Update on NLM Standards Related Activities

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Agenda

Recent Events Update UMLS Metathesaurus RxNorm Introduction of DailyMed Status of NLM / HL7 contract Mapping Projects



Sept. 2005 – American Health Information Community – advisory committee of industry leaders & agency heads – HHS Sec. chair

 Oct. 2005 – Office of National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), HHS awards contracts for (1) *standards harmonization, (2) compliance certification, (3) privacy/security solutions

 - *Commission on Systemic Interoperability releases report

*NLM involved at HHS request

Recent Events

Nov. 2005 – Medicare e-prescribing foundation standards named

 ONC awards 4 contracts for National Health Information Network (NHIN) architecture prototypes

• Jan. 2006

- Interagency Health Information Technology Policy Council
- *HHS Health Information Technology Policy Council

*NLM involved at HHS request

UMLS® – Moving from a Research Project to a Production System

Includes:

 Transitioning from research branch (Lister Hill Center) to production branch (Office of Computer and Communications Systems and Library Operations)

- Migrating to new computer hardware and software
- Adding new staff to support improvements to documentation, training, QA, and customer support

Primarily affects production of the Metathesaurus release files.

Research branch will still be heavily involved in continued development

2006AA UMLS Metathesaurus (February 2006)

 1,276,301concepts
 5,021,400 unique "strings" (Eye, Eyes, eye = 3)
 6,040,931 source vocabulary terms
 140 source vocabularies
 17 different languages

New Metathesaurus Tools

MRCXT Builder

- Provides contextual or hierarchical relationships to facilitate the construction of user displays
- Allows users to produce a custom MRCXT file from user's subset of the Metathesaurus
- Replaces the large and unwieldy MRCXT file

RRF Subset Browser

 Allows users to search, view and print custom subsets of the Metathesaurus stored on their local computers or networks

UMLSKS

New version in the works

 Back end - implementing Web Services to make it easier for people to access the system (XML based)

- Front end
 - Portals allow users to customize their view of the Metathesaurus
 - Search Metathesaurus on NLM server or local subset
- Beta version available summer 2006

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UMLS Annual Report Data

Results from first web-based UMLS user annual report (calendar year 2004)

- Total number of valid responses: 1,427 (54% of the number of licensees as of December 2004)
- Top three types of affiliation: Academic (40%), Commercial (26%), Not-for-profit (11%)
- Top three types of main activity: Research + Education (42%), Software development (20%), Health care provider (17%)
- Experience with UMLS: 53% have started using the UMLS (median duration of usage = 12 months), 47% have not started

UMLS Annual Report Data

- Top three types of information that the UMLS is used to process (multiple answers allowed):
 - Findings and diagnosis (55% of respondents)
 - Procedures (34% of respondents)
 - Laboratory tests and reports (29% of respondents)

Top three uses of the UMLS (multiple answers allowed):

- Terminology research (53% of respondents)
- Mapping between terminologies (35% of respondents)
- Creating own terminology (33% of respondents)

Metathesaurus terminologies used:

Everything	47%
SNOMED CT only	24%
Category 0 only	12%
SNOMED CT and Category 0	8%

RxNorm Update

Monthly releases currently available

Increased number of RxNorm standard names by 28% to 111,000

Maintaining harmony with UMLS Metathesaurus

Continuing to improve process & product code

RxNorm – Plans for 2006

Weekly releases available by end of year

Establish link between DailyMed and RxNorm thus making the FDA the primary source for updated drug information in RxNorm

 Establish tighter integration for more rapid inclusion of RxNorm data in the UMLS Metathesaurus

Continue improving quality assurance procedures and data integrity within RxNorm

RxNorm – Plans for 2006

 Continue improving coverage of drug delivery/dispensing devices and multivitamins within RxNorm

Expand RxNorm to cover over-the-counter medications based on information supplied by selected sources

Assist with MMA pilot testing of RxNorm as needed

DailyMed



DailyMed provides high quality information about marketed drugs.

Drug labeling on this Web site is the most recent submitted to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and currently in use; it may include strengthened warnings undergoing FDA review and minor editorial changes.

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At the present time this Web site does not contain a complete listing of labels for approved prescription drugs.

Search By Drug Name:

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About DailyMed

DailyMed provides high quality information about marketed drugs. This information includes FDA approved labels (package inserts). This Web site provides health information providers and the public with a standard, comprehensive, up-to-date, look-up and download resource of medication content and labeling as found in medication package inserts.

Other information about prescription drugs may also be available. NLM regularly processes data files uploaded from FDA's system and provides and maintains this Web site for the public to use in accessing the information. Additional information about medicines is available on NLM's MedlinePlus Web site http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/medicines.html.

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DailyMed

- Website designed to provide high quality information about marketed drugs
- Uses the Structured Product Label (SPL) from the FDA
- Note: DailyMed information intended for prescribers and dispersers, not for patients.
 - Information for Patients section is designed to tell prescribers how to talk to their patients about the drug.

DailyMed

- Site went live in November 2005
- Currently contains 10 labels
- Expect to have a complete set (~4,500) by the end of the year

Will establish links to the published literature, ClinicalTrials.gov, and other relevant sources for each drug listed

NLM- HL7 Contract Arrangement Awarded Sept. 2004

- Align HL7 message standard with CHI standard vocabularies (NLM-initiated)
 - Specify which subsets of standard vocabularies are valid for particular message segments
 - Replace HL7-maintained lists of coded values with subsets of standard vocabularies, where feasible

 Create implementation guide(s) for transmitting an entire Electronic Health Record between systems (on behalf of HHS) Mapping Projects planned/underway • CHI standards \rightarrow HIPAA code sets: • SNOMED CT \rightarrow ICD-9-CM, ICD-10-CM • SNOMED CT \rightarrow CPT

• LOINC \rightarrow CPT

• SNOMED CT \rightarrow "other" vocabularies:

Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Affairs (MedDRA)

- International Classification of Primary Care (ICPC)
- Medcin
- Nursing Vocabularies (NIC, NOC, NANDA)

Key NLM Assumptions about Mappings

Participants must include:

- Producers of vocabularies on both ends; prospective users and recipients of the output, e.g., health care providers, payers, as testers and validators
- Mapping may/will prompt changes/corrections to content and adjustment to update schedules
- Mappings must be updated every time either end is updated
- Mappings will be distributed in the UMLS (not exclusively); use will be governed by terms applicable to both ends
- Mapping is still an R & D problem it will take iteration to build highly functional maps. Alignment of update schedules is critical.

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Questions?

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