



## Tutorial: SNOMED CT Subsets and Reference Sets

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**Duration: 90 mins** (including discussion)

### Audience

People who wish to understand the role of subsets in common types of implementation and those interested in matching existing subsets to their needs, adapting existing subsets or developing subsets.

An understanding of SNOMED CT basics will be assumed. Experience of subset development is not assumed.

### Objectives

To provide an understanding of common uses of subsets and their value in implementations.

To describe the ways that subsets are formalized and distributed as SNOMED CT Reference sets.

To draw attention to:

- the value of sharing and re-using subsets;
- attitudes and policies that may limit sharing and re-use of subsets;
- requirements for common information about subsets to support discovery and sharing.

### Outline

The presentation will address:

- The purposes which subsets serve
- Techniques used in development or maintenance of subsets
- The ways that subsets membership can be expressed and the Reference set formats in which subsets can be distributed
- Factors which influence the extent of sharing and re-use of subsets
- Discovery of existing subsets, their stated purpose and how their fitness for re-use might be evaluated