

NZHTS release note for November 2023

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This release note covers the monthly release of new content to the NZ Health Terminology Service (NZHTS) for November 2023.

Launched in December 2022, 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 [Te Whatu Ora website](#) and the [Hira 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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aotearoa Immunisation Register (AIR) draft code sets • 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

New content this release

- MedDRA version 26.1
- Rheumatic fever code sets

MedDRA version 26.1

We've loaded MedDRA version 26.1 and this now available to users alongside previous versions 26.0 and 25.1.

Code system URI <http://terminology.hl7.org/CodeSystem/mdr-26-1>

Value set URI <https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/meddra-code-26-1>

Example query

[https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/\\$expand?url=https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/meddra-code-26-1&filter=abdo%20pain](https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/$expand?url=https://nzhts.digital.health.nz/fhir/ValueSet/meddra-code-26-1&filter=abdo%20pain)

Rheumatic fever code sets

This release adds the following value sets for recordkeeping around the diagnosis and management of rheumatic fever related conditions, including acute rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease.

Value sets:

- Rheumatic fever care team participant role
- Rheumatic fever diagnostic certainty
- Rheumatic fever care team category

- Rheumatic fever diagnosis at registration
- Rheumatic fever care plan category
- Rheumatic fever medication allergy
- Rheumatic fever rheumatic heart disease severity

Upcoming releases

Our next release will add UCUM (units of measure) code sets.

News and education

Thank you to everyone attending our recent Advancing SNOMED CT implementation series.

See you at our next event:

- [IPS-athon at Digital Health Week NZ, 27-28 November 2023](#) (sold out)

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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