

NHS Data Model and Dictionary



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Version No: 1.0
Subject: Introduction of OPCS-4.9
Effective Date: 1 April 2020
Reason for Change: Change to Information Standards
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Background:

The OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures version 4.9 (OPCS-4.9) will be introduced from 1 April 2020.

OPCS-4.9 introduces new codes and descriptions, code retirements and changes to code descriptions resulting from user submissions to the [OPCS-4 Request Submission Portal](#).

The Clinical Classification, OPCS-4, is mandatory for the Admitted Patient Care Commissioning Data Set (CDS) and wherever there is a national requirement to support secondary uses. The classification may be used locally for operational uses.

The final changes will be listed in the Summary of Changes from OPCS-4.8 to OPCS-4.9 which will be available via the [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution Service \(TRUD\)](#) with the release files in the first week of November 2019.

To support the Information Standard, this Change Request updates the OPCS page within the NHS Data Model and Dictionary and renames the Clinical Classifications Service to the Terminology and Classifications Delivery Service.

To view a demonstration on "How to Read an NHS Data Model and Dictionary Change Request", visit the NHS Data Model and Dictionary help pages at: https://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/Flash_Files/changerequest.htm.

Note: if the web page does not open, please copy the link and paste into the web browser.

Summary of changes:

Supporting Information

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New Supporting Information

[OPCS CLASSIFICATION OF INTERVENTIONS AND PROCEDURES](#)

Changed Description

[TERMINOLOGY AND CLASSIFICATIONS DELIVERY](#)

Changed Description, Name

[SERVICE](#) renamed from [CLINICAL CLASSIFICATIONS SERVICE](#)

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Note: New text is shown with a blue background. Deleted text is crossed out. Retired text is shown in grey. Within the Diagrams deleted classes and relationships are red, changed items are blue and new items are green.

DELEN

Change to Supporting Information: New Supporting Information

Delen is a website created and maintained by [NHS Digital](#).

Delen provides operational information to users of terminology and classifications products and services provided by [NHS Digital](#).

For further information, see **Delen** at: [Delen: Home site](#).

OPCS CLASSIFICATION OF INTERVENTIONS AND PROCEDURES

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description

The OPCS Classification of Interventions and Procedures ([OPCS-4](#)) is a Fundamental Information Standard which is revised periodically. The classification is used by [Health Care Providers](#) and national and regional [Organisations](#).

[OPCS-4](#) is used to support operational and strategic planning, resource utilisation, performance management, reimbursement, research and epidemiology. It is used by NHS suppliers to build/update software to support NHS business functions and interoperability.

The classification is published in two volumes. ~~The Tabular List and Alphabetical Index are available from The Stationery Office at [www](#).~~ [The Tabular List and Alphabetical Index are available from The Stationery Office at \[www.tsoshop.co.uk\]\(#\)](#)

National information standards and data collections, such as Commissioning Data Sets requiring [OPCS-4](#) coding should use the latest mandated version of the [OPCS-4](#) as given in the table below:

Year	Version of OPCS-4*
Up to 31 March 2006	OPCS-4.2
01-Apr-2006 to 31-Mar-2007	OPCS-4.3
01-Apr-2007 to 31-Mar-2008 01-Apr-2008 to 31-Mar-2009	OPCS-4.4
01-Apr-2007 to 31-Mar-2009	OPCS-4.4
01-Apr-2009 to 31-Mar-2011	OPCS-4.5
01-Apr-2011 to 31-Mar-2014	OPCS-4.6
01-Apr-2014 to 31-Mar-2017	OPCS-4.7
01-Apr-2017 until further notification	OPCS-4.8
01-Apr-2017 to 31-Mar-2020	OPCS-4.8

01-Apr-2020 until further notification

OPCS-4.9

*Tables of Coding Equivalences are issued for mapping back to previous versions and are available from [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution \(TRUD\)](#).

For further information see the [NHS Digital](#) website at: [Terminology and Classifications](#).

OPCS-4 Requests Portal

~~The [OPCS 4](#) Requests Portal allows stakeholders to submit change requests to the [Clinical Classifications Service](#) all year round.~~ The [OPCS-4 Requests Portal](#) allows stakeholders to submit change requests to the [Terminology and Classifications Delivery Service](#) all year round. A cut-off date for receipt of change requests for consideration in the next release is published on the Requests Portal. Requests received after the cut-off date will be considered in a subsequent release.

For further information and access to the OPCS-4 Requests Portal, see the [NHS Digital](#) website at: [Clinical Classifications](#).

High Cost Drugs and Chemotherapy Regimens

~~The listings of High Cost Drugs and Chemotherapy Regimens which are mapped to OPCS-4 codes are provided as look-up tables downloadable from [Technology Reference Data Update Distribution \(TRUD\)](#).~~ The listings of High Cost Drugs and Chemotherapy Regimens which are mapped to OPCS-4 codes are provided as look-up tables downloadable from [Delen](#) at [Delen: Popular Publications](#).

TERMINOLOGY AND CLASSIFICATIONS DELIVERY SERVICE_ renamed from CLINICAL CLASSIFICATIONS SERVICE

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description, Name

~~The [Clinical Classifications Service \(CCS\)](#) is provided by [NHS Digital](#).~~ The [Terminology and Classifications Delivery Service](#) is provided by [NHS Digital](#).

~~The [Clinical Classifications Service](#) is the definitive source of clinical coding guidance and sets the national standards used by the NHS in coding clinical data.~~ The [Terminology and Classifications Delivery Service](#) is the definitive source of clinical coding guidance and sets the national standards used by the NHS in coding clinical data.

For further information on clinical information, see the [NHS Digital](#) website at: [Terminology and Classifications](#).

TERMINOLOGY AND CLASSIFICATIONS DELIVERY SERVICE_ renamed from CLINICAL CLASSIFICATIONS SERVICE

Change to Supporting Information: Changed Description, Name

- Changed Description
 - Changed Name from
Data_Dictionary.NHS_Business_Definitions.C.Clinical_Classifications_Service to
Data_Dictionary.NHS_Business_Definitions.T.Terminology_and_Classifications_Delivery_Service
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