

Update on OHDSI Standardized Vocabularies

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Overview

1. Recap of the plan for Vocabularies improvement

2.Accomplishments so far

- New process & Vocabulary Committee
- Landscape assessment
- Roadmap and releases
- Community contribution
- August release
- Experience with community contribution
- Vocabulary WG
- Quality management system
- 3. What is missing, issues faced and ways to improvement



Recap of Vocabularies improvement: What was planned?



Vocabularies process improvement

- 1.Landscape assessment of community needs
- 2.Roadmap and release schedule
- 3. Documentation & guidelines (developer, end-user, community contribution)
- 4. Quality framework and QA system
- 5. Vocabulary versioning
- 6. Common development infrastructure
- 7.Better code and automation (better machinery)
- 8. Vocabulary one-stop-shop and self-service



Vocabulary Committee



- •Oversees the improvement activities
- •Output and decisions are communicated to the community



Landscape assessment

Part I: 188 responses from 144 institutions | Part II: Vocabularies use in 60 data sources

FINDINGS

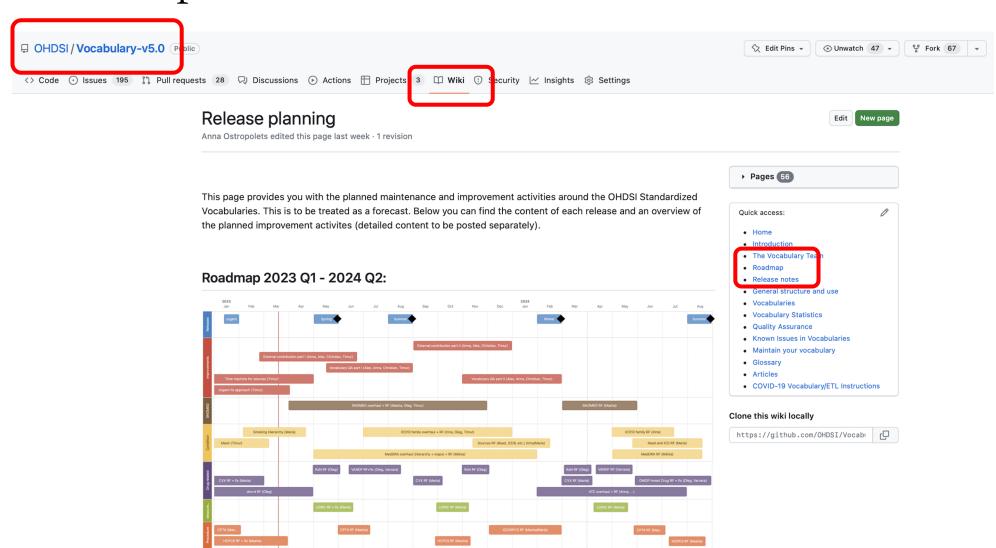
- 87% of the community feels confident about Vocabularies' integrity
- Most commonly used vocabularies:
 SNOMED, ICD 9/10(US and int versions), MedDRA, ICDO3, ATC,
 RxNorm/RxE, ICD10PCS, ICD9Proc,
 CPT4, LOINC, CVX, HCPCS, UCUM,
 NDC, NAACCR, Cancer Modifier
- Most update data annually or semiannually

NEEDS

- Transparent release schedule
- Vocabulary changes, versioning
- Transparent QA
- Better coverage and hierarchies
- More documentation and educational materials



Roadmap





Roadmap: vocabularies

Vocabularies on maintenance: ATC, CPT4, CVX, HCPCS, ICDs (10, 10CM, 10GM, 10PCS, CIM10, KCD7), LOINC, MedDRA, NDC, OMOP Invest Drug, RxNorm, RxNorm Extension, SNOMED, VANDF + administrative/supportive vocabularies (type, status).

Obsolete vocabularies: CCS, Cohort, Cohort Type, Condition Type, Cost Type, Death Type, Device Type, Drug Type, Episode Type, Meas Type, Multilex, NDFRT, Note Type, Obs Period Type, Observation Type, OXMIS, Procedure Type, SMQ, Specimen Type, Visit Type.

Vocabularies no longer maintained:

- Oncology: Cancer Modifier, CAP, HemOnc, ICDO3, NAACCR, Nebraska Lexicon, OncoTree, OMOP Genomic group (OncoKB, CGI, CIViC, ClinVar, JAX, HGNC, NCIt).
- Source: AMIS, AMT, BDPM, CCAM, CIEL, CTD, dm+d*, DPD, EDI, EU Product, GCN_SEQNO, Gemscript, GGR, GPI, JMDC, KDC, KNHIS, MeSH*, Multum, NCCD, OPS, PCORNet, SUS, UK Biobank, VA Class.
- Standard/Classification: APC, CDT, DRG, EphMRA ATC, ETC, Indication, MDC, NFC, OPCS4, OSM, US Census, SNOMED Veterinary.



Maintenance: Aug 2023 and February 2024 releases

August 2023
CPT4 refresh
LOINC refresh
NDC refresh
RxNorm refresh
RxNorm Extension update
SPL refresh
VANDF refresh

February 2024				
CVX refresh	SNOMED overhaul			
LOINC refresh	and refresh (UK, US, Int)			
NDC refresh	ICD10 improvement + refresh			
RxNorm refresh	(ICD10CM, ICD10, ICD10CN,			
	ICD10GM, CIM10)			
RxNorm Extension update	MedDRA <i>improvement</i> + refresh			
SPL refresh	Read mapping refresh			
HCPCS refresh	ICD10PCS refresh			

August 2024: refreshes of vocabularies above + ATC overhaul



What have you got so far?



Community contribution Part I: currently supported use cases

ADD NEW CONTENT

Does not impact the rest of the community Can be incorporated quickly (little review)

- Adding non-standard concepts to existing vocabularies
- Adding **synonyms** to existing concepts
- Adding **new mappings**
- Adding non-standard vocabularies

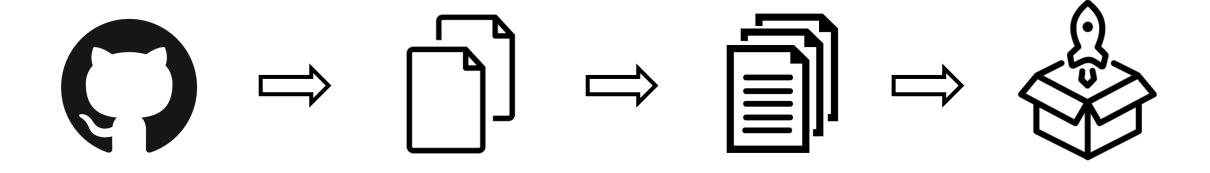
MODIFY EXISTING CONTENT

Requires review of the Vocab Team & other WGs/broader community

- Modifying existing mappings
- Modifying **concept fields** (e.g., description, domain, but not code)
- **Promoting non-standard** concepts to standard



Community contribution: pipeline



Issue on GitHub

Template

- Content
- Meta-data
- Checklist (QA)

Submission

Review

Release

More info: bit.ly/42qOscr



August release



August 2023 release: vocabularies on maintenance

Vocabulary	Version planed	Version released	Author
		(if different)	
СРТ4	Spring 2023		Masha Khitrun
LOINC	2.74	2.75 version	Maria Rogozhkina
NDC	August 2023		Oleg Zhuk, Timur Vakhitov
RxNorm	August 2023	July 2023	Oleg Zhuk, Timur Vakhitov
RxNorm Extension	August 2023		Anna Ostropolets, Timur Vakhitov
SPL	August 2023		Oleg Zhuk, Timur Vakhitov
VANDF/ VA class	20230306	20230807	Varvara Savitskaya



FRESH DELIVERY **LOINC 2.75**

- One of the core vocabularies
- Released 2023-08-15 by Regenstrief
 Institute only two weeks before the end
 of August
- LOINC-SNOMED hierarchy improved
- One-to-many mappings fixed
- SARS-2 related lab tests incorporated into the existing hierarchy



• New concepts

vocabulary_id	domain_id	count
LOINC	Measurement	2453
LOINC	Observation	1217
LOINC	Procedure	402
LOINC	Meas Value	215
LOINC	Note	114

• New relationships

vocabulary _id_1	vocabulary _id_2	relationship _id	count	percentage
LOINC	SNOMED	ls a	76	0,432%
LOINC	SNOMED	Maps to	-1	-0,19%
LOINC	OMOP Extension	ls a	7	5,512%



VANDF / VA Class

- Veterans Health Administration (VHA) produces the National Drug File (NDF)
- Updated overdue: v 2021-10-04 currently in Athena
- Huge changes to the algorithm of domain assignments. Previously, all the concepts from VANDF vocabulary were Drugs. Now we are separating Devices using internal hierarchy

Before

BANDAGE TUBULAR ELASTIC SZ C	Drug
TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE HOLDER WELCON #2740	Drug
DRESSING,SORBACELL FOAM 4IN X 4IN #84344	Drug

After

BANDAGE TUBULAR ELASTIC SZ C	Device
TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE HOLDER WELCON #2740	Device
DRESSING,SORBACELL FOAM 4IN X 4IN #84344	Device



VANDF / VA Class

Note: mapping provided by the source can be inaccurate in OMOP sense

VANDF code	VANDF name	relationship_id	RxNorm code	RxNorm name
4003882	CEPHAPIRIN NA 20GM/VIL INJ	Maps to	313899	cephapirin 417 MG/ML Injectable Solution
4004136	GENTAMICIN SO4 10MG/ML (PF) INJ	Maps to	1870676	2 ML gentamicin 10 MG/ML Injection
4004199	MEPIVACAINE HCL 3% INJ	Maps to	1305263	1.7 ML mepivacaine hydrochloride 30 MG/ML Cartridge
4004573	MEZLOCILLIN NA 1GM/VIL INJ	Maps to	311689	mezlocillin 250 MG/ML Injectable Solution
4005823	DOPAMINE HCL 80MG/ML INJ	Maps to	1743953	5 ML dopamine hydrochloride 80 MG/ML Injection
4006008	MANNITOL 100MG/ML INJ	Maps to	1791395	500 ML mannitol 100 MG/ML Injection
4007046	RANITIDINE HCL 150MG GRANULES,EFFERVSC	Maps to	827179	ranitidine 1 MG/ML Oral Solution



- Updated to UMLS 2023AA version
- Visit concepts have been back rolled back to their original domains (after debates with the CDM WG)
- Deduplication of semantic counterparts between CPT4 categories and SNOMED
- Relationships between CPT and SNOMED were enriched by mappings and hierarchical 'Is a'
- SNOMED-CPT crosswalks are now extracted directly from the source



• New concepts

• Domain change

•	New	re]	latio	nships
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vocabulary_id	domain_id	count
CPT4	Procedure	142
CPT4	Measurement	83
CPT4	Observation	23
CPT4	Drug	1

vocabulary_id	old_domain_id	new_domain_id	count
CPT4	Visit	Observation	175
CPT4	Visit	Procedure	8
CPT4	Visit	Measurement	3

vocabulary_id_1	vocabulary_id_2	relationship_id	count	percentage
CPT4	SNOMED	ls a	1344	212,995%
CPT4	SNOMED	Maps to	1562	159,877%
CPT4	SNOMED	CPT4 - SNOMED cat	86	0,516%
CPT4	SNOMED	CPT4 - SNOMED eq	-105	-0,644% 21



Other changes

- RxNorm is updated to July 2023 version.
- NDC/SPL are updated with August 2023 version
- Refined Smoking-related concept mappings: HCPCS, Read, UK Biobank,
 ICD10CM
- Family of previously proprietary CO-CONNECT vocabularies is now distributed under an open-source license thank you for your contribution!
- Minor bug fixes



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Community contribution in more details



Community contribution part I

- 11 contributions submitted so far:
 - Addition of content: 2 new non-standard vocabulaires
 - Modification of content: 1 with domain change, 3 with mapping changes
 - Complex: 2 with deduplication, 1 with hierarchy, 2 with new standard terms

- 4 contributions submitted and approved *before* the end of June and are *incorporated* into the August release
- 4 contributions submitted *after* the end of July and will be incorporated into the February release
- 3 contributions are not fully baked yet



Community contributions in the August release

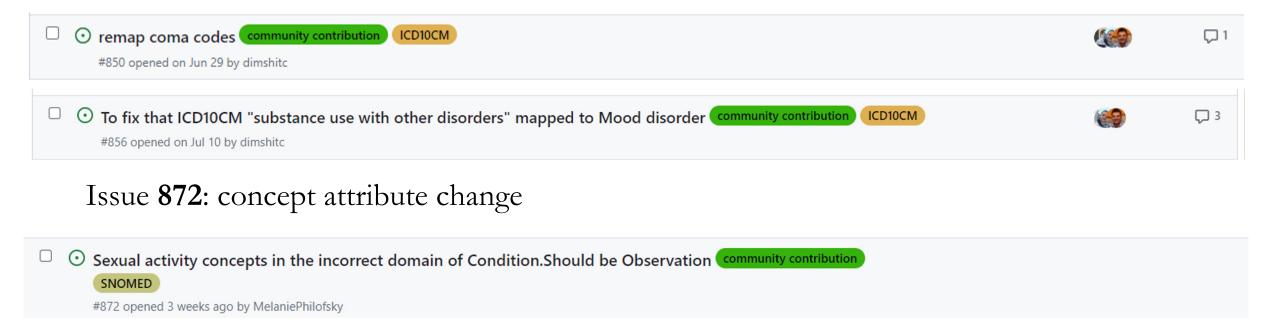
□ Adding NHS Ethnicity codes and Admission and Discharge codes to the OMOP vocabulary community contribution #843 opened on Jun 14 by solmazeradat		口 13
□ O ICD10CM: Limb vs. Lip in Carcinomas mapping bug community contribution ICD10CM #845 opened on Jun 21 by p-talapova	8	□ 2
Adding New RxE Drugs community contribution #853 opened on Jul 1 by aostropolets		

- 2 new non-standard vocabularies added with mappings (NHS Ethnic Category and NHS Place of Service)
- 4 mapping bugs fixed in existing vocabularies
- RxNorm Extension drug concepts added to support the local source drug system (Z-index)



Community contributions going into February release

Issues 850, 856: mapping changes



Issue **795**: most of the concepts are new SNOMEDs absent in vocabularies => postponed till February





Not fully baked community contribution

Issue 846: ongoing discussion in Oncology WG

• Intersection between Histopattern and Staging/Grading concept classes Cancer Modifier #846 opened on Jun 28 by dimshitc Issue 860: complex case (new hierarchy) with more discussion needed • suggest new tidier route hierarchy through linkage to dose form community contribution #860 opened on Jul 25 by tiozab Issue **851**: ongoing discussion Derived Value Standard Concept community contribution #851 opened on Jun 29 by cukarthik

Issue 871: to be reviewed and discussed

☐ ○ Feature Request: Vocabulary Contribution Linter community contribution



How first run of community contribution went

1. We incorporated all contributions submitted and approved by the end of June (many thanks to our contributors!)

1. Contributions can be made through templates but require involvement on both sides (and we advise to create an issue first!)

1. Quality assurance on the side of contributors and resolvement of inconsistencies on the Vocabularies development side are the areas for improvement



Examples of issues to watch out for in the checklist

Wrong dates

relationship_valid_end_date		
for old mappings - current date new mappings - 12/31/2099 date		
8/1/2023		
8/1/2023		
8/1/2023		
8/1/2023		
12/30/2099		
12/30/2099		
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Different vocabulary_ids in different files, referring to the same concepts

	vocabulary id 1
vocabulary_id	,
short name (id) of your vocabulary max 20 characters	short name (id) of your vocabulary max 20 characters
Vocabulary name Vocabulary name Vocabulary name	Different Vocabulary name Different Vocabulary name Different Vocabulary name

Wrong dates

relationship_valid_end_date	,
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Violating constraints: vocabulary_id longer than varchar(20)

vocabulary_id	
short name (id) of you vocabulary max 20 characters	ır
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...and it gets harder for more complex cases (new drugs, new hierarchies)



Community contribution: summary

1. Community is getting increasingly involved in collaborative Vocabularies development

1. Current template approach supports advertised use cases well but requires time

1. Further steps include more education (e.g., demos, Vocabulary WG) and building automated pipelines



Current QA-System

- Look in Github Vocabulary-v5.0 repo under Wiki
- QA consists of:
 - 1. Quality issue tracking and resolution in Forum or as Github Issue
 - 2. Scripts
 - Quality control scripts, mostly conformance and logic checks, a few semantic checks
 - Quality enforcing scripts, overwriting deviating content
 - 3. Manual content checks



Future QA-System: Quality Management System

- QMS is a formalised approach with documented objectives, processes, procedures, responsibilities
- · Consists of quality (i) planning, (ii) assurance, (iii) control, (iv) improvement
- We need:
 - Organization
 - Design
 - Documentation
 - Complaint handling and defect tracking
 - Corrective and preventive actions (CAPA)
 - Training



Vocabulary WG

- Changing focus to familiarize community with ongoing efforts and create a collaborative environment to share and discuss needs and ideas and to support other WGs
- Increased attendance (up to 40 people)
- Topics covered so far: community contribution, tracking vocabulary changes, SNOMED-LOINC hierarchy (check out our Teams subchannel!)
- Please come to raise questions and discuss your needs



Summary and next steps

- 1. We have implemented landscape assessment, established Vocabulary Committee, created roadmap, improved on documentation (incl. QA) and ran community contribution part I
- 1. More work is needed to establish working pipelines for community contribution, including common development environment
- 1. More engagement from community is needed (message Vocab Team, come to Vocab WG calls!)
- 1. Quality Management System is a crucial element and is currently in progress