

The New Taxonomy Management System

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Taxonomies Were Pointer Based

- Pointers to
 - ICD Diagnosis, file #80
 - ICD Operation/Procedure file, #80.1
 - CPT, file #81
- Defined a range of codes
- Used expansion

Problems With Expansion

- Ranges are meaningless in some coding systems
 - SNOMED CT
- Breaking down – unrelated code inserted into a range

Taxonomies Are Now Lexicon Based

- Based on a search term or code
 - Enter search term or code
 - Choose coding system
 - Lexicon search returns all matching codes
 - Select codes to be included in the taxonomy

This Is A General Approach

- It makes it possible for Clinical Reminders to support any coding system defined in the Coding Systems file, #757.03
- Provided
 - The coding system is maintained in Lexicon
 - Patient data using the coding system is stored in VistA

Coding Systems File

#757.03

- Defines
 - Three-character abbreviation
 - Nomenclature
 - Source title
 - Source
- Example
 - ICD
 - ICD-9-CM
 - International Classification of Diseases, Diagnosis, 9th Edition
 - US Department of Health and Human Services

Coding Systems Supported By Clinical Reminders

Abbreviation	Nomenclature
10D	ICD-10-CM
10P	ICD-10-Proc
CPT	CPT-4
CPC	HCPCS
ICD	ICD-9-CM
ICP	ICD-9-Proc
SCT	SNOMED CT

New Taxonomy Management System

- No more navigating menus
- Everything is done from the main screen
- This application integrates and uses
 - List Manager
 - ScreenMan
 - Browser

Browser and ScreenMan Basics

- FileMan Getting Started Manual
 - Browser - Part I Section 4
 - ScreenMan - Part II Section 8

ScreenMan Shortcuts Can Save Time

- All start with NumLock key (NL)
- (NL)C – close a screen
- (NL)E – exit and save changes
- (NL)H – help
- (NL)Q – exit and do not save changes
- (NL)Z – zoom editor

Some Browser Actions

- (NL)B – go to bottom
- (NL)E – exit
- (NL)F – find
- (NL)H – help
- (NL)Q – quit
- (NL)T – go to top

Reflections Terminal Emulator Setup Hints

- Screen element – Normal
- Default is
 - Background – white
 - Foreground – black
- Suggestion
 - Background – not white
 - Foreground – whatever you like with the chosen background

Taxonomy DD Changes

- Brief Description replaced by Description
- Pointer multiples replaced by Selected Codes Multiple
- Selectable Diagnosis and Selectable Procedures multiples no longer used for dialogs
- Instead codes are marked as Use In Dialog (UID)

Conversions Done During Installation

- Contents of Brief Description copied to Description
- Each range of codes moved to Selected Codes
 - Term/Code becomes “Copy from ABC range LLL to HHH”
 - ABC – three-character coding system abbreviation
 - LLL – low code
 - HHH – high code
 - Example
 - Copy from ICD range 250.00 to 250.93
- Active selectable diagnosis and selectable procedure codes marked as Use In Dialog

Dialogs Will Now Use Taxonomies Exclusively

- Individual codes no longer used as findings or additional findings
- Taxonomies for dialogs will be automatically generated
- Name example
 - ICD9 250.53
- Description
 - This taxonomy was automatically generated from Reminder Dialog IEN: 5343

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- Multi-package build: CR_ICD-10_UPDATE.KID
 - DG*5.3*862
 - GMPL*2.0*44
 - PXR*2.0*26
- Requires ICD*18.0*57 and LEX*2.0*80 combined build: ICD_18_57.KID

Work in Progress

PXRM*2*47

- Clean-up
 - Delete obsolete fields
 - Delete obsolete options and protocols
- Add All Selected Codes view
- Add Value Set Files
 - NLM Value Set Coding Systems
 - NLM Value Sets
 - NLM Quality Measure Groups
- Create a taxonomy from a Value Set
 - Only import codes from supported coding systems