



# UPDATE on RxNorm

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Presentation on 2/1/2005

# Current Status

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- Maintenance Environment Outside UMLS
- Maintain Currency With UMLS
- Updates Issued Outside UMLS
  - First Release November, 2004
  - Full Release Post UMLS Release (Resynchronized)
  - Interim Updates

# Documentation

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- Available on RxNorm Website
  - Editorial Policy
  - Suggestions About Implementations
- Revision In Process
- RxNav - a Browser

# Compatibility with NCPDP

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- Inseparability of Messaging from Terminology
- Character Limits - Field Length
- Exception Handling

## Content (1) - 2005AA UMLS

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- 5372 Ingredients
- 9280 Brand Names
- 27310 Clinical Drugs
- 14362 Branded Drugs

## Content (2)

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- Adding Updates from Sources
- New (Resynch) Release end of February
- Additional Releases including more Sources
- NDC Codes
  - Adding Those Available
  - Linking to Branded Drugs

## Content (3)

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- Prescription Drugs at Present
- Handling Obsoletes
  - Obsolete Suppressibility Flag
  - Obsolete Names from Sources

# The Future

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- Consistent Names for Devices
- Coverage for Reimbursable Supplies
- The DailyMed - Later this Year
  - Structured Product Labels
  - RxNorm Names



# Personnel

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- Adding RxNorm Specialist
  - Liaison Function to SDOs
  - Additional User Help
- Source Tracker
- Stable IT staff

# Last Thought

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- Use Leads to Improvement