



Drug Concept Model Development and Deployment: A Long Journey

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- Substance hierarchy
- Overloaded Is A relationships
- Groupers that produced incorrect inferences because Is A relationships were not always true





- Product hierarchy
- o Primitive hierarchy that manually duplicated substance model
- Unable to leverage classifier to manage content
- Blockers (e.g. concrete domains, universal restrictions)
- Missing foundational components required to create concept model
- Unable to use Product concept to model in SNOMED CT hierarchies





- Other concerns
- Supporting hierarchies such as Pharmaceutical dose forms
- Evolving international standards
- Documentation lacking



Where we are



Substance Hierarchy

- Resolution for groupers that resulted in overloaded or incorrect Is A relationships
- Has disposition attribute introduced and populated
- High level groupers reviewed
- Resolution for conflicting use cases requiring the representation of substances both as a flat list and as a hierarchy
- Is modification of attribute introduced and populated



 Updates to terming for substances to reflect INN in FSN and correct US/GB preferred terms



Pharmaceutical Dose Forms

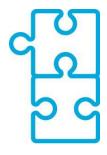
- Concept model
- Compatible with ISO 11239 IDMP Standard lists regulated information on pharmaceutical dose forms, units of presentation, routes of administration and packaging
- Guidelines for modeling and terming; existing content updated accordingly
- Based on analysis of existing concepts, created new Pharmaceutical dose form concepts required to remodel Medicinal Product concepts





Representation of numeric values and universal restrictuions

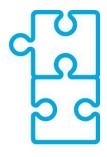
- Numeric values
- Support future transformation to concrete domains
- Guidance from Modeling Advisory Group
- Result was to create a new "temporary" Number subhierarchy
- Universal restrictions
- Implemented ingredient count to support classification needs





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- Created concept model and editorial guidelines
- Updated existing content, validating against existing member data (primarily dm+d, RxNorm) to determine attribute values



Where we're going next





Next areas

- Quality Improvement Project
- Subproject for patterns modeled with substances
- Starting with "Allergy to X" and "Adverse reaction caused by X" patterns
- Vaccine Product Concept Model
- Concept model, terming, editorial guidelines
- Address Substance vaccine concepts
- Concrete Domains
- Modeling AG leading this effort
- Address feedback received from implementers and stakeholders





Links to further information

Medicinal Products, Substances, and Vaccines

https://confluence.ihtsdotools.org/display/IAP/Drugs+Project

Modeling Advisory Group (concrete domains)

https://confluence.ihtsdotools.org/display/mag/Modeling+Advisory+Group

QI Project

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