

# SNOMED CT-AU and AMT Subsets

## Learning outcomes

- Describe why subsets are useful when working with terminology
- Compare the features of "reference sets" and "ValueSets"
- Explain (at a high level) how subsets can be implemented
- Provide examples of subsets available from the National Clinical Terminology Service (NCTS), the use cases they support, and how to access them

What are subsets?

# What are subsets and why are they useful?



A group of concept representations (usually codes) that come from one or more standard vocabularies, such as SNOMED CT, LOINC, or ICD.



Provide "value" because useful codes are bundled into the same package that represent a clinical concept or domain, e.g. codes representing days of the week.



Most often used to constrain the content of a coded data element or data type property in an information model.



May range from a simple flat list of codes from a single code system, to an unbounded hierarchical set of post-coordinated expressions drawn from multiple code systems.

Two main formats are available from the NCTS:

- Reference sets: subsets containing only SNOMED CT components, conforming to the SNOMED CT specification.
- ValueSets: conform to the FHIR® specification.



# User interface example – search reference sets

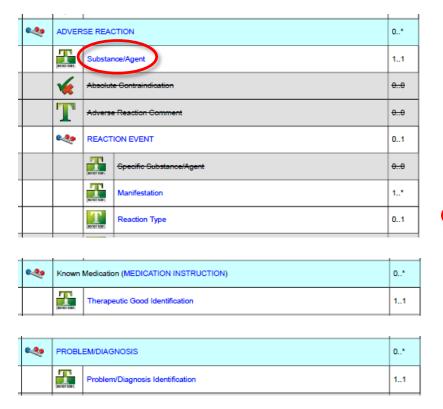
# **Allergies and Adverse Reactions**

Reaction Type	Causative Agent  Represent Product Trade Product	
Food intolerance	Q Goat's milk	
Date of Event	, Clinical Manifestation	
	Q rash	
	Rash Hives Bullous rash Macular rash Pruritic rash Vesicular rash Blistering rash Morbilliform rash	
	Maculopapular rash  Rash of systemic lupus erythematosus	



# Terminology binding to My Health Record documents

• Some subsets are bound to national specifications (as value domains), e.g. Shared Health Summary.



#### Identification

 Label
 Substance/Agent Values

 Metadata Type
 Value Domain

 Identifier
 VD-15521

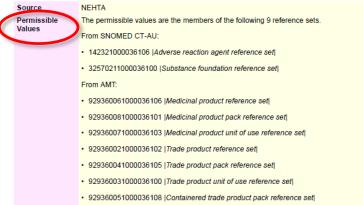
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#### **Definition**

Definition The set of values for the agent or substance causing the adverse reaction experienced by the subject of care.

Definition Source NEHTA

#### **Value Domain**



# Why use subsets available from the NCTS?

- Provide small, usable chunks of SNOMED CT-AU and AMT.
- Some are co-developed by collaborating with subject matter experts.
- Based on source data (e.g. TGA, jurisdictions, peak bodies/colleges).
- Contain data not held in other files, such as:
  - Language reference set
  - Association reference set
  - Strength reference set
  - ARTG Id reference set
  - Dose route and form extended association reference set
- Or is not otherwise within the scope of SNOMED CT-AU, such as:
  - Australian Immunisation Register Vaccine codes (<a href="https://www.humanservices.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/enablers/air-vaccine-code-formats">https://www.humanservices.gov.au/organisations/health-professionals/enablers/air-vaccine-code-formats</a>).
  - Common Languages in Australia (<a href="https://healthterminologies.gov.au/fhir/ValueSet/common-languages-australia-2">https://healthterminologies.gov.au/fhir/ValueSet/common-languages-australia-2</a>).

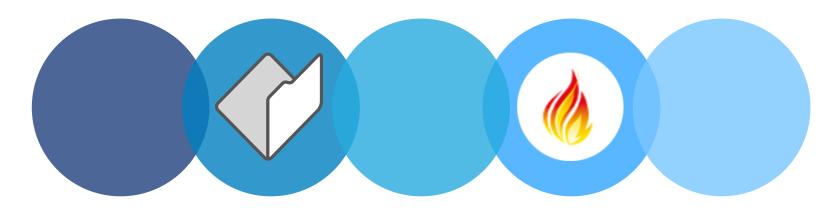


# Why use subsets available from the NCTS?

- The NCTS also hosts and releases reference sets that are developed and owned by SNOMED CT-AU license holders, known as Third Party Reference Sets. These include:
  - Tasmania reportable Schedule 4 trade medications reference set
  - Victoria reportable Schedule 4 trade medications reference set
  - Royal Australasian College of Surgeons MALT surgical procedure reference set
  - Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) Pathology Terminology and Information Models
- Reference sets are available in a variety of formats, along with a concise description of each.

# Types of SNOMED CT-AU and AMT subsets

### Which subsets to access?



The implementation type will influence subset choice.

For an RF2 implementation of SNOMED CT-AU (e.g. relational database) - reference sets are most appropriate.

Reference sets are available in a variety of formats (RF2, XML, JSON, TSV).

For a FHIR® implementation – ValueSets are most appropriate.

ValueSets are currently published on the NCTS where they directly support an Agency FHIR® profile.

In addition, consider your use case and context to determine which subset contains the relevant content.



# Examples of reference sets available from the NCTS

### What is SNOMED CT?

- A large 'dictionary' of clinical terms with a unique code that are machine-readable.
- Designed to capture clinical data within electronic records.
- Comprised of over 350,000 concepts, and covers content areas of:
  - Diseases, procedures, clinical findings and therapeutic products.
  - Plus additional content that helps define the meaning of these major content areas.



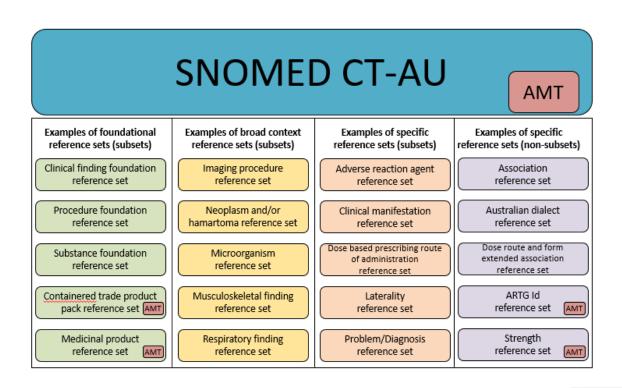
- SNOMED CT-AU is the Australian extension of SNOMED CT.
  - Contains SNOMED CT core files along with Australian developed content, such as:
    - Australian Medicines Terminology (AMT).
    - Australian dialect reference set.
    - Over 90 reference sets for clinical use.





## What are SNOMED CT reference sets?

- Specific to SNOMED CT.
- Identify specific subsets of content and support a range of granularity and specificity.
- Some can be a mapping or association reference sets, where additional information is added to a component.
- The NCTS publishes reference sets to help with implementations.





### Foundation reference sets

Provide the broadest possible terminology because they contain all concepts within a top-level hierarchy.

#### **Examples include:**

- Clinical finding foundation reference set
- Observable entity foundation reference set
- Procedure foundation reference set

AMT product reference sets correlate with one of the seven notable concepts defined by the AMT model, such as:

- Medicinal product reference set
- Trade product unit of use reference set
- Containered trade product pack reference set

#### **Support the following uses:**



Where reference sets are yet to be developed and the required hierarchy or conceptual idea of information has been identified.



For example, the *Procedure foundation* reference set would be applicable for a data element that captures a surgical intervention.



Used as the basis from which further use-casespecific reference sets can be developed, through a process of constraint.



### Broad context reference sets

Provide the broadest possible terminology considered necessary to support the clinical information requirements within clinical groupings.

#### **Examples include:**

- Cardiovascular finding reference set
- Imaging procedure reference set
- Microorganism reference set

#### **Support the following uses:**



Where reference sets represent a useful method of providing terminology for a clinical grouping.



For example, concepts from the *Mental health* disorder reference set would be applicable for a data element that captures a mental health diagnosis.



Used as the basis from which more specific reference may be developed through a process of constraint. This may be useful in constraining codes for a particular clinical setting or professional group.





# Language reference sets

Most commonly used to indicate which descriptions are preferred or acceptable in a particular language, dialect or context.

• For example the Australian dialect reference set.

May also be used to specify description preferences within a specific context, such as a clinical specialty.



# Mapping reference sets



Allow relationships to be represented between code systems.



Maps can be simple (one-to-one) or complex (e.g. many-to-many).



The correlation between codes (how equivalent or not the concepts are) is often indicated.



Currently two mapping reference sets are available from the NCTS:



Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods Identifier (ARTGID) reference set



Substance to SNOMED CT-AU mapping reference set





# Adverse reaction reporting

• Supports the recording of the agent (medicinal and non-medicinal) causing an adverse reaction to a patient, as well as the type and signs/symptoms of the adverse reaction.

Adverse reaction agent reference set	Supports the recording of the most common agents that may be responsible for causing adverse reactions.	
Adverse reaction type reference set	Supports the recording of the type of adverse reaction that a patient has experienced.	
Clinical manifestation reference set	Supports the recording of common clinical manifestations of adverse reactions within healthcare settings within Australia.	
Non-medicinal adverse reaction agent	Supports the recording of non-medicinal agents that may be responsible for causing adverse reactions.	



# Dose based prescribing

• Supports non-product-based prescribing or medication ordering activity typically performed within acute care settings.

Dose based prescribing dose form reference set

Supports the recording of dose forms for dose based prescribing.

Dose based prescribing dose frequency and interval reference set

Supports the recording of dose frequencies and dose intervals for dose based prescribing.

Dose based prescribing medication course type reference set

Allows identification of different medication course types in vendor systems.

Dose based prescribing route of administration reference set

Supports the recording of the route by which a medication is administered for dose based prescribing.

Dose route and form extended association reference set

Provides relationships between dose routes of administration, administered dose forms and manufactured dose forms required for the Prescribing Model described in the SNOMED CT-AU - Guide for Terminology Use in Prescribing.



## AMT concrete domain reference sets

• Supports the defining of numeric medication attributes, i.e. they allow for the association of a concrete (numeric) value with a component.

Strength reference set	Provides a machine-readable strength representation of the Medicinal Product Unit of Use (MPUU) as the stated HAS AUSTRALIAN BoSS relationship to Substance.	
Unit of use size reference set	Denotes the size of each unit of use of the MPUU as the stated relationship HAS UNIT OF USE relationship to Unit of Use. It also denotes the size of each unit of use of the TPUU as an inferred relationship.	
Unit of use quantity reference set	Defines the quantity or number of MPUUs within a Medicinal Product Pack (MPP) as described by the MPP HAS MPUU relationship to MPUU.	
Subpack quantity reference set	Defines the quantity or number of subpacks contained within a sequential multicomponent item at the product pack level, for example oral contraceptive products.	



# Adverse reaction type reference set

RF2 structure – for implementations

moduleid referencedcomponentid effectivetime active refsetid 11000036103 169a6008-e0b7-4a66-9339-bcf221dbb88b 2012-05-31 00:00:00 32506021000036107 79899007 16f71872-86de-4067-bc8a-346f2e34a94a 2015-05-31 00:00:00 32506021000036107 11000036103 281647001 3286a720-2da2-43df-9de3-d5d1f99682c5 11000036103 28031001 2012-05-31 00:00:00 32506021000036107 75478009 37654708-91e9-4765-a106-a4f6da8683b0 2015-05-31 00:00:00 11000036103 4a5bec60-46c2-4255-8530-6b024dad793b 2012-05-31 00:00:00 32506021000036107 11000036103 12263007 401207004 638488bf-d8db-48ea-b70d-b0bc2677d6a7 2012-05-31 00:00:00 32506021000036107 11000036103 235710002 63f57ba8-5a09-4623-9d24-4ca2c10789e8

A **reference** to the SNOMED CT concept

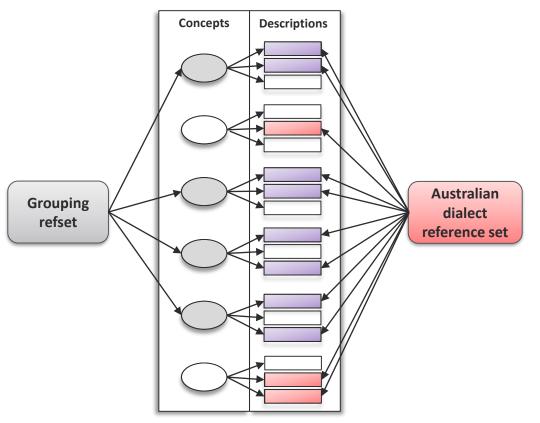
Concept ID 🔻 Fully Specified Name Preferred Term Acceptable Synonyms 68794369-be95-40ad-835e-3b21936f1381 Drug interaction with drug (finding) Drug interaction with drug Drug drug interaction 6bb7b3ee-c24d-4792-986c-8fa68b84496d Intoxication, Poisoning, Poisoning by, Poisoning Poisoning (disorder) Toxicity 6d7b7ea4-8d19-4d48-8ba6-859e79b1d8c9 2013-11-30 00:0 syndrome, Toxic effect, Toxic effect of, Toxicosis 7f6dc302-70eb-4eb8-84bc-3488c1503bc1 Intolerance to food (finding) Food intolerance Intolerance to food 831ade97-12ab-4d70-882c-4bfc14d35796 281647001 Adverse reaction (disorder) Adverse reaction Adverse reactions 98293ed7-fb25-4f27-a1e4-1ed1a349cdcc Allergic reaction (disorder) Allergic reaction 2012-05-31 00:0 28031001 Cell-mediated immune reaction (disorder) Hypersensitivity reaction type IV Cell-mediated immune reaction, Delayed hypersensitivity a41f1fbb-b954-4b62-b6c1-3e1806ae88d1 reaction, Gell and Coombs reaction type IV a89f2c1b-d4d8-4d41-80f1-e821675229ed 2013-11-30 00:0 79899007 Drug interaction (finding) Drug interaction Medication interaction dc415d78-c05a-4969-bf0c-ef46deb0b897 2015-05-31 00 Medication side effects present (finding) Has shown side effects from medication, Medication side 401207004 Medication side-effect e2cf4645-a504-46e7-9fb1-19e9b560e19d 2012-05-31 00 Pseudoallergic reaction (disorder) Non-allergic reaction Pseudoallergic reaction ea2901f2-72c0-4fd8-b33a-ab0a725be8de 2015-05-31 00 609406000 90092004 Hypersensitivity reaction mediated by Hypersensitivity reaction type II Gell and Coombs reaction type II, Hypersensitivity reaction antibody (disorder) mediated by antibody, Type II reaction 83699005 Hypersensitivity reaction mediated by Hypersensitivity reaction type III Gell and Coombs reaction type III, Hypersensitivity reaction immune complex (disorder) mediated by immune complex, Type III reaction 12263007 Type 1 hypersensitivity response (disorder) Hypersensitivity reaction type I Gell and Coombs reaction type I,IgE homocytotropic antibody reaction, Type 1 hypersensitivity response, Type I 95907004 Drug interaction with food (finding) Drug interaction with food Food interaction with drug, Medication interaction with food

TSV format – to help humans evaluate the reference set



# Using reference sets

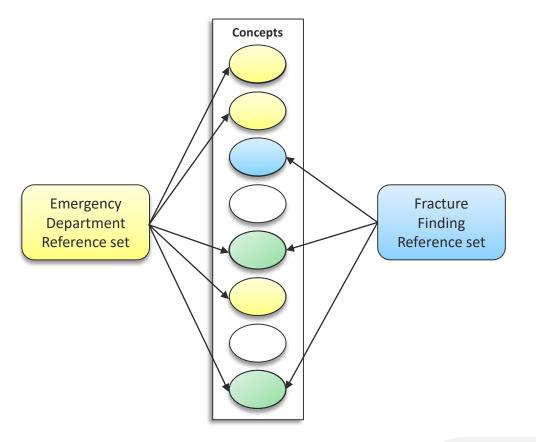
- Reference sets filter the core components for the desired content, or add nondefining information to core components.
- Therefore, reference sets cannot be used in isolation.
- Several reference sets may be used at once:
  - Start with concepts.
  - 2. Add on descriptions.
  - 3. Narrow down the concepts with a grouping reference set.
  - 4. Overlay the Australian dialect reference set to find the preferred terms.





# Refining reference sets

- Custom intersects can be created to filter on even more specific content.
  - 1. Start with concepts.
  - 2. Narrow down the concepts with a grouping reference set, such as the *Emergency department reference set*.
  - 3. Narrow down the concepts further with the Fracture finding reference set.

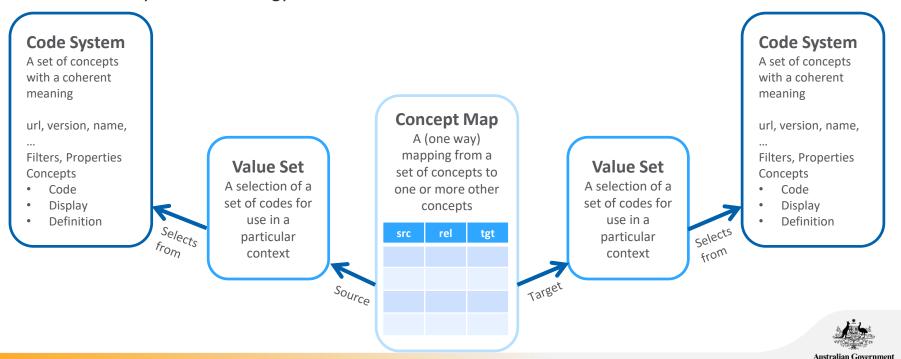




# Examples of ValueSets available from the NCTS

# FHIR® terminology – big picture

- FHIR® is the next-generation HL7 standard for electronic healthcare data exchange.
- It is also a way that terminology can be maintained and distributed.



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## What are FHIR® ValueSets?

The key purpose of a ValueSet is to specify the allowable content for coded elements.

The ValueSet resource can also be used to give context to a ConceptMap resource, which describes the relationship between codes in different ValueSets.

To retrieve the codes and displays included in a ValueSet, an '\$expand' operation may be performed on a FHIR® Terminology Server. This is known as 'ValueSet Expansion'.



Some NCTS ValueSets define the same content as an NCTS reference set, except it conforms to the FHIR® specification.



The NCTS also publishes ValueSets that support clinical information specifications and implementations.



# Adverse reaction type reference set – FHIR® ValueSet rendering

**GET** [base]/ValueSet/\$expand?identifier=http://snomed.info/sct/32506021000036107?fhir\_vs=refset/11000036103

```
"resourceType": "ValueSet",
                              "language": "en",
                              "url": "http://snomed.info/sct/32506021000036107/version/20190731?fhir_vs=refset%2F11000036103",
                              "name": "SNOMED CT Reference Set 11000036103",
                              "status": "active",
                              "experimental": false.
                              "expansion": {
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                                  "total": 13.
                    12
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                    16
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                                  "contains": [
                    19
                                         "system": "http://snomed.info/sct",
                                         "code": "404204005",
 The expansion
                                         "display": "Drug interaction with drug"
      contains
  references to
                                         "system": "http://snomed.info/sct",
                                         "code": "401207004",
the CodeSystem,
                                         "display": "Medication side-effect"
     code and
                                          "system": "http://snomed.info/sct",
 preferred term
                                          "code": "95907004",
                                          "display": "Drug interaction with food"
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# Implicit FHIR® ValueSets

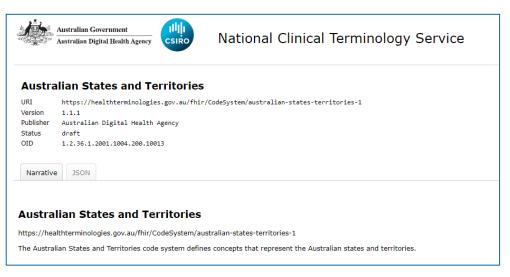
- All simple type reference sets are available as a rendering of a FHIR® value set expansion.
- We also publish in JSON and XML format, again for human accessibility.

Query portion	Identifier	This returns
?fhir_vs	http://snomed.info/sct/32506021000036107/version/20190731?fhir_vs ** Note this expansion may not work against the NTS because it is intensive to process	All codes within Australian edition, July 2019 version (includes inactives)
?fhir_vs=isa/[sctid]	http://snomed.info/sct?fhir_vs=isa/30344011000036106	Any code that is a descendant of Australian substance
?fhir_vs=refset	http://snomed.info/sct/32506021000036107?fhir_vs=refset	A list of reference sets published in SNOMED CT-AU
?fhir_vs=refset/[sctid]	http://snomed.info/sct?fhir_vs=refset/11000036103	Members of Adverse reaction type reference set
?fhir_vs=ecl/[ecl]	http://snomed.info/sct/32506021000036107?fhir_vs=ecl/ ( 23550011000036101 amoxicillin 250 mg capsule )</td <td>Immediate children (TPUU) of the supplied MPUU</td>	Immediate children (TPUU) of the supplied MPUU



# Composed FHIR® ValueSets

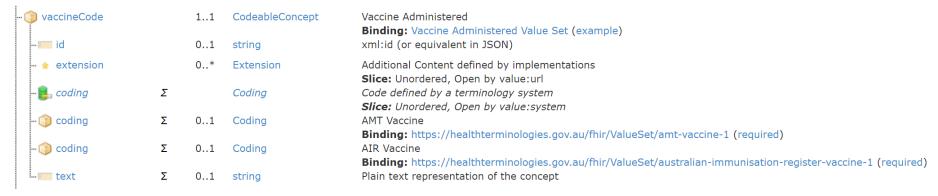
- A large number of FHIR® ValueSets have been published to support HL7 AU FHIR® profiles, Agency FHIR® profiles and future Agency CDA specifications supporting My Health Record.
- Some examples include:
  - Australian States and Territories
  - Individual Healthcare Identifier Status
  - Australian Medicare Benefit and Claim Category
  - Reason Vaccine Not Administered
  - Organ Donation Body Site





# Composed FHIR® ValueSets

 Some additional examples are the Australian Medicines Terminology Vaccine ValueSet and the Australian Immunisation Register Vaccine ValueSet, which are bound in the Australian FHIR® Immunisation resource.



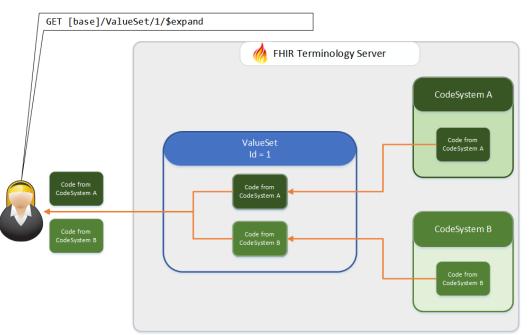
http://hl7.org.au/fhir/base/2018Sep/StructureDefinition-au-immunisation.html



# Using FHIR® ValueSets

- ValueSets can be interrogated using FHIR operations.
- '\$expand' allows you to retrieve the ValueSet expansion subject to a number of parameters.
  - Result is a Value Set with an 'expansion' element.
  - This method can be used to return a set of values matching the parameters supplied, so that a user can select a value for data entry in the UI.
  - Parameters include: filter, count, offset, includeDesignations, includeDefinition, activeOnly, excludeNested, excludeNotForUI, excludePostCoordinated, displayLanguage, limitedExpansion, profile.

#### Value Set Expansion response



https://fhir-drills.github.io/ValueSet-And-CodeSystem.html

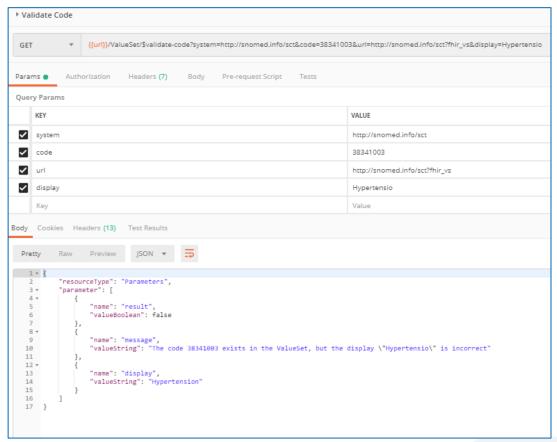


# Using FHIR® ValueSets

- '\$validate-code' allows you to determine if a coded value is in the set of codes defined by a value set.
  - The code to be validated can be supplied in the parameters code, coding, or CodableConcept (multiple).
  - The operation returns a true or false result.
  - Optionally can determine whether the provided display text is the correct display text for a code.
  - This is the main method for validating coded data.

To access the NCTS Postman environment and example queries:

https://www.healthterminologies.gov.au/tools?content=nss





# Accessing NCTS subsets

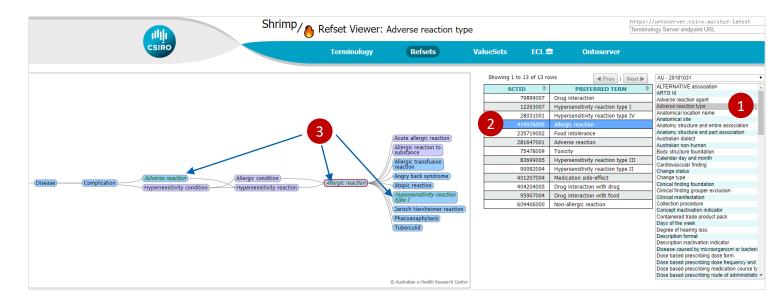
# Different ways to access SNOMED CT-AU subsets

- Browse using the Shrimp terminology browser.
- Download from the NCTS website.
  - Reference sets
    - TSV format
    - FHIR® format
  - RF2 bundles
  - Requires an NCTS licence
- Connect to the National Terminology Server.
  - ValueSets
  - Requires an NCTS licence and a conformant terminology server (e.g. Ontoserver) or an API client (e.g. Postman)
- National Syndication Server.
  - Programmatic syndication interface which enables automation of content downloads
  - Further details available here: <a href="https://www.healthterminologies.gov.au/tools?content=nss">https://www.healthterminologies.gov.au/tools?content=nss</a>



# Choosing a reference set to view its content

- Select a reference set from the dropdown to view its members.
- 2. Click on a member/ concept to bring up the hierarchy view.
- 3. The concepts in green text are also members of the selected reference set.



## Download from the NCTS website – reference sets

- 1. In 'Access' tab, navigate to 'Reference Sets'.
  - Note that you need to log in for access.

**Technical Metadata** 

Reference Set

SNOMED CT Identifier

File name and version

Terminology Version

**Download Value Set** 

Expansion (JSON)

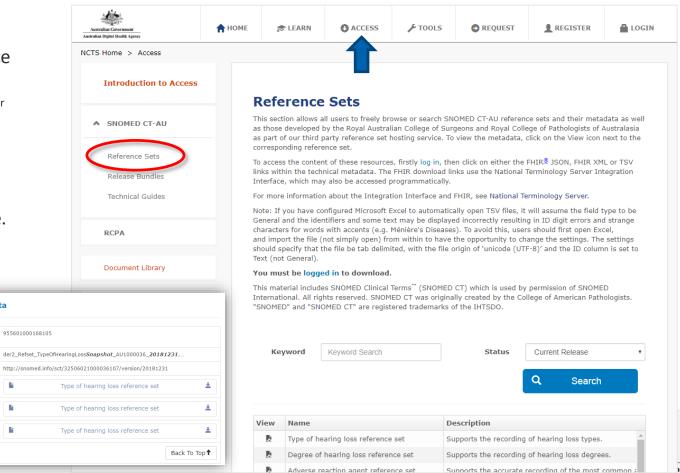
Download Value Set

Expansion (XML)

Download Reference

Set Members (TSV)

- 2. Keyword search for reference set.
- 3. Select item in 'View' column to read more.



# SNOMED Release Format 2 (RF2) bundles

- In 'Access' tab, navigate to 'Release Bundles'.
  - Note that you need to log in for access.
- Expand the release you are interested in.
- Download the file.

RF2Release

Language

Metadata

Terminology

Map

✓ Snapshot

✓ Refset Content

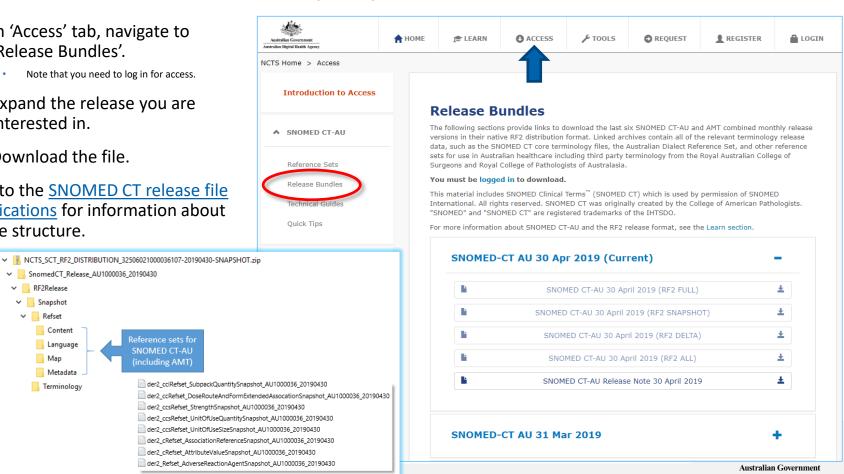
Refer to the SNOMED CT release file specifications for information about the file structure.

SnomedCT Release AU1000036 20190430

Reference sets for

SNOMED CT-AU

(including AMT)



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# **National Terminology Server**

- Click <u>here</u> to view FHIR® ValueSets available on the National Terminology Server.
  - The program allows a view of ValueSet summary (including URI, version, status and OID), the ValueSet FHIR® resource, and the expansion of the Value Set.
  - Please note that some ValueSets are unable to be expanded.
- National Terminology Server can also be accessed via an API client, e.g. Postman.







#### Resources

- The NCTS contains a number of useful documents: (<a href="https://www.healthterminologies.gov.au/learn?content=documentlibrary">https://www.healthterminologies.gov.au/learn?content=documentlibrary</a>), including:
  - SNOMED CT-AU Development Approach for Reference Sets
  - SNOMED CT-AU Australian Technical Implementation Guide
  - SNOMED CT-AU Sample scripts
- And presentations, including:
  - SNOMED CT-AU hierarchies
  - Introduction to the FHIR® specification
  - Basic FHIR® terminology services
- For more information on FHIR® ValueSets: https://www.hl7.org/fhir/valueset.html



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