



Welcome to the 11th issue of PITUS Update. The Project provides regular updates on the progress of the Pathology Information Terminology and Units Standardisation (PITUS) Project through this newsletter.

The PITUS 18-20 Steering Committee met for the fourth time on 17 September 2019. Reports were given on significant progress and much hard work for each of the working groups. The Table below gives a sense of this and the numbers involved.

PITUS 18-20 Working Group Activity

Working Group	Total Meetings	Total Members
Wg1 Evaluation & Promotion	16	22
Wg2 SPIA Terminology Reference Set Development Chemical Pathology	7	13
Wg2 SPIA Terminology Reference Set Development Haematology	5	12
Wg2 SPIA Terminology Reference Set Development Immunopathology	6	10
Wg2 SPIA Terminology Reference Set Development Serology / Micro / Molecular	6	11
Wg3 Systems Design & Compliance	16	22
Wg4 SPRC Infostructure & Conformance	12	14
Wg5 Report Standardisation	15	27

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The National Clinical Terminology Service (NCTS) published the latest updates to the RCPA SPIA terminology reference sets on 24 September 2019. This interim Release incorporates 518 updates to new or existing terms plus 209 new requesting terms for allergens. All RCPA SPIA information models and terminology reference sets will be published and maintained via the [NCTS website](#) with the [RCPA PITUS Downloads page](#) directing users to the NCTS portal shortly. To access the resources on the NCTS portal you must first [register](#) as either an individual or an organisation, accepting the Registration Terms.

Working Group 2 – Terminology Reference Set Development continues to make substantial progress with the review and approval of pathology terms for requesting (SNOMED-CT) & reporting (LOINC):

Discipline	LOINC Terms reviewed as at 30 Sep 2019	LOINC Terms approved as at 30 Sep 2019
Chem Path	121	99
Haem / TM	111	34
Immunopath	105	89
Sero / Micro / Mol Bio	251	70
Totals	588	292

Discipline	SNOMED-CT Terms reviewed as at 30 Sep 2019	SNOMED-CT Terms approved as at 30 Sep 2019
Chem Path	11	10
Haem / TM	111	45
Immunopath	268	252
Sero / Micro / Mol Bio	260	65
Totals	650	372



Congratulations to Grahame Grieve, Founder and Product Director of FHIR^R at HL7 International for receiving the [John P. Glaser Health Informatics Innovator Award](#). Grahame was inducted into the Glaser Society on 18 October 2019 at the University of Texas. Grahame has been a participant on PITUS Projects since inception and is currently working with the Project on FHIR^R for Structured Cancer Reporting. Grahame gave one of his first public descriptions of FHIR^R to the RCPA Informatics Committee in 2013.



Grahame Grieve, BSc, MAACB, FACHI 2019
Glaser Award Recipient

Working Group 3 - Systems Design and Compliance, in collaboration with the Australian Digital Health Agency has completed a significant body of work with the transformation of all published RCPA SPIA information models and terminology reference sets into FHIR^R Resources making it easier for implementation and ongoing maintenance. FHIR^R is a healthcare interoperability standard used to describe data formats and elements published by Health Level 7 (HL7). The terminology work was facilitated by the CSIRO and now means the RCPA SPIA information models and terminology reference sets & related knowledge are available via the NCTS.

Requesting a new LOINC or SNOMED-CT code

Does your laboratory want to get onboard implementing SPIA requesting or reporting terms? If so, check the latest RCPA SPIA information models and terminology reference sets loaded to the [NCTS](#) website for all desired Preferred terms and their relevant codes and attributes.

If you can't find a term, send an email to the PITUS Project Officer at PITUS@rcpa.edu.au as the term may be waiting for review with the relevant Working Group.

Alternatively, for new SNOMED CT-AU terms, download the [bulk request template](#) from the [NCTS](#) website and email your submission along with supporting documentation to help@digitalhealth.gov.au.

For new LOINC terms, download the [LOINC Lab Submission template](#) from the [LOINC website](#) and email your submission template along with supporting documentation to submissions@loinc.org.

Publications of Interest

[Setting the standard for messaging](#)

[LOINC codes to be added to National Clinical Terminology Service](#)

[NT Health to link MyHR pathology reports to Lab Test Online](#)

[Telstra Health gearing up to add bowel program to National Cancer Screening Register](#)

Upcoming Events

[Pathology Update 2020](#) Thursday 20 March – Saturday 22 March 2020 at the International Convention Centre, Sydney NSW

Pathology Informatics Seminar 2020 – TBA