



Coding Conundrums

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Congenital vs. Acquired

- PT *Phimosis* has SOC *Congenital, familial and genetic disorders* as Primary SOC
- PT *Acquired phimosis* has SOC *Reproductive system and breast disorders* as Primary SOC
- Should the logic be reversed? Unqualified term with a primary link to non-congenital SOC and congenital term with primary link to congenital SOC.



Disease Progression

- “AML progression”
 - LLT *Acute myeloid leukemia progression*
- But, “Lung cancer progression”
 - LLT *Lung cancer*
 - LLT *Disease progression*
 - Both terms?



Miscellaneous

- “Musculoskeletal leg pain”
 - LLT *Leg pain* or LLT *Musculoskeletal pain*
- “Axonal neuropathy lower legs”
 - LLT *Axonal neuropathy* or LLT *Peripheral neuropathy*
- “Swelling of calf muscle”
 - LLT *Swelling of legs* or LLT *Muscle swelling*



Miscellaneous (cont)

- "Gastric reflux"
 - LLT *Esophageal reflux* or LLT *Gastroesophageal reflux*
- "Hepatitis C cirrhosis"
 - LLT *Hepatitis C* or LLT *Hepatic cirrhosis*



When to Query

- Ask to expand abbreviations unless they match an LLT?
- “Nasal drainage”
 - Code to LLT *Nasal sinus drainage* or query to clarify?
- Disorder terms
 - Code to them or query to clarify?
 - Save as synonyms?



And Finally

- Definitions in MedDRA
- Changing the primary SOC allocation
 - Should this be done?
 - What does FDA do with the data?