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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.

**Form and Ingredient SNOMED code updates**

The SNOMED codes for the forms and ingredients below have been updated in line with NHS England SNOMED CT October 2025 Release.

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| **dm+d form name** | **Previous SNOMED ID** | **Updated SNOMED ID** |
| Prolonged-release chewable tablet | 45479811000001104 | 62071000087106 |
| Solution for blood fraction modification | 34937011000001105 | 1008211000202107 |
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| **dm+d ingredient name** | **Previous SNOMED code** | **Replacement SNOMED code** |
| Atidarsagene autotemcel | 40518611000001102 | 1363393003 |
| Ciltacabtagene autoleucel | 44122711000001109 | 1370976008 |
| Ectoine | 44103211000001102 | 1363052000 |
| Efanesoctocog alfa | 44881711000001102 | 1363054004 |
| Epcoritamab | 42501111000001106 | 1363209009 |
| Fruquintinib | 43990011000001104 | 1363353001 |
| Gadopiclenol | 42827211000001102 | 1363068006 |
| Glofitamab | 42237911000001103 | 1363208001 |
| Momelotinib | 42642511000001105 | 1366447007 |
| Momelotinib dihydrochloride monohydrate | 42642611000001109 | 1366448002 |
| Pegzilarginase | 44008911000001109 | 1366463004 |
| Rezafungin | 42577611000001102 | 1363064008 |
| Rezafungin acetate | 42577711000001106 | 1363063002 |
| Talquetamab | 42252111000001102 | 1363065009 |
| Tarlatamab | 44544411000001101 | 92911000087102 |

**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 |

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

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| **Concept to be made Invalid** | **Replacement concepts** |
| **VMP**  Varenicline 1mg tablets (VMP Not to be invalidated) | **VMP**  N/A |
| **VMP SNOMED ID**  39707011000001106 | **VMP SNOMED ID**  N/A |
| **VMPP**  14 tablet (VMPP Not to be invalidated)  28 tablet (VMPP Not to be invalidated)  56 tablet (VMPP Not to be invalidated) | **VMPP**  N/A |
| **VMPP SNOMED ID**  10980911000001100  10971511000001106  11276211000001109 | **VMPP SNOMED ID**  N/A |
| **AMP**  Varenicline 1mg tablets (Consilient Health Ltd) | **AMP**  N/A |
| **AMP SNOMED ID**  45416111000001106 | **AMP SNOMED ID**  N/A |
| **AMPP**  14 tablet  28 tablet  56 tablet | **AMPP**  N/A |
| **AMPP SNOMED ID**  45422711000001102  45416211000001100  45416311000001108 | **AMPP SNOMED ID**  N/A |

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| **Concept to be made Invalid** | **Replacement concepts** |
| **VMP**  Varenicline 500microgram tablets (VMP Not to be invalidated) | **VMP**  N/A |
| **VMP SNOMED ID**  39707111000001107 | **VMP SNOMED ID**  N/A |
| **VMPP**  11 tablet (VMPP Not to be invalidated)  56 tablet (VMPP Not to be invalidated) | **VMPP**  N/A |
| **VMPP SNOMED ID**  10980711000001102  10971211000001108 | **VMPP SNOMED ID**  N/A |
| **AMP**  Varenicline 500microgram tablets (Consilient Health Ltd) | **AMP**  N/A |
| **AMP SNOMED ID**  45418011000001109 | **AMP SNOMED ID**  N/A |
| **AMPP**  11 tablet  56 tablet | **AMPP**  N/A |
| **AMPP SNOMED ID**  45422811000001105  45418111000001105 | **AMPP SNOMED ID**  N/A |

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| **Concept to be made Invalid** | **Replacement concepts** |
| **VMP**  Varenicline 1mg and 500microgram tablets (VMP Not to be invalidated) | **VMP**  N/A |
| **VMP SNOMED ID**  10984311000001109 | **VMP SNOMED ID**  N/A |
| **VMPP**  25 tablet (VMPP Not to be invalidated) | **VMPP**  N/A |
| **VMPP SNOMED ID**  10981111000001109 | **VMPP SNOMED ID**  N/A |
| **AMP**  Varenicline 1mg and 500microgram tablets (Consilient Health Ltd) | **AMP**  N/A |
| **AMP SNOMED ID**  45422311000001101 | **AMP SNOMED ID**  N/A |
| **AMPP**  25 tablet | **AMPP**  N/A |
| **AMPP SNOMED ID**  45422911000001100 | **AMPP SNOMED ID**  N/A |

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