ml	liquid	100 mg	ml
1007	301075008	Propofol-Lipid	100 mg/ml	liquid	100 mg	ml
1008	301075009	Propofol-Lipid	100 mg/ml	liquid	100 mg	ml
1009	301075010	Propofol-Lipid	100 mg/ml	liquid	100 mg	ml
1010	301075011	Propofol-Lipid	100 mg/ml	liquid	100 mg	ml

SDK : Heracillin

SDK → SCT
Heracillin
has active ingredient
Flucloxacilone

SDK
Heracillin
has dose form
tablet

Route of administration check

Information from vendor medication module



Function

Allergy and Cross allergy check

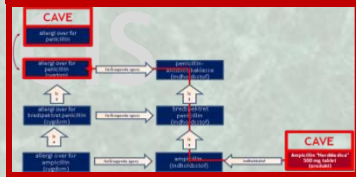
The allergy structure in **SCT** can match allergy to a substance or a class with the prescribed substance

Allergy register:

“allergy to broadspectrum penicillins”

SCT

Allergy check with SCT structure



SCT : flucloxacilline



SCT : flucloxacilline



allergy / no allergy

Crossing drugs is checked against the allergy set : “allergy to broadspectrum penicillins” using **SCT** allergy structure

Crossing drugs is found in the cross allergy table where substances are **SCT** codet

Cross allergy Decision Support Module

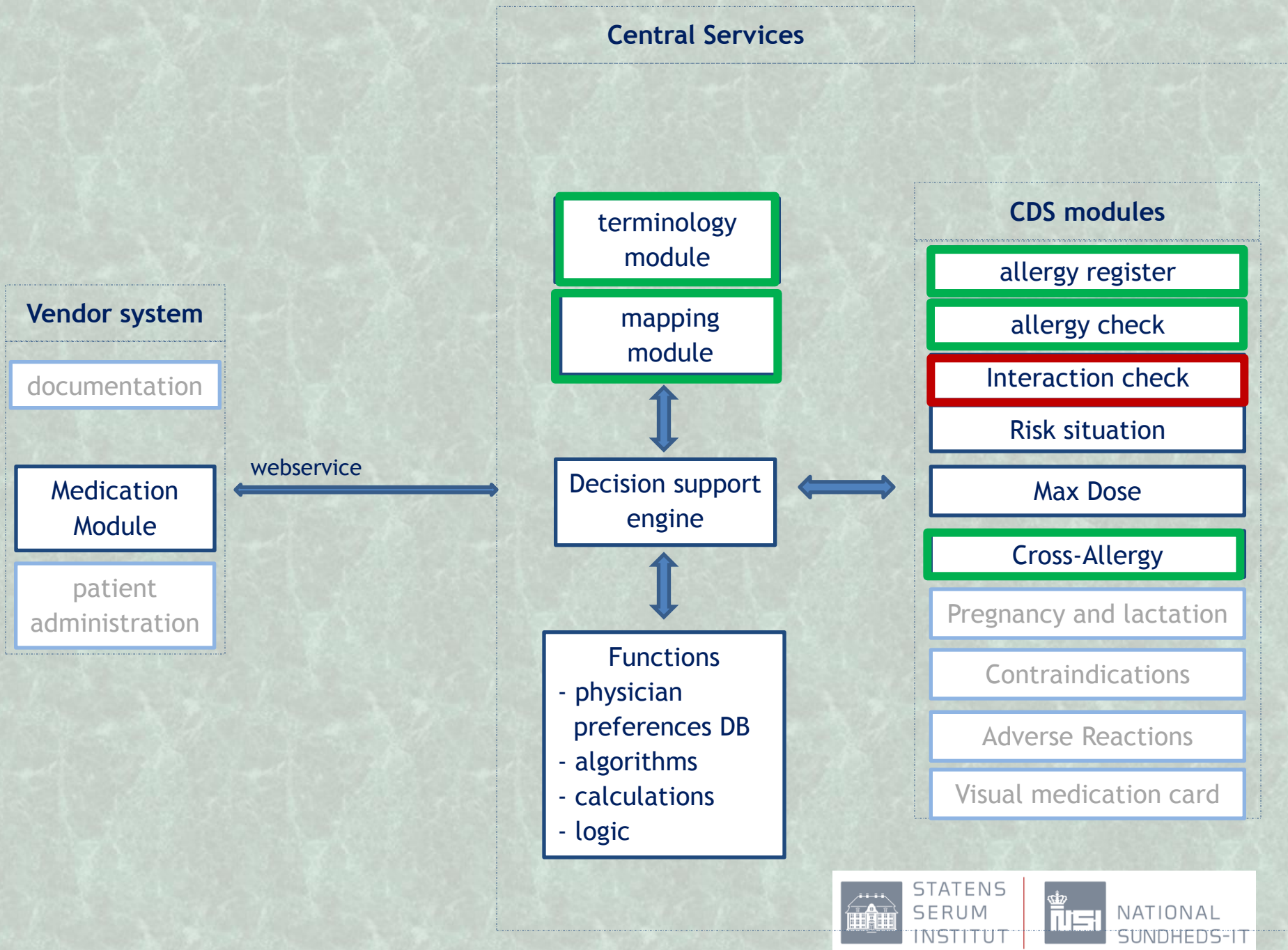
SCT Substance 1	SCT Substance 2	Text
ampicilline	flucloxacilline	ALERT

Output will be sent back to the medication module if the allergy check is positive

If there is no allergy - cross allergy will be checked

If there is cross allergy an alert and specific crossallergy text will be sent back to the medication module





Decision support component: Interaction database

Based on the existing service:

The interaction database describes 2,500 interactions between different drugs based on their substances

The database contains a short description of all interactions and a recommendation of how the physician can handle the interaction

Primarily based on published, peer-reviewed, original literature

...and more technological improvements

- with improved content:

- Notifications of "not enough information" to deliver a verdict**
- Includes more class-specific effects**
- More interactions included from earlier clinical trials**



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The Physicians preferences DB

Interactions

- Turn of alerts for certain interaction types (green, yellow, red)
- Turn of alerts with specific dose forms (e.g. topical, eyedrops)
- Turn of alerts for a specific drug combination (don't tell me again)

Allergies

...back to interactions - let me show you how a check is performed

- Turn of alerts with a specific dose forms (e.g. topical, eyedrops)

Risk situation drugs and Max Dose

- Turn of all alerts
- Turn of alerts for a specific drug (don't tell me again)



Funktion

Interaction control

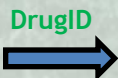
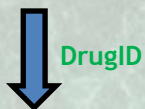
Common Drug DB

Previous prescribed drug

DrugID

SNOMED CT contain this information in the product and substance hierarchies

Mapping table to SNOMED DK



New prescribed drug

DrugID

Mapping
DrugID → SDK

DrugID	Supplid	Formulation	Form	Styrings	Conc	Apnekt	Apnekt 1
010101762	Papaya	lyophilisat				400 mg	lyophilisat
010101763	Pareval	Tafel	enterosol			0,75 g enteral	
010101807	Pareval	thrombolysedator				500 mg	
010101808	Pareval	suppositor				500 mg	
010101809	Pareval	suppositor				500 mg	
010101814	Pareval	thrombolysedator				500 mg	
010101815	Pareval	suppositor				500 mg	
010101824	Pareval	galenisk opløsning i en				500 mg	
010101839	Pareval	læsel	oral suspension			20 mg	
010101840	Pareval	læsel	suppositor			125 mg	
010101842	Pareval	læsel	suppositor			500 mg	

SDK : Xefo

SDK : Marevan

SDK → SCT

Xefo

has active ingredient

lornoxicom

SDK → SCT

Marevan

has active ingredient

warfarin

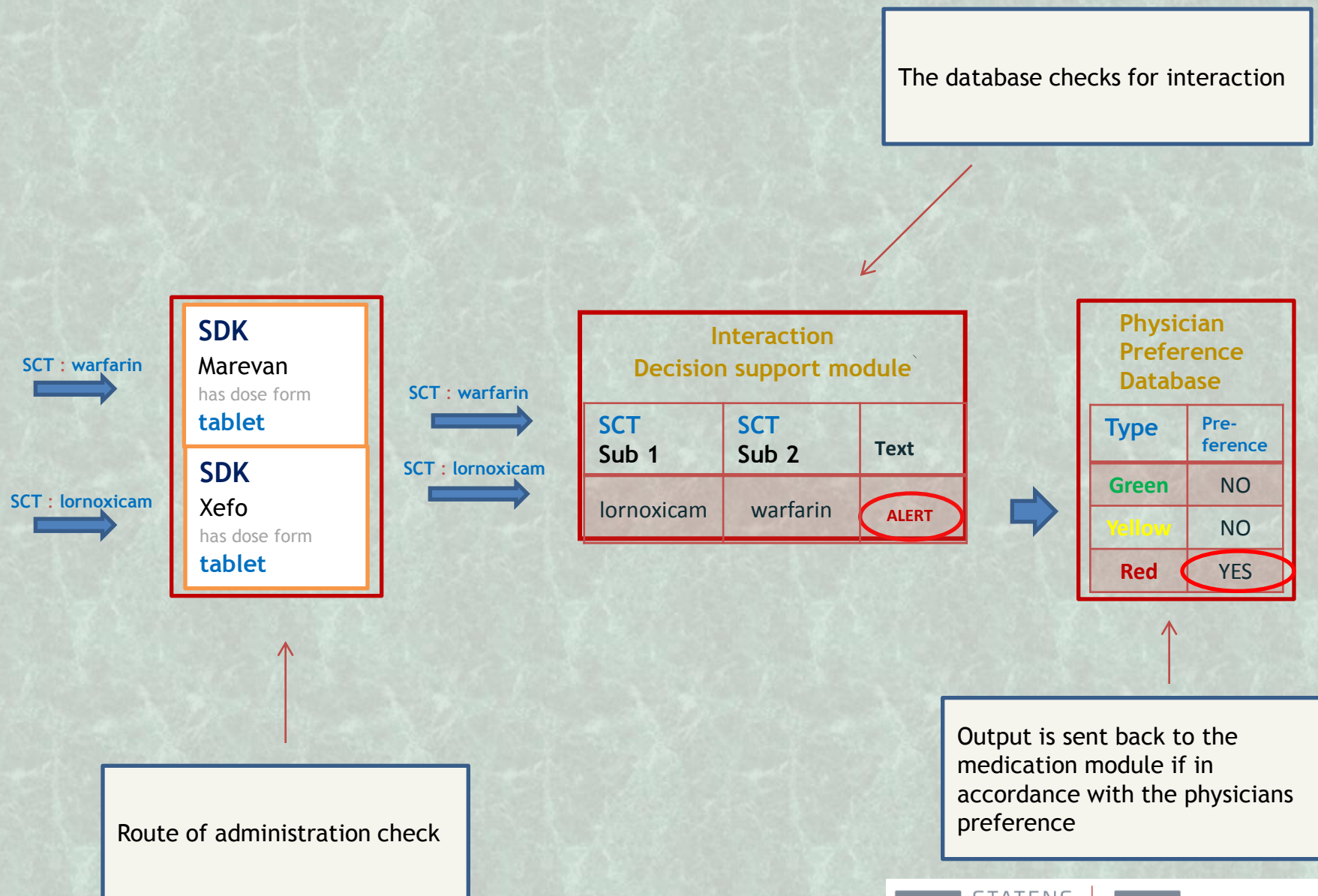
Information from vendor medication module

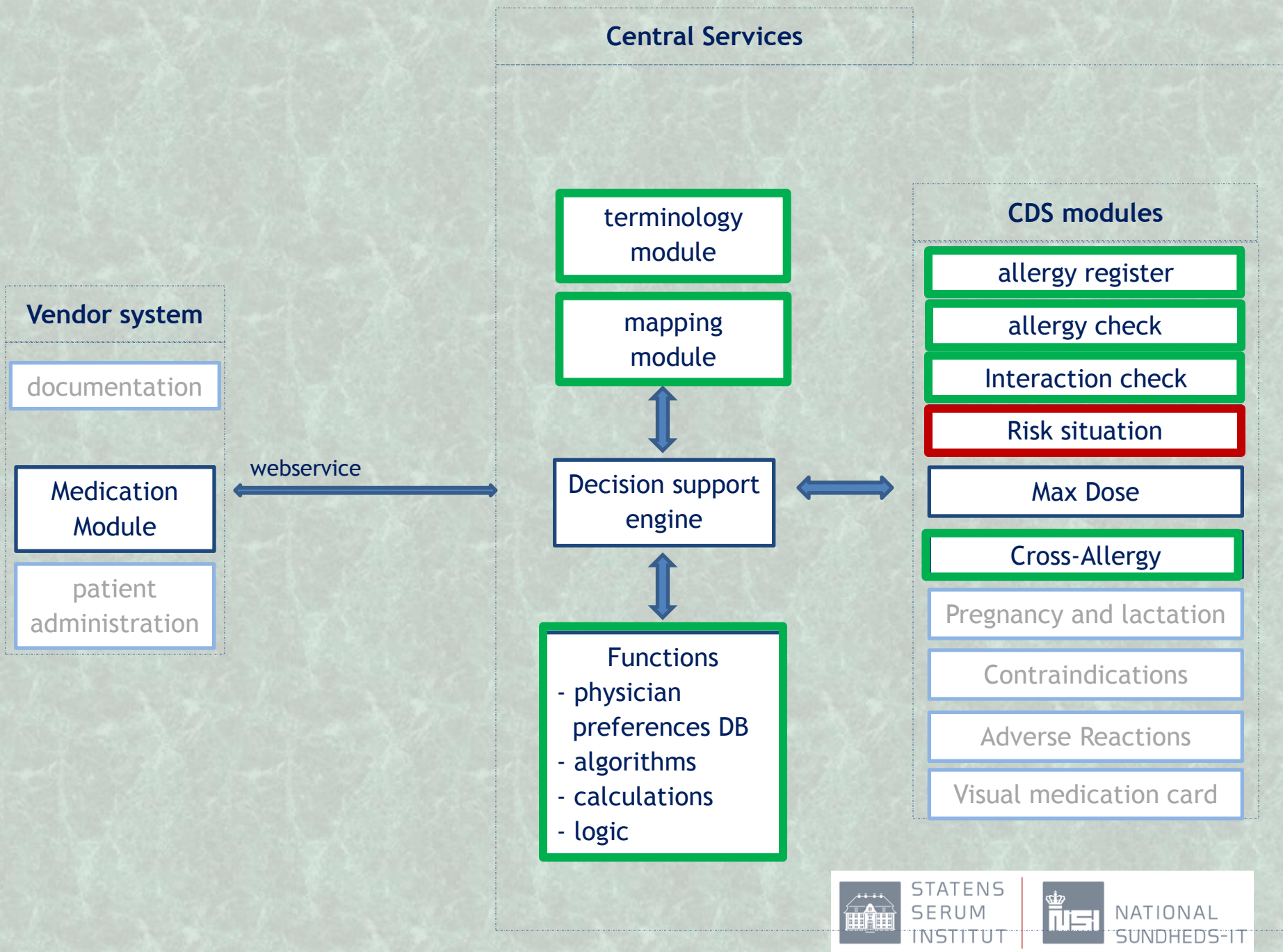


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Module component: Risk Situation DB

The Patient Safety law in 2004 made it mandatory for health workers in hospitals to report adverse events - anonymously.

September 2010 primary practice was included

From 2011 the National Agency for Patients' Rights and Complaints handles the patient safety database.

WHO's ICPS-classification is used to classify the risk.

Drugs that have been involved in serious life threatening situations will be evaluated by a group of experts and possibly placed in the Risk Situation Database.

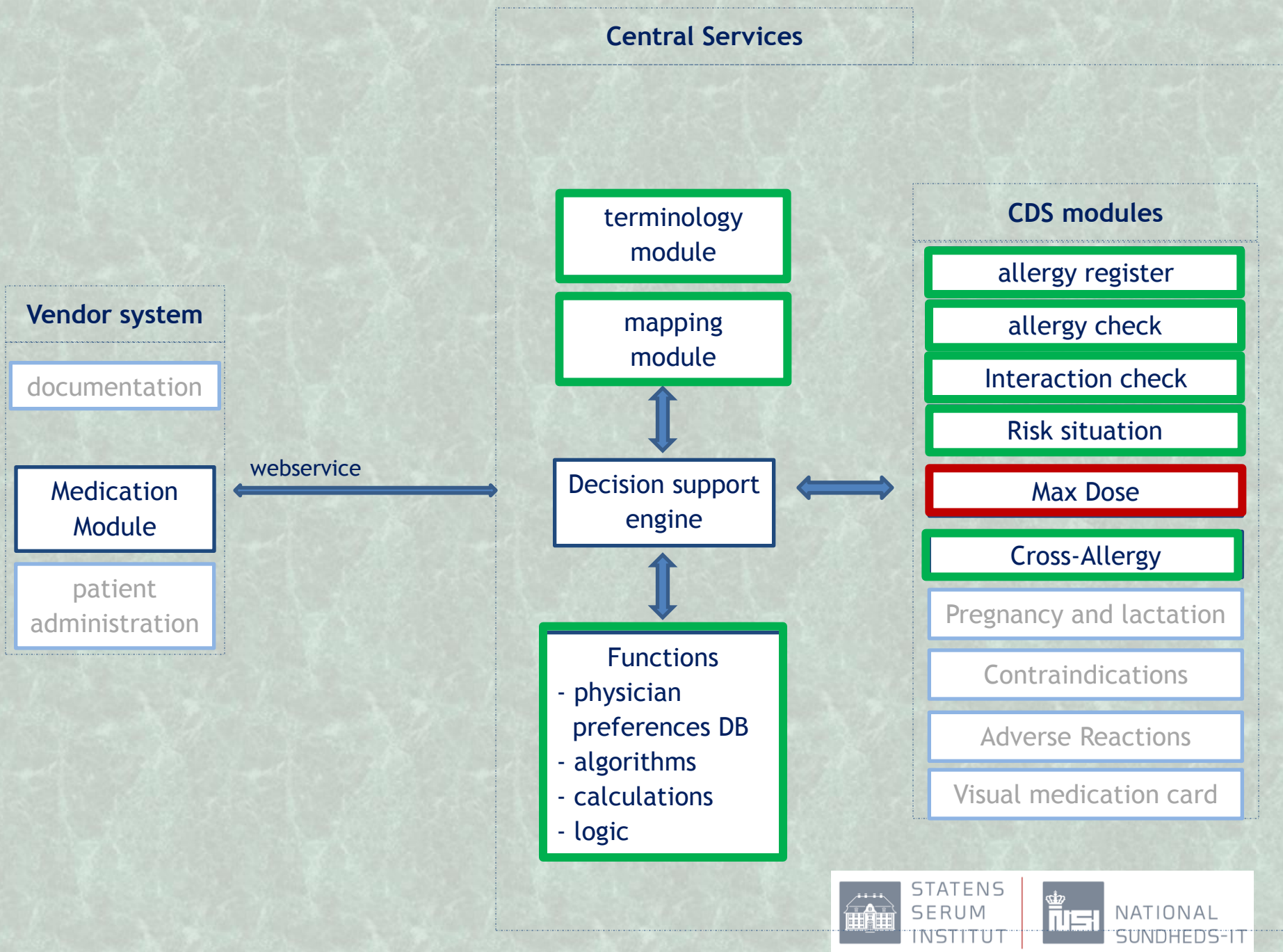
Alerts will be generated when a specific drug in a specific doseform triggers it during prescription



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Module component: MaxDose DB

The MaxDose CDS will compare the amount of substance a patient is prescribed and the amount already prescribed, with the MaxDose limit to prevent overdosing.

The substance can be in same or differently named drugs, or as part of a combination drug

Categories:

- Adults - oral drugs, nose sprays and -powders etc
- Adults - I.V. drugs
- Children
- Patients with reduced kidney function



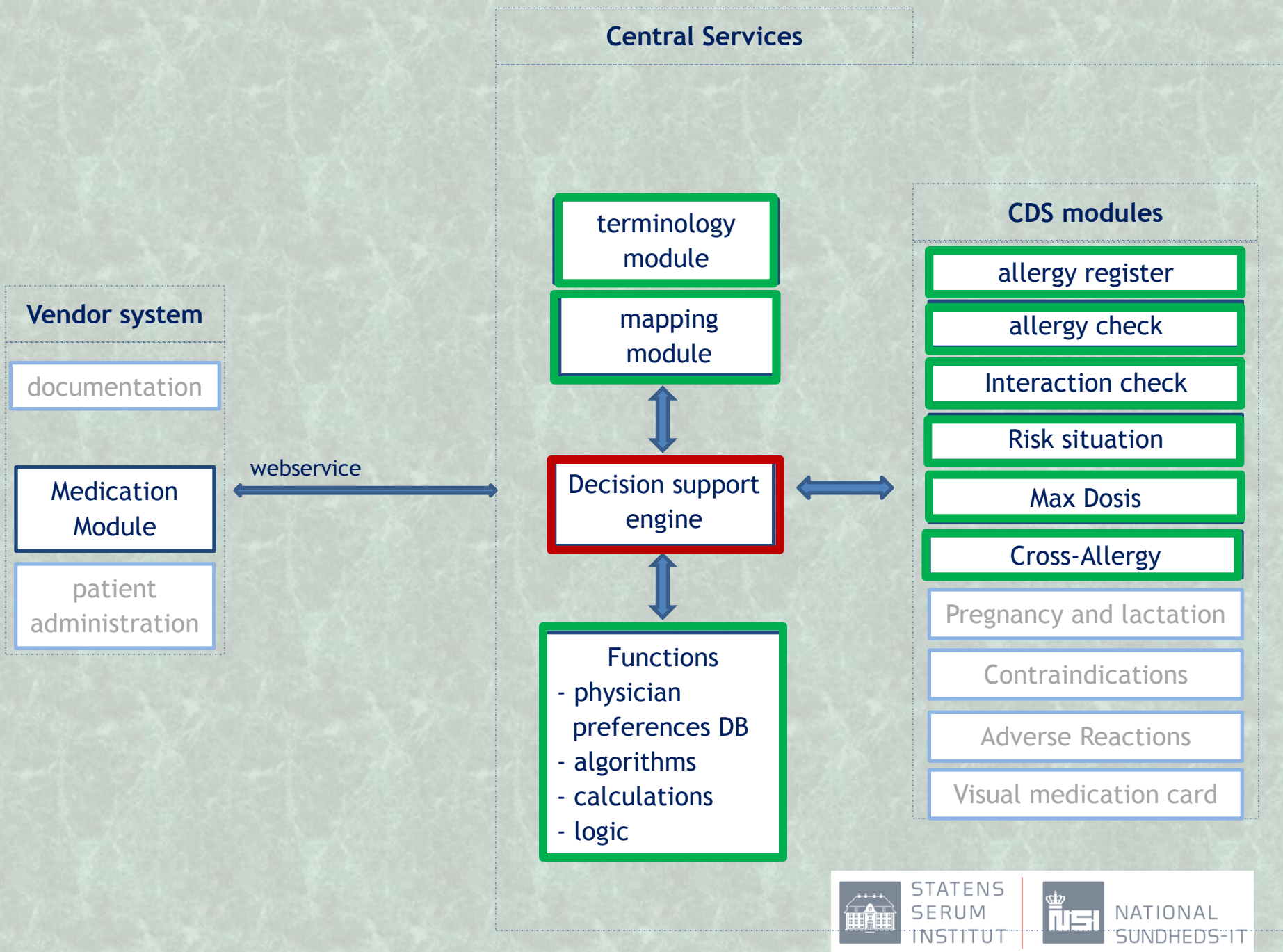
Module component: MaxDose DB

The function of MaxDose for patients with reduced kidney function require additional information from the vendors system.

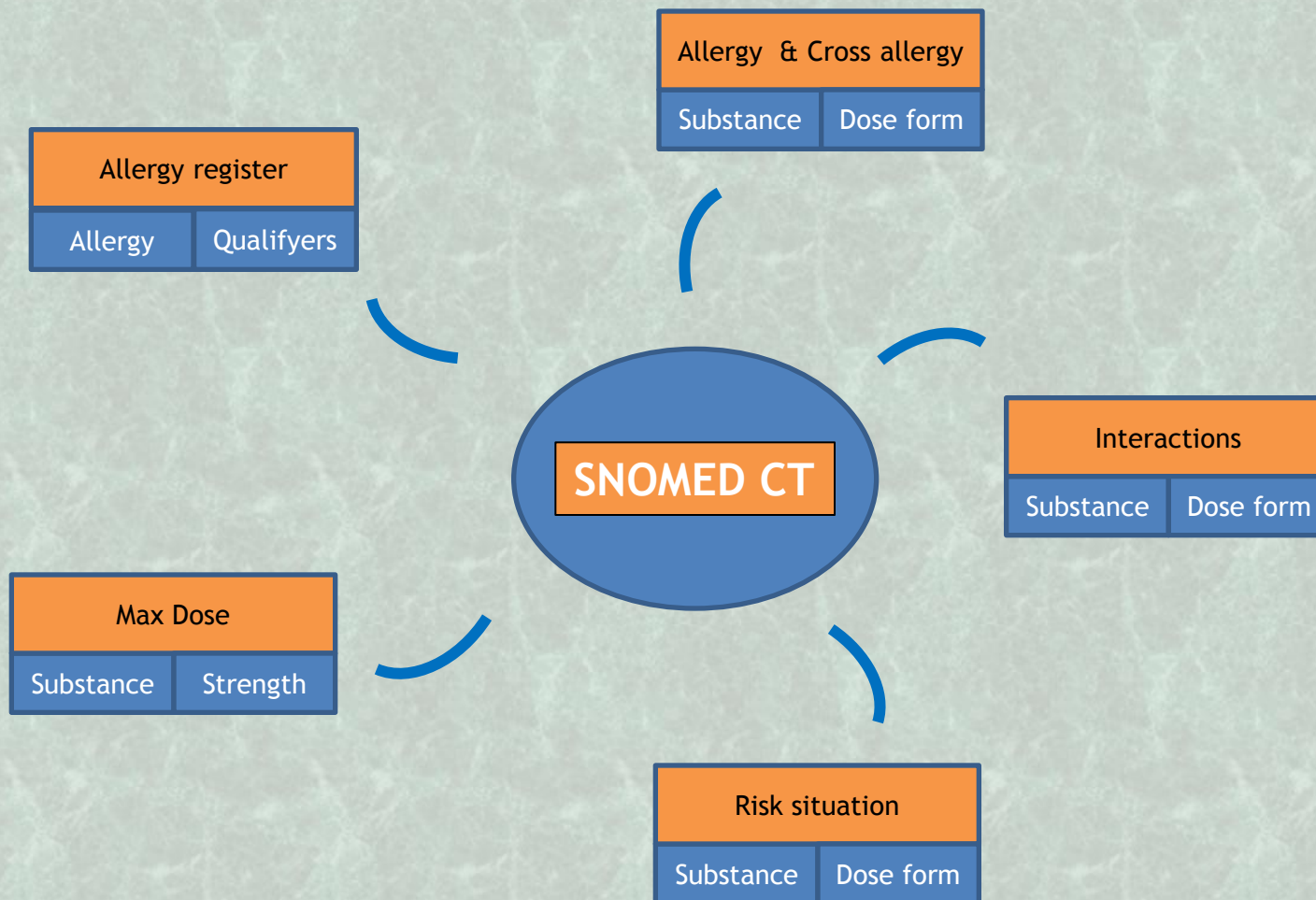
Kidney function	GFR (ml/min/1,73 m ²)
Normal kidney function	> 90
Mildly reduced kidney function	60-90
Moderately reduced kidney function	30 - < 60
Severely reduced kidney function	15 - < 30
Terminal renal insufficiency	< 15 or dialysis

The lab data required for this function for patients with reduced kidney is placed outside the medication module in the vendor system and requires local implementation.





The SNOMED connection



SNOMED DK a Danish drug terminology based on SNOMED CT

> a functional, structured drug terminology with built-in knowledge - a tool for decision support.

Features ...

- drug specific hierarchies with structured data
- attributes with useful knowledge - substances, dose form, units, strength, allergies caused by drugs
- Danish drugs linked to generics through SNOMED
- semantic consistent construction of terms
- ISO structured names with trade name, strength and dose form
- unique global ID for all drugs
- unik identification of substances - incl. combinations
- mapped to DrugID with all links to DMA DB preserved



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Possibilities ...

- central intelligent decision support via webseervices
- enhancement of local systems
- dose calculation, control and overview
- overview of the patients, patient group or the departmental use of specific drugs, dose, frequency, indication, diagnosis, results etc
- mapning to ATC for practical or statistical use
- indication mapning to SNOMED CT, ICPC and DKMA indications
- international cooperation with IHTSDO, OpenEHR, WHO, EU epSOS



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Implementation advantages ...

Advantages

Patients	Increased quality and safety, reduces adverse events
Physicians	Saves time, gives safety and ease of mind
Medical societies	A good way to get their expert knowledge out to everybody who needs it
Vendors	Better services to the physicians, better systems, competition
Regions counties	Saves money from less errors Allergy information does not disappear between sectors
State	Centrally controlled coherent cross sector service Statistics and feedback from use
Politicians	Increased quality of treatment and lowering of healthcare costs



SNOMED DK drug terminology and Decision Support Services

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