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VERSION 10.0.0

Dear dm+d User,

**SNOMED International proposal to increase Description length limit**

NHS England are providing an update to the information posted in [April 2025](https://nhsengland.kahootz.com/t_c_home/viewBlogArticle?articleID=1206937&nextURL=%2Ft_c_home%2FviewBlog%3Fblogid%3D50136%26startRow%3D11)regarding the proposal from SNOMED International to increase the maximum length of Fully Specified Name (FSN) and Synonym descriptions, from 255 to 4096 characters.

Further information has been provided by SNOMED International which can be found in the following document: [Conclusion on Increasing Description Type length limits.](https://nhsengland.kahootz.com/t_c_home/viewdocument?docID=261551813)

A blog with further information is also available on the [SNOMED International website](https://www.snomed.org/news/blog%3A-snomed-international-concludes-community-feedback-period-on-proposed-description-character-limit-increase-and-finalizes-next-steps).

As SNOMED International have outlined in their document, they will implement the changes to the Description Type Length Limit in the **1st July 2026 International Edition release**. The change will come into effect in the **October 2026 UK release**.

If UK stakeholders have any questions/concerns, please email NHS England via [information.standards@nhs.net](mailto:information.standards@nhs.net) adding ‘**SNOMED International proposal to increase Description length** **limit**’ to the subject line.

NHS England will continue to share communications from SNOMED International as they become available.

**Updating the SNOMED CT UK Drug Extension model to reflect the SNOMED International model for national drug extensions.**

NHS England is providing an update to the [information](https://nhsengland.kahootz.com/t_c_home/viewBlogArticle?articleID=1247161&done=OBJChangesSaved) posted in July regarding the planned [Phase 1 changes](https://digital.nhs.uk/services/terminology-and-classifications/uk-medicines-terminology-futures/changes-to-digital-terminologies/updating-the-snomed-ct-uk-drug-extension-model/aligning-dm-d-vmp-class-medicinal-products) to the SNOMED CT UK Drug Extension.

**NHS England will go live with these changes in release 41.0.0 due 1 October 2025**

Further information about this work can be found on our [NHS England webpage](https://digital.nhs.uk/services/terminology-and-classifications/uk-medicines-terminology-futures/changes-to-digital-terminologies/updating-the-snomed-ct-uk-drug-extension-model)

If users would like to discuss this work further, contact: [nhsdigital.ukmeds@nhs.net](mailto:nhsdigital.ukmeds@nhs.net)

**Influenza vaccinations for the 2025/26 season**

The listing of all [vaccines marketed for the 2025/26 season](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/influenza-vaccines-marketed-in-the-uk/all-influenza-vaccines-marketed-in-the-uk-for-the-2025-to-2026-season-text-version) is now complete.

**Monthly dm+d Supplier Workshop**

NHS England hosts a monthly workshop for IT system suppliers to discuss dm+d content and implementation queries.  It is an opportunity to speak with colleagues from NHS England and the NHSBSA who manage the terminology.

If you are a system supplier who is interested in joining the group, please contact [medicinestandards@nhs.net](mailto:medicinestandards@nhs.net) for more information.

**DHSC require these concepts to be made available and visible (similar to licensed medicines) in prescribing and dispensing systems for the time being.**

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| **Specials/Imports added at request of DHSC to mitigate shortages in the supply chain** | | | |
| **AMP Name** | **AMP SNOMED Code** | **Import/Special** | **dm+d extract date** |
| Desmopressin 150micrograms/dose nasal spray | 38955011000001100 | Imported | 14/09/2020 |
| Desmopressin 150micrograms/dose nasal spray | 38996011000001101 | Special Order | 21/09/2020 |
| Capsaicin 0.025% cream | 41539411000001105 | Imported | 27/03/2023 |
| Capsaicin 0.075% cream | 41540711000001105 | Imported | 27/03/2023 |
| Griseofulvin 125mg tablets | 42441511000001104 | Imported (United States) | 27/11/2023 |
| Griseofulvin 500mg tablets | 42441811000001101 | Imported (United States) | 27/11/2023 |
| Hydrogen peroxide 3% solution | 42510811000001109 | Imported | 18/12/2023 |
| Creon 10000 capsules | 43034611000001101 | Imported | 15/07/2024 |
| Creon 25000 capsules | 43034811000001102 | Imported | 15/07/2024 |
| Pancreaze Delayed-Release capsules | 43035111000001108 | Imported | 15/07/2024 |
| Ipratropium bromide 250micrograms/1ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials | 43093511000001105 | Imported | 22/07/2024 |
| Ipratropium bromide 500micrograms/2ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials | 43094411000001109 | Imported | 22/07/2024 |
| Methylphenidate 18mg modified-release tablets | 43210911000001100 | Imported | 02/09/2024 |
| Methylphenidate 27mg modified-release tablets | 43211511000001100 | Imported | 02/09/2024 |
| Methylphenidate 36mg modified-release tablets | 43211911000001107 | Imported | 02/09/2024 |
| Methylphenidate 54mg modified-release tablets | 43212411000001109 | Imported | 02/09/2024 |
| Pangrol 10,000 capsules | 43788211000001100 | Imported | 23/09/2024 |
| Pangrol 25,000 capsules | 43788511000001102 | Imported | 23/09/2024 |
| Imiquimod 5% cream 250mg sachets | 41526711000001106 | Imported | 02/12/2024 |
| Quetiapine 50mg modified-release tablets | 44616911000001103 | Imported | 17/02/2025 |
| Quetiapine 150mg modified-release tablets | 44617411000001108 | Imported | 17/02/2025 |
| Quetiapine 200mg modified-release tablets | 44617711000001102 | Imported | 17/02/2025 |
| Quetiapine 300mg modified-release tablets | 44618011000001103 | Imported | 17/02/2025 |
| Quetiapine 400mg modified-release tablets | 44618311000001100 | Imported | 17/02/2025 |
| Fluorouracil 5% cream | 44618611000001105 | Imported | 17/02/2025 |
| Sodium fusidate 250mg tablets | 44619211000001103 | Imported | 17/02/2025 |
| Fusidic acid 250mg/5ml oral suspension | 44619511000001100 | Special Order | 17/02/2025 |
| Desmopressin 10micrograms/dose nasal spray | 44920311000001108 | Imported | 17/03/2025 |
| Flucytosine 500mg capsules | 44920711000001107 | Imported | 17/03/2025 |
| Diazepam 2mg/5ml oral suspension | 19674911000001101 | Special Order | 17/03/2025 |
| Triamcinolone acetonide 10mg/1ml suspension for injection ampoules | 42991511000001109 | Imported | 14/04/2025 |
| Triamcinolone acetonide 40mg/1ml suspension for injection vials | 42991811000001107 | Imported | 14/04/2025 |
| Galantamine 8mg modified-release capsules | 44970311000001109 | Imported | 21/04/2025 |
| Galantamine 16mg modified-release capsules | 44970611000001104 | Imported | 21/04/2025 |
| Galantamine 24mg modified-release capsules | 44970911000001105 | Imported | 21/04/2024 |
| Mefloquine 250mg tablets | 44993111000001108 | Imported | 05/05/2025 |
| Hyoscine 1mg/72hours transdermal patches | 44993411000001103 | Imported | 05/05/2025 |
| Gentamicin 20mg/2ml solution for injection ampoules | 44993711000001109 | Imported | 05/05/2025 |
| Mefenamic acid 50mg/5ml oral suspension | 11484811000001108 | Special Order | 05/05/2025 |
| Colistimethate 1million unit powder for nebuliser solution unit dose vials | 45040411000001101 | Imported | 12/05/2025 |
| Tolterodine 2mg modified-release capsules | 45130111000001103 | Imported | 19/05/2025 |
| Tolterodine 4mg modified-release capsules | 45130611000001106 | Imported | 19/05/2025 |
| Rifampicin 300mg / Isoniazid 150mg tablets | 45163811000001108 | Imported | 02/06/2025 |
| Lidocaine 10mg/dose spray sugar free | 45164011000001100 | Imported | 02/06/2025 |
| Lidocaine 5% / Phenylephrine 0.5% nasal spray | 45164311000001102 | Imported | 02/06/2025 |
| Yellow fever vaccine (live) powder and solvent for suspension for injection 0.5ml vials | 45399211000001102 | Imported | 18/08/2025 |
| Rifampicin 300mg capsules | 45399511000001104 | Imported | 18/08/2025 |
| Pyrazinamide 500mg tablets | 45399711000001109 | Imported | 18/08/2025 |
| Rifater tablets | 45400011000001109 | Imported | 18/08/2025 |
| Voractiv tablets | 45400311000001107 | Imported | 18/08/2025 |
| Rifampicin 600mg powder and solvent for solution for infusion vials | 45400511000001101 | Imported | 18/08/2025 |
| Rifampicin 150mg capsules | 42442611000001106 | Imported | 18/08/2025 |

**Invalidation****s**

None

**Advance Notice of Invalidations**

The following concepts will be invalidated mid-October as they were added erroneously.

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| **Concept to be made Invalid** | **Replacement concepts** |
| **VMP**  Dapagliflozin 5mg tablets (VMP Not to be invalidated) | **VMP**  N/A |
| **VMP SNOMED ID**  39689911000001109 | **VMP SNOMED ID**  N/A |
| **VMPP**  28 tablets (VMPP Not to be invalidated) | **VMPP**  N/A |
| **VMPP SNOMED ID**  21609311000001104 | **VMPP SNOMED ID**  N/A |
| **AMP**  Dapagliflozin 5mg tablets (Wockhardt UK Ltd) | **AMP**  N/A |
| **AMP SNOMED ID**  45245511000001100 | **AMP SNOMED ID** N/A |
| **AMPP**  28 tablets | **AMPP**  N/A |
| **AMPP SNOMED ID**  45245811000001102 | **AMPP SNOMED ID**  N/A |

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| **Concept to be made Invalid** | **Replacement concepts** |
| **VMP**  Dapagliflozin 10mg tablets (VMP Not to be invalidated) | **VMP**  N/A |
| **VMP SNOMED ID**  39689811000001104 | **VMP SNOMED ID**  N/A |
| **VMPP**  28 tablets (VMPP Not to be invalidated) | **VMPP**  N/A |
| **VMPP SNOMED ID**  21609711000001100 | **VMPP SNOMED ID**  N/A |
| **AMP**  Dapagliflozin 10mg tablets (Wockhardt UK Ltd) | **AMP**  N/A |
| **AMP SNOMED ID**  45246111000001103 | **AMP SNOMED ID** N/A |
| **AMPP**  28 tablets | **AMPP**  N/A |
| **AMPP SNOMED ID**  45246311000001101 | **AMPP SNOMED ID**  N/A |

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