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## **NCPDP HOSTS EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR ON SNOMED CT**

*Webinar to offer overview of the clinical terminology and the critical role it plays in stage 2 meaningful use of electronic health records, interoperability, data analytics and quality of care*

**SCOTTSDALE, AZ – June 12, 2013** – The [National Council for Prescription Drug Programs](#) (NCPDP) announced today its upcoming educational webinar: “[SNOMED CT: An Introduction](#),” on Thursday, June 20, 2013, at 12:00 p.m. EDT. The webinar will provide an overview of the clinical terminology, its benefits and relationship to other terminologies, implementation within electronic health records (EHRs), role in [Meaningful Use \(MU\) Stage 2](#) and impact on data analytics and patient care.

[SNOMED CT](#) (Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine Clinical Terms) is the world’s most comprehensive clinical terminology system, offering more than 311,000 active concepts and definitions organized into hierarchies that can be embedded in software applications and EHRs to represent clinically relevant information reliably and consistently and foster information systems interoperability. SNOMED CT has been designated as a US standard for electronic health information exchange (HIE) and adopted for use by the federal government. Under Stage 2 meaningful use requirements for EHRs, the patient’s problem list must be coded with SNOMED-CT. Several standards NCPDP has developed to help the pharmacy and healthcare industries achieve greater connectivity and deliver higher quality, safer and more efficient and cost-effective care use SNOMED CT.

The webinar will be presented by Peter Hendler, MD, who is co-chair of the [Health Level Seven \(HL7\)](#) RIM-based Application Architecture Work Group, which works to facilitate the adoption and software implementation of HL7 standards. He is also the physician lead of the Convergent Medical Terminology group at [Kaiser Permanente](#) in Oakland, California, and a practicing rheumatologist at Kaiser.

The educational webinar is intended for those who are new to SNOMED CT; developers of EHR and pharmacy information systems; hospitals and health systems implementing those solutions; and business managers and others who need to understand SNOMED CT requirements under Meaningful Use Stage 2 and how SNOMED CT differs from other medical terminologies, vocabularies and code systems.

“Healthcare organizations today are and will be under constant pressure to deliver better and safer care at lower cost,” said [Lee Ann Stember](#), president of NCPDP. “While there’s unprecedented recognition that interoperability and actionable information are essential to achieving those objectives, there is also a need to provide education on the role SNOMED CT plays in enabling connectivity and data standardization. This webinar will provide targeted

education that will help entities get and use better data to transform clinical and financial outcomes and overcome the business challenges they are facing.”

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who register and attend the webinar may earn 1.0 hours of Continuing Education (CE) Credits from the [Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education \(ACPE\)](#). CE Credit is being provided by AmerisourceBergen.

To register for the webinar, please visit <http://www.telspanvenue.com/AccountManager/RegEv.aspx?PIID=EC51DC858848>. The fee is \$50 for NCPDP members and \$150 for non-members.

#### **About NCPDP**

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