

NZHTS release note for March 2024

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This release note covers the monthly release of new content to the NZ Health Terminology Service (NZHTS) for March 2024.

NZHTS is the health sector's one-stop source of standard terminologies and code sets for high quality digital health records and interoperability. NZHTS is a free service, available to all New Zealand health entities and their industry partners.

Learn more about NZHTS and how to use it on the [Health NZ website](#) and [API marketplace](#).

Previously released content

Release date	New content
December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNOMED CT NZ Edition October 2022 release • National Health Index (NHI) code sets • Health Provider Index (HPI) code sets • HL7® FHIR® NZ Base Implementation Guide
February 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZ Pathology Observation Code Sets (NZPOCS) October 2023 release • NZ International Patient Summary (NZIPS) code sets for problems and conditions and for allergies and adverse reactions • MedDRA 25.1 pharmacovigilance codes
March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANZSCO occupation codes • ISO country and language codes • DSM-IV mental health codes • Maternity care code sets • NZIPS medication code sets
April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNOMED CT NZ Edition April 2023 release with reference sets for the following • Structured pathology reporting of cancer • Health consumer information • Family planning • Minor procedures
May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZPOCS April 2023 release • All remaining NZIPS code sets • Aotearoa Immunisation Register (AIR) draft code sets

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CVX and NZVX vaccination codes • Iwi affiliation codes • CanShare value sets for all SNOMED reference sets
June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZ Medicines Terminology (NZMT) code sets
July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethnic group level 1 and level 2 codes • MedDRA version 26.0 pharmacovigilance codes • Read to SNOMED map • NZMT July 2023 release
October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CanShare reference sets • Assistance and preferences reference set • Common patient friendly terms reference set • Female pelvic surgical mesh injury reference set • Oral health reference sets
November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MedDRA version 26.1 • Rheumatic fever code sets

New content this release

- Unified Code for Units of Measure (UCUM)

UCUM

This release adds the UCUM code system and common codes value set to NZHTS.

UCUM is the chosen standard for representing units of measure in lab results.

Code system URI <http://unitsofmeasure.org>

Value set URI <http://hl7.org/fhir/ValueSet/ucum-common>

Example queries:

- <https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/CodeSystem/v3-ucum>
- <https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/ucum-common>

Upcoming releases

Our next release will add the SNOMED NZ release for April 2024.

New content for the following releases includes:

- General dentistry and odontogram refsets
- Long term conditions refsets
- Other primary care refsets

News and education

Look out for our SNOMED Open Forum Hui Tuwhera in April 2024.

Links

The FHIR API endpoint for NZHTS is <https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir>

Browse to this endpoint to register as a service user.

To request an NZHTS API key email standards@health.govt.nz

You can find all available NZHTS content listed here:

- <https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/CodeSystem>
- <https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet>
- <https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ConceptMap>

See our [Github repository](#) for examples of code set lookups using the API. We also have Postman collections to share.

See also [SNOMED CT NZ Edition October 2023 release note](#)

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