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Briefing Note for Member Forum, Content Manager Advisory Group, and Clinical Leads 20 March 2025

Inactivation impact of initial and follow-up assessments

Purpose

The Content team is seeking feedback on the potential impact of inactivating initial and follow-up procedures.

Background

A term search on *initial assessment* and *follow-up assessment* yields 30 concepts each spanning the procedure and regime/therapy hierarchies. Please see appendix A for the full list of the concepts that are in scope for update as part of this briefing note.

The Editorial Guide is explicit that *first* and *subsequent* procedures are unacceptable; see bottom of https://confluence.ihtsdotools.org/display/DOCEG/Procedure+Modeling

The bulk of these concepts have been active since SNOMED CT's inception and are derived from UK's Clinical Terms.

Issues

Labeling an assessment as *initial* or *follow-up* may prove valuable in scheduling a clinician's time; however, the meaning itself is ambiguous. Is the assessment initial relative to the patient, for each specific condition a patient has, for the physician, for a healthcare enterprise, etc.?

Next Steps

Please provide use cases, if any, that may prove sufficient to maintain a distinction between initial/first and subsequent/follow-up assessments in contrast to using an assessment concept that is not qualified with these terms.

Recommendations

If no sufficient use cases are provided for these concepts, the concepts will be inactivated with a target to an assessment concept that is not qualified with these terms.

Comments may be made directly on this page's space, or sent via email to Krista Lilly at info@snomed.org by 30 April 2025.

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Appendix A - Concepts in Scope for Inactivation

Initial assessments:

170669007 Initial gastrointestinal tract assessment (regime/therapy)

170731009 Initial gout assessment (regime/therapy)

170857002 Initial skin assessment (regime/therapy)

170888003 Ear, nose and throat: initial assessment (regime/therapy)

170608002 Initial respiratory assessment (regime/therapy)

170899001 Initial ostomy assessment (regime/therapy)

170571002 Initial cardiac assessment (regime/therapy)

170781000 Initial thyroid assessment (regime/therapy)

170794003 Initial obesity assessment (regime/therapy)

315639002 Initial patient assessment (procedure)

170703000 Initial epilepsy assessment (regime/therapy)

170743005 Initial diabetic assessment (regime/therapy)

170875001 Urinary: initial assessment (regime/therapy)

170915007 Initial warfarin assessment (regime/therapy)

170810003 Initial endocrine assessment (regime/therapy)

170907009 Initial risk drug assessment (regime/therapy)

170949004 Menopause initial assessment (regime/therapy)

1230238001 Initial assessment of newborn (procedure)

170679009 Initial psychiatric assessment (regime/therapy)

170692007 Initial neurological assessment (regime/therapy)

170846007 Rheumatology initial assessment (regime/therapy)

170819002 B12 deficiency initial assessment (regime/therapy)

473212003 Lipid disorder initial assessment (regime/therapy)

170557005 Chronic disease initial assessment (finding)

170719007 Initial ophthalmological assessment (regime/therapy)

170829009 Blood disorder - initial assessment (regime/therapy)

414501008 Initial substance misuse assessment (regime/therapy)

170837001 Allergic disorder initial assessment (regime/therapy)

444061006 Initial assessment for clinical trial (procedure)

170923009 Repeat prescription - initial assessment (regime/therapy)

170866003 Gynecological disorder: initial assessment (regime/therapy)

Follow-up assessments:

170670008 Follow-up gastrointestinal tract assessment (regime/therapy)

170732002 Follow-up gout assessment (regime/therapy)

170858007 Follow-up skin assessment (regime/therapy)

170889006	*Follow-up ear, nose and throat assessment (regime/therapy)*
170609005	*Follow-up respiratory assessment (regime/therapy)*
170900006	*Follow-up ostomy assessment (regime/therapy)*
170782007	*Follow-up thyroid assessment (regime/therapy)*
170795002	*Follow-up obesity assessment (regime/therapy)*
170876000	*Follow-up urinary assessment (regime/therapy)*
170572009	*Follow-up cardiac assessment (regime/therapy)*
170704006	*Follow-up epilepsy assessment (regime/therapy)*
170744004	*Follow-up diabetic assessment (regime/therapy)*
170916008	*Follow-up warfarin assessment (regime/therapy)*
170811004	*Follow-up endocrine assessment (regime/therapy)*
170908004	*Follow-up risk drug assessment (regime/therapy)*
170950004	*Menopause follow-up assessment (regime/therapy)*
310249008	*Follow-up orthopedic assessment (finding)*
170680007	*Follow-up psychiatric assessment (regime/therapy)*
170693002	*Follow-up neurological assessment (regime/therapy)*
170847003	*Rheumatology follow-up assessment (regime/therapy)*
170867007	*Gynecological follow-up assessment (regime/therapy)*
170820008	*B12 deficiency follow-up assessment (regime/therapy)*
170720001	*Follow-up ophthalmological assessment (regime/therapy)*
170830004	*Blood disorder - follow-up assessment (regime/therapy)*
170558000	*Chronic disease - follow-up assessment (finding)*
170838006	*Allergic disorder follow-up assessment (regime/therapy)*
170924003	*Repeat prescription - follow-up assessment (regime/therapy)*

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