

Summary Reference Table of Standard Terminologies

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Administrative/Billing Related				
Current Procedural Terminology	CPT®	Medical service and procedure codes commonly used in public and private health insurance plans and claims processing.	http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/3113.html	American Medical Association
International Classification of Diseases	ICD, ICD-O ICECI, ICF, ICPC	International standard for classifying diseases and other health problems recorded on health and vital records. ICD-9-CM, a modified version of the ICD-9 standard, is used for billing and claims data in the United States, which will transition to ICD-10-CM in 2013. The ICD is also used to code and classify mortality data from death certificates in the United States. ICD adaptations include ICD-O (oncology), ICECI (External Causes of Injury), ICF (Functioning, Disability and Health), and ICPC-2 (Primary Care, Second Edition).	http://www.who.int/classification/icd/en	World Health Organization

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Clinical				
Systemized Nomenclature of Medicine	SNOMED CT	Clinical health care terminology that maps clinical concepts with standard descriptive terms. Formerly SNOMED RT and SNOP.	http://www.ihtsdo.org/snomed-ct	International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization
Unified Medical Language System	UMLS	Database of 100 medical terminologies with concept mapping tools.	http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/	National Library of Medicine
Classification of Interventions & Procedures	OPCS-4	Code for operations, surgical procedures and interventions. Mandatory for use in National Health Service (England).	http://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/	
Diagnostic and Statistical Manual	DSM	The standard classification of mental disorders used in the United States by a wide range of health and mental health professionals. Currently used is DSM-IV.	http://www.psych.org/MainMenu/Research/DSMIV.aspx	American Psychiatric Association

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Drugs				
Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities	MedDRA	Terminology covering all phases of drug development excluding animal toxicology. Also covers health effects and malfunctions of devices. Replaced COSTART (Coding Symbols for a Thesaurus of Adverse Reaction Terms).	http://www.meddramsso.com	International Conference on Harmonization (ICH)
VA National Drug File Reference Terminology	NDF-RT UNII	Extension of the VA National Drug File; used for modeling drug characteristics, including ingredients, chemical structure, dose form, physiologic effect, mechanism of action, pharmacokinetics, and related diseases.	http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/SubstanceRegistrationSystem-UniqueIngredientIdentifierUNII/default.htm	U.S. Food and Drug Administration
RxNorm	RxNorm	Standardized nomenclature for clinical drugs. The name of a drug combines its ingredients, strengths, and/or form. Links to many of the drug vocabularies commonly used in pharmacy management and drug interaction software.	http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/rxnorm/	National Library of Medicine
World Health Organization Drug Dictionary	WHODRUG	International drug dictionary.	http://www.who.int/medicines/publications/druginformation/en/	World Health Organization

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Lab Specific				
Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes	LOINC®	Concept-based terminology for lab orders and results.	http://www.regenstrief.org/loinc/	Regenstrief Institute for Health Care
Other				
HUGO Gene Nomenclature Committee	HGNC	Recognized standard for human gene nomenclature.	http://www.genenames.org/about/HGNC.html	Human Genome Organization
Dietary Reference Intakes	DRI	Nutrient reference values developed by the Institute of Medicine to provide the scientific basis for the development of food guidelines in Canada and the United States.	http://www.iom.edu/About-IOM/Leadership-Staff/Boards/Food-and-Nutrition-Board.aspx	Institute of Medicine Food and Nutrition Board

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Quality Measurement				
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Measure Inventory	HHS NQMC	The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) is committed to providing the public an inventory of the measures that are currently being used by the Divisions in HHS for quality measurement, improvement, and reporting. The Department's goal is to further advance collaboration among members of the quality community and to advance the effective use and harmonization of quality of care measures. The Department's transparency about the quality measures being used lays the foundation for the measurement enterprise and local users to build and improve upon. The HHS Measure Inventory is only accessible through the National Quality Measures Clearinghouse™ (NQMC) Web site.	http://www.qualitymeasures.ahrq.gov/hhs-measure-inventory/browse.aspx	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

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