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COVER NOTE

1.1 Patient Summary guidelines – minor update (Release 3.3)

1) Introduction

The eHealth Network adopted, in 2019, the Common Semantic Strategy and mandated the subgroup on Semantics to maintain and update the Patient Summary guidelines.

2) Issue at stake

At the November 2022 eHealth Network meeting the Subgroup on Semantics was mandated to assess the inclusion of a new code system in the eHealth Network Patient Summary Guidelines for vaccine coding as suggested in the EU Vaccination Card Study. Further, there were specific questions asked about the changes in Release 3.2 at the eHealth Network meeting of March 30.

This minor update introduces punctual changes on the Patient Summary dataset.

3) Summary

The Subgroup on semantics, after this assessment, recommends alignment between the representation of vaccine medicinal products in the Patient Summary Guidelines with the ePrescription and eDispensation Guidelines as well as with the International Patient Summary. Specifically, the Release 3.3 is a minor update to the Patient Summary Guidelines to support the vaccination use case to allow specification of a coded element representing the vaccine medicinal product, element A.2.2.1.3.1, in addition to the existing element which allows specification of the name of the vaccine medicinal product.

In alignment with the ePrescription and eDispensation Guidelines, the EMA Product Management Service (PMS) is added as a preferred code system in anticipation of future developments from EMA. As there is currently no standard vaccine product code system in wide-spread use in the EU, no further preferred code systems are recommended for addition to the Patient Summary Guidelines for vaccine medicinal products at this stage. There are ongoing developments in relation to the NUVA code system, SNOMED CT as well as WHO products which might influence future decisions.

At the eHealth Network meeting of March 30, security concerns were raised related to URLs as value of Patient Summary data elements. In order to address this issue a statement clarifying the responsibility of implementers and users of the service was added to Supporting information, Article 14.

Changes applied

3. Supporting information, Article 14: added “The Dataset includes the ability to add external references to the patient summary. Care should be taken by implementers as well as users to review references for safety before traversing web links.”

4.2 Patient Summary Body, A.2.2.1.3:

A.2.2.1.3	Vaccine medicinal product name	~~Medicinal product name~~ Brand name of the vaccine medicinal product.	~~For the time being, this should be the name of the medicinal product as registered in the country. In the future the information on the medicinal product can incorporate the identifiers from the implementation of the ISO IDMP Standards and the medicinal package's unique identifier~~
A.2.2.1.3.1	Identifier of the vaccine medicinal product	Identifier for the vaccine medicinal product. It could be MPID according to ISO 11615, EMA PMS ID and/or a national identifier.	EMA PMS

4) Format of procedure in the meeting

For eHealth Network adoption of the Patient Summary guidelines release 3.3