

The wide spread adoption of SNOMED CT by the health information technology community will require changes to many health IT systems. This includes the development of new tools and an understanding of the logic behind the terminology. While most tool developers and data managers are only now starting to investigate what this will mean for them, others have already started on that journey.

The workshop will provide an opportunity for those health professionals and tool developers who are already working with SNOMED CT to discuss the issues and problems which they haven't solved.

Registrants will be asked to provide an open issue which they have come across in their work. Workshop participants will then discuss the issues which come up most frequently and share solutions or approaches which have worked for others.

Issues which may be discussed include:

- Does terminology say it all - the case for context.
- Negation: is there a coherent answer?
- How far should mapping go?
- Advantages and disadvantages of pre-coordination vs post-coordination?
- Upgrading to SNOMED CT? Where does this leave existing classification systems?
- Hiding the detail: direct coding vs computing codes from text.

Potential users are encouraged to attend to hear case studies which may be useful to them.