



## Title: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): IHTSDO Workbench Activities and Accomplishments

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### Audience

IHTSDO Workbench developers, Workbench general users, Workflow managers, and SNOMED CT content modelers.

### Objectives

To raise awareness of recent IHTSDO Workbench developments driven by the U.S. Veterans Health Administration (VHA); to promote opportunities for collaboration and synchronization of future Workbench enhancements.

### Abstract

Introduced in 2009, the IHTSDO Workbench provides content modelers with a set of tools to author, map, search, browse, and classify terminology, plus undertake workflow and process automation. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has since undertaken efforts to enhance and extend the Workbench to bolster Workbench performance and functionality, improve the general user experience, and promote cooperative modeling of normalized Workbench content. This presentation will explore many of the recent accomplishments of these efforts, which include adding classifier support for concrete domains and incremental classification while improving classifier performance, trailblazing the import of new terminologies into the Workbench, extending Workflow, search, and editing tools, and promoting collaborative, synchronized modeling practices. Additionally, collaboration opportunities will be identified.

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