



Welcome to the tenth 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 is scheduled to convene for a third time via web conference on Tuesday 21 May 2019.

## PITUS 18-20 Working Group Updates 01 January - 05 May 2019

| Working Group  | Number of Meetings | Number of Members |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Wg1</b> Evaluation & Promotion                                      | 4                  | 21                |
| <b>Wg2</b> Terminology Development Chemical Pathology                  | 2                  | 14                |
| <b>Wg2</b> Terminology Development Haematology                         | 2                  | 13                |
| <b>Wg2</b> Terminology Development Immunopathology                     | 2                  | 11                |
| <b>Wg2</b> Terminology Development Serology / Microbiology / Molecular | 1                  | 11                |
| <b>Wg3</b> Systems Design & Compliance                                 | 5                  | 21                |
| <b>Wg4</b> SPRC Infostructure & Conformance                            | 4                  | 14                |
| <b>Wg5</b> Report Standardisation                                      | 6                  | 25                |

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Working Group 2 – Terminology Development has made substantial progress with the review and approval of new pathology terms for both requesting (SNOMED-CT) & reporting (LOINC).

| Discipline   | LOINC Terms reviewed as at 01 May 2019 | LOINC Terms approved as at 01 May 2019 |
|--------------|--|--|
| Chem Path    | 70                                     | 56                                     |
| Haem / TM    | 73                                     | 33                                     |
| Immunopath   | 58                                     | 43                                     |
| Micro        | 215                                    | 34                                     |
| Serol / MB   | 36                                     | 36                                     |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>452</b>                             | <b>202</b>                             |

| Discipline   | SNOMED-CT Terms reviewed as at 01 May 2019 | SNOMED-CT Terms approved as at 01 May 2019 |
|--------------|--|--|
| Chem Path    | 16   | 9  |
| Haem / TM    | 0  | 0  |
| Immunopath   | 5  | 1  |
| Micro        | 46   | 1  |
| Serol / MB   | 54   | 20   |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>121</b>                                 | <b>31</b>                                  |

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 SPIA terminology reference sets into FHIR<sup>R</sup>. FHIR<sup>R</sup>, published by Health Level 7 (HL7), is a healthcare interoperability standard used to describe data formats and elements. It is also an application programming interface which facilitates healthcare data importing and exchange processes at a local computer system level for use by pathology providers, clinicians, registries and medical software vendors.



## RCPA Pathology Update 2019

Pathology Update 2019 - The Power of Personalised Pathology was held on 22-24 February at the Melbourne Convention Centre. 1370 delegates attended the event and a previous conference record was surpassed with 247 poster submissions received for the Roche Scientific Poster Display.

Authorised speaker presentations from the conference are available until August 2019 via the RCPA website link [Authorised Presentations](#).



A/Prof David Ellis with A/Prof Bruce Latham (RCPA President) at Pathology Update 2019

A/Prof David Ellis (Chair of PITUS wg4) was formally recognised by receiving the RCPA Distinguished Fellow Award in 2019 for his outstanding contributions to pathology in teaching as well as having attained a position of eminence in his chosen field of Anatomical Pathology. David has been involved with the PITUS Projects since 2011 and continues to contribute significantly to the development of structured pathology reporting for cancer (SPRC) in Australasia. Best wishes and congratulations from your PITUS colleagues.

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Paul Carroll at Pathology Update 2019

Mr Paul Carroll, Program Manager - Pathology & Diagnostic Imaging Program with the Australian Digital Health Agency, debunked many myths surrounding My Health Record during his presentation *Diagnostic reports and My Health Record*. Topics covered included: Opting out of My Health Record, controlling access to your record and collaboration work undertaken with Lab Tests Online AU to assist consumers to better understand pathology testing.

### Recent Events

[2<sup>nd</sup> Australasian Diagnostic Error in Medicine Conference](#) 28-30 April 2019, Melbourne

[8<sup>th</sup> AACB Harmonisation Workshop](#) 01-02 May 2019, Sydney

### Upcoming Events

HL7 Australia workshop Thursday 30 May 2019 in Brisbane – venue TBA

[MSIA Member Forum](#) Thursday 13 June 2019 at the RCPA Professor Alan BP Ng Education Centre, Sydney

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