

Briefing Paper - Jan 29, 2018

Member Release Jan 31 Edition, 2017 - Recall

Briefing Purpose

This briefing note is to provide additional information on the Member's Release Recall for the Jan 31 Members Edition. The content issues that were discovered were deemed to pose a risk sufficient to be reversed prior to publication of the January 2018 release.

This content change to two concepts was distributed to SNOMED International Members as part of the Members Release of SNOMED CT International Edition, which was distributed to SNOMED International Members on December 31, 2017.

The Members Release is made available to give Members a month to translate documents where necessary and repackage the release before sending on to the public.

Background

The SNOMED CT International Release goes through multiple quality assurance gateways and for each release, having an alpha and beta phase before the Member Release phase.

SNOMED International, the UK Terminology Centre and the Australian Digital Health Agency carried out their own quality assurance processes on the release in all of the phases, with each stakeholder's providing their sign off at each gateway. The Members Release was signed by everyone involved, having passed each organization's quality assurance checks. With these signoff's the release remained on schedule for the member release for 31 December, 2017.

Issues

The issue was raised on 26 January, 2018 with the Member Release, which was subsequently reviewed by the SNOMED International content and release teams. This issue and one other were identified as needing correction in order to prevent a potential clinical risk, there are as follows:

1. 1086561000119100|Hemorrhage of duodenum co-occurrent and due to diverticulosis (disorder)| had the erroneous preferred term(s) - Hemorrhage with diverticulosis of ileum.

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Action taken - Erroneous descriptions marked as preferred terms were removed and replaced with the new descriptions 3658074017 Haemorrhage with diverticulosis of duodenum (in the GB Language refset), and 3658075016 Hemorrhage with diverticulosis of duodenum (in the US Language refset)

2. 259720006|Substance with white blood cell enzyme mechanism of action (substance)| had the erroneous preferred term(s)- Red blood cell enzyme

Action taken - inactivate description 3520664018 and replace with new description 3658178016 White blood cell enzyme.

However the fully specified name, stated relationships and relationship groups of both of the above concepts were verified all to be correct.

Upon review it was decided, that these descriptions are errors that needed correction prior to publication.

The International Release is on target to be released on time on 31st January, and therefore there will be no impact on any external stakeholders in the vendor community.

Next Steps

None, this briefing note is for information only.

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