



## IHTSDO and ADA agree licensing arrangements

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The oldest and largest national Dentist Society in the world, the American Dental Association (ADA) and the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation (IHTSDO), the leading provider of standardized clinical terminology (SNOMED CT), are pleased to announce that they have agreed a licensing agreement.

This Agreement shall result in the incorporation of the SNODENT terms within the SNOMED CT International Release. SNODENT is the ADA's Systematized Nomenclature of Dentistry, comprising dental diagnosis, signs, symptoms and complaints.

As part of this agreement, an International Dentistry Specialty Interest Group (Dental SIG) will be set up and overseen by the Content Committee. The primary purpose of this SIG will be to:

- Provide new, as well as updated Dentistry content to the SNOMED CT Core
- Offer proposals of Project Groups to the Content Committee in development of the Annual Work Plan
- Opportunities to improve organizational efficiencies

John van Beek, Chair of the IHTSDO Management Board, said of the agreement, "I'm delighted with this cooperation arrangement. It will make it possible to incorporate the extensive dental codes of SNODENT into SNOMED CT for the benefit of all SNOMED CT users".

Dr Raymond Gist, President of the ADA, added "the agreement will make SNODENT content more widely available for the ultimate benefit of patients and global health. Both parties have also committed to identify if there are ways of working more closely together to deliver further benefits".

### About the American Dental Association

The American Dental Association (ADA) is the leading advocate for oral health in the United States. Since 1859, the ADA has become the leading source of oral health related information for dentists and their patients. It remains the oldest and largest national dental society in the world. Further information with regard to its mission, vision and commitment to the public's oral health, ethics, science and professional advancement, and access to care for all Americans can be found here <http://www.ada.org/>

### About IHTSDO

The IHTSDO (International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation) and its current 19 Members seek to improve the health of humankind by fostering the development and use of suitable standardized clinical terminologies, notably SNOMED CT, in order to support the safe, accurate, and effective exchange of health information. IHTSDO's governance structure allows Members to control and guide the development of SNOMED CT, to ensure it meets both their joint needs and the specific needs of their individual countries. SNOMED Clinical Terms™ (SNOMED CT™) is a standardized terminology that can be used as the foundation for electronic health records and other applications. SNOMED CT contains more than 310,000 unique concepts and more than 1.3 million links or relationships between them that ensure that this information is captured consistently, accurately, and reliably across health systems. The terminology is in use in more than fifty countries around the world. SNOMED CT was originally created by the College of American Pathologists by combining SNOMED RT and a computer-based nomenclature and classification known as Clinical Terms Version 3, formerly known as Read Codes Version 3.

For more information please visit: [www.ihtsdo.org](http://www.ihtsdo.org)

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