



## IHTSDO Nursing SIG Terms of Reference

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### 1. Mission

The IHTSDO Nursing Special Interest Group is a community of practice for the nursing profession, supporting worldwide nursing participation in the development, validation, uptake, implementation, and correct use of SNOMED CT and related products.

### 2. Objectives

Working with the wider IHTSDO community we aim to:

- a) Ensure there is sufficient and appropriate terminology content to support nursing requirements for documenting patient care—assessments, problems, goals, interventions, outcomes
- b) Identify needs and prepare use cases to provide rationale for prioritization of new content (and related products) by the Content Committee
- c) Facilitate expert / specialist / cultural (example is terminology for birth and death events) input to support relevant work items of the Nursing SIG
- d) Provide domain expertise for concept clarification for modeling activities of other SIGs and Project Groups (PGs)
- e) Encourage new participants and provide orientation and support for them
- f) Develop and maintain collaborations with terminology developers, vendors and related nursing organizations
- g) Provide guidance about the use of SNOMED CT and related products in nursing settings
- h) Develop relationships with national and international nursing organizations to promote the use of SNOMED CT and related products
- i) Communicate and collaborate with other IHTSDO SIGs and Project Groups and external groups on issues of relevance to nursing (e.g. HL7, ISO TC 215, IMIA Nursing Informatics Work Group) to influence developments and reduce redundancy.

### 3. Principles underpinning our work

- a) In accordance with the articles and ways of working of the IHTSDO, the activities of the Nursing SIG shall be open, fair and transparent. Participation is welcomed from anyone with an interest in the domain, within the conditions of the IHTSDO participation agreement ([http://www.ihtsdo.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Docs\\_01/About\\_IHTSDO/Publications/Contributors\\_Agreement.pdf](http://www.ihtsdo.org/fileadmin/user_upload/Docs_01/About_IHTSDO/Publications/Contributors_Agreement.pdf))
- b) When making decisions / recommendations related to nursing content of SNOMED CT, we will take account of the following authoritative sources:
  - International Classification for Nursing Practice (ICNP) and relevant other internationally recognised terminologies
  - ISO 18104 and other relevant international standards
  - Published systematic reviews from authoritative sources
  - Nursing professional organizations' standards and policies (evidence, expert opinion).
- c) To support open participation, the SIG works mainly electronically and via teleconferences. Anyone wishing to participate should sign up for access to the [IHTSDO collaborative space](#).