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Dear dm+d User,

# Advance Notice Regarding SNOMED CT Updates

In November we received a file of SNOMED updates to make to some concepts mainly at Form and Ingredient levels. A handful of changes are also to be made to some Route of administration, Unit of measure, VMP and VTM concepts too.

We plan to make these updates mid-January 2022.

If you require some more insight in advance of these updates, please email: nhsbsa.dmdenquiries@nhs.net

# Advance Notice Regarding VMPP Drug Tariff Price Attribute

As per the NHS dm+d Technical Specification of Data Files document ([Technical](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2017-02/Technical_Specification_of_data_files_R2_v3.1_May_2015.pdf) [Specification of Data Files for the Primary Care Drug Dictionary (nhsbsa.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2017-02/Technical_Specification_of_data_files_R2_v3.1_May_2015.pdf)), the Drug Tariff Price field (and previous price) can be up to a maximum of 6 (six) digits. We have a VMP on dm+d ‘Chenodeoxycholic acid 250mg capsules’ that requires more digits at VMPP level here.

This is therefore advance notice that in early March 2022 we will be implementing a fix to increase the Drug Tariff price field to be up to a maximum of 8 (eight) digits.

# dm+d Issues Log Updated

This has been updated and can be found via the following link: [Dictionary of medicines](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/dictionary-medicines-and-devices-dmd) [and devices (dm+d) | NHSBSA](https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/dictionary-medicines-and-devices-dmd) under the section ‘Contact dm+d or raise an issue’.

The log has been updated with one issue regarding a mismatch in strength found between VMP Iohexol 755mg/ml (Iodine 350mg/ml) solution for injection 100ml plastic bottles that was authored in 2005.

This issue revealed that there had been a historical authoring inconsistency between the VMP strength of iodine and the strength reported in the VMP ingredient details field.

**VMP name change for Senna 7.5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free**

Updates are being made to dm+d following guidance from the Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) and the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA): [Sennosides and senna labelling requirements – SPS - Specialist Pharmacy Service – The](https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/sennosides-new-labelling-requirements/) [first stop for professional medicines advice](https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/sennosides-new-labelling-requirements/)

One of the updates is that from 1st December 2021, the aforementioned VMP is changing in Part VIIIA of the Drug Tariff and on dm+d to:

* Sennosides 7.5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free

Whilst the VMP name will change, the VMP SNOMED code will remain the same which should minimise the impact of any transient lack of synchronicity between prescribing and dispensing systems.

The NHSBSA will ensure that reimbursement is not affected.

# 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 |
| Phenelzine 15mg capsules | 38947211000001100 | Special Order | 14/09/2020 |
| Phenelzine 15mg capsules | 39000111000001109 | Imported | 21/09/2020 |
| Cimetidine 200mg tablets | 38957911000001106 | Imported | 14/09/2020 |
| Cimetidine 400mg tablets | 38958211000001103 | Imported | 14/09/2020 |
| Cimetidine 800mg tablets | 38958411000001104 | Imported | 14/09/2020 |
| Fluoxetine 10mg tablets | 38962111000001102 | Imported | 14/09/2020 |
| Cloral betaine 707mg tablets | 39069011000001104 | Imported | 12/10/2020 |
| Danazol 100mg capsules | 39069211000001109 | Special Order | 12/10/2020 |
| Danazol 200mg capsules | 39069611000001106 | Special Order | 12/10/2020 |
| DDAVP 100micrograms/ml intranasal solution | 39124811000001107 | Imported (Canada) | 02/11/2020 |
| DDAVP 100micrograms/ml intranasal solution | 39125011000001102 | Imported (Netherlands) | 02/11/2020 |
| DDAVP 100micrograms/ml intranasal solution | 39125211000001107 | Imported (Germany) | 02/11/2020 |
| Haloperidol 5mg/5ml oral solution sugar free | 39125711000001100 | Special Order | 02/11/2020 |
| Modecate Concentrate 100mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules | 39132811000001104 | Imported (Germany) | 09/11/2020 |
| Modecate 25mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules | 39132211000001100 | Imported (Germany) | 09/11/2020 |
| Modecate 25mg/1ml solution for injection ampoules | 39132411000001101 | Imported (Denmark) | 09/11/2020 |
| Mestranol 50microgram / Norethisterone 1mg tablets | 39229711000001101 | Imported | 09/12/2020 |
| Chloral hydrate 143.3mg/5ml oral solution BP | 39517711000001107 | Special Order | 12/04/2021 |
| Clonidine 100microgram tablets | 39943911000001103 | Imported | 02/08/2021 |

**Invalidations**

None

**Advance Notice of Invalidations**

The following concepts will be invalidated mid-February. They have been reauthored under a new VMP.

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| **Concept to be made Invalid** | **Replacement concepts** |
| **VMP**Colecalciferol 1,000units/ml oral drops sugar free | **VMP**Colecalciferol 1,000units/drop oral drops sugar free |
| **VMP SNOMED ID**34878111000001103 | **VMP SNOMED ID**40329711000001106 |
| **VMPP**20ml | **VMPP**20ml |
| **VMPP SNOMED ID**40052911000001103 | **VMPP SNOMED ID**40326211000001108 |
| **VMPP**30ml | **VMPP**30ml |
| **VMPP SNOMED ID**34865211000001106 | **VMPP SNOMED ID**40326311000001100 |
| **AMP**Healthmarque D3 1,000unit oral drops | **AMP**Healthmarque D3 1,000unit oral drops |
| **AMP SNOMED ID**40053011000001106 | **AMP SNOMED ID**40328311000001101 |
| **AMPP**20ml | **AMPP**20ml |
| **AMPP SNOMED ID**40053111000001107 | **AMPP SNOMED ID**40328411000001108 |
| **AMP**Vitamin D3 1,000unit oral drops | **AMP**Vitamin D3 1,000unit oral drops |
| **AMP SNOMED ID**34865311000001103 | **AMP SNOMED ID**40328511000001107 |
| **AMPP**30ml | **AMPP**30ml |
| **AMPP SNOMED ID**34865411000001105 | **AMPP SNOMED ID**40328611000001106 |

Kind regards

dm+d Authoring Team