



## Modeling for Clinicians

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“In attempting to arrive at the truth, I have applied everywhere for information, but in scarcely an instance have I been able to obtain hospital records fit for any purpose of comparison. If they could be obtained, they would enable us to decide many other questions...

They would show [subscribers] how their money was being spent [and] what amount of good was really being done with it...”



Florence Nightingale - Notes on a Hospital, 1873

# Agenda

- Innovations in Achieving Interoperability - Russ Leftwich
- Overview of CIMI and Model Patterns -Stan Huff
- Modeling Use Case Exercise – Susan Matney

# Innovations in Achieving Interoperability

Russ Leftwich, M.D.

# CIMI and CIMI Logical Models

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# Clinical Information Modeling Initiative (CIMI)

- The Clinical Information Modeling Initiative (CIMI) is an HL7 Work Group that is producing detailed clinical information models to enable interoperability of health care information systems
- CIMI was initiated during a “Fresh Look” session at an HL7 meeting in 2011
- CIMI models are free for use for all purposes
- See <http://www.opencimi.org/> for more details

# CIMI Goals

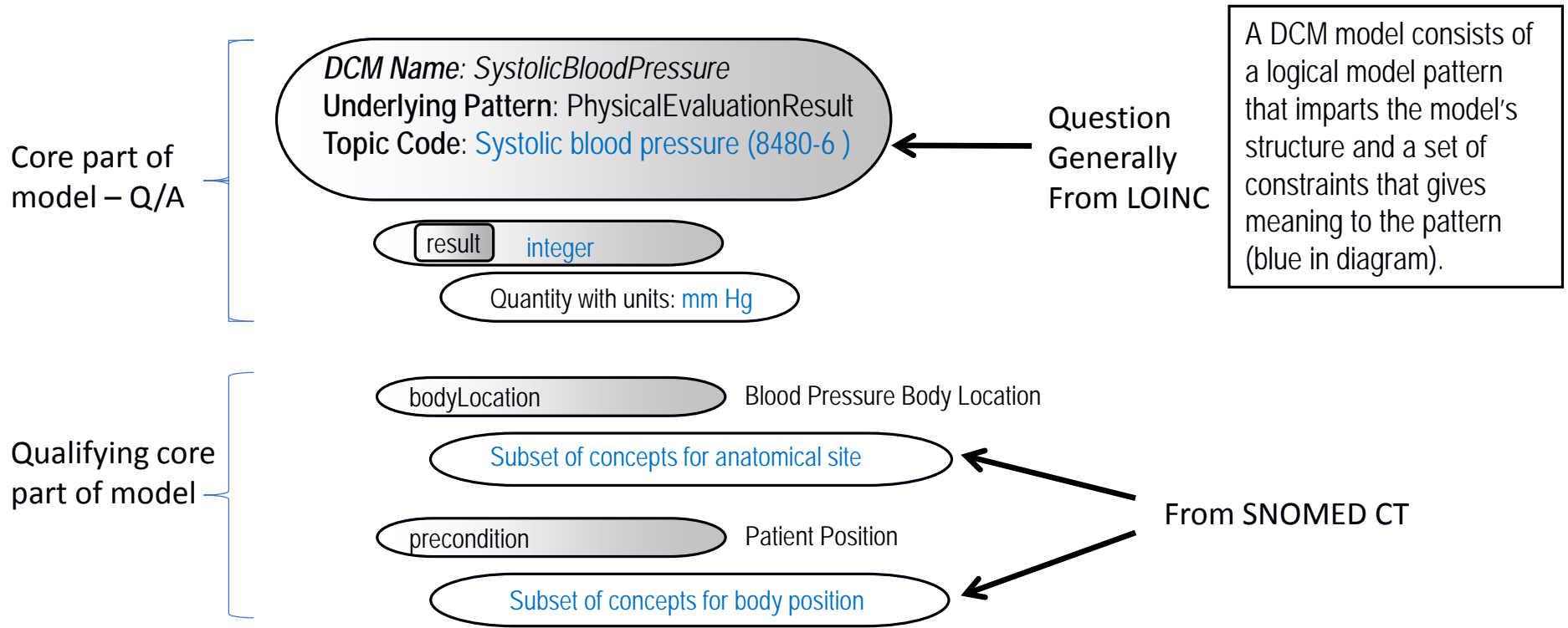
- Create a shared repository of detailed clinical information models
- Repository is open to everyone and models are licensed free for use at no cost
- Where the models:
  - Are based on a core reference model, including a set of base data types
  - Have formal bindings to standard coded terminologies

# What is a Logical Model?

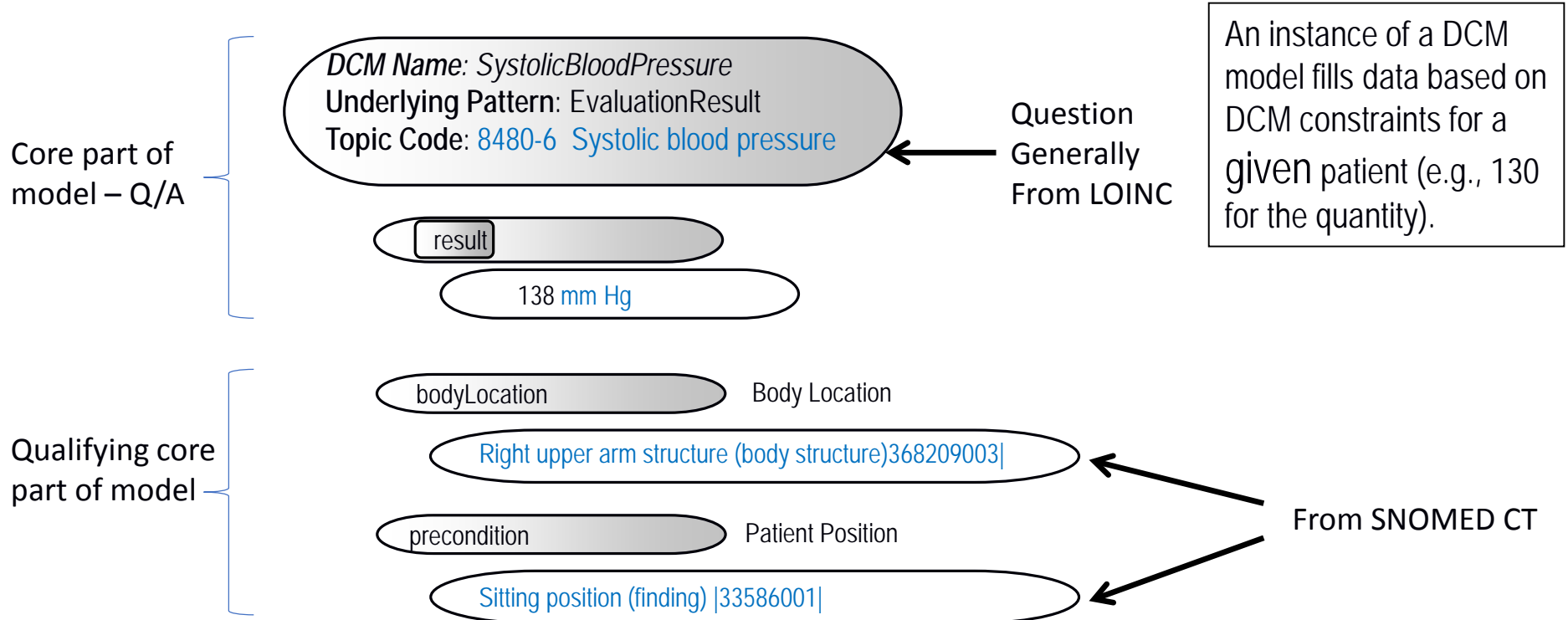
- Model of a specific healthcare domain
- Combines – standard terminology, structure and attribute specifications
- Expressed as data structures
- Independent of specific standard or technology
- Benefits:
  - Guarantees semantic interoperability
  - Facilitates avoidance of data redundancy
  - Facilitates data re-use and sharing
  - Decreases development and maintenance time and cost
  - Confirms a logical process model for data analysis



# What is a Detailed Clinical Model (DCM)?



# What is an Instance of a DCM?



An instance of a DCM model fills data based on DCM constraints for a given patient (e.g., 130 for the quantity).

# The way it might work ...

**Name: Jane Doe Sex: F DOB: 4 Nov 1952**

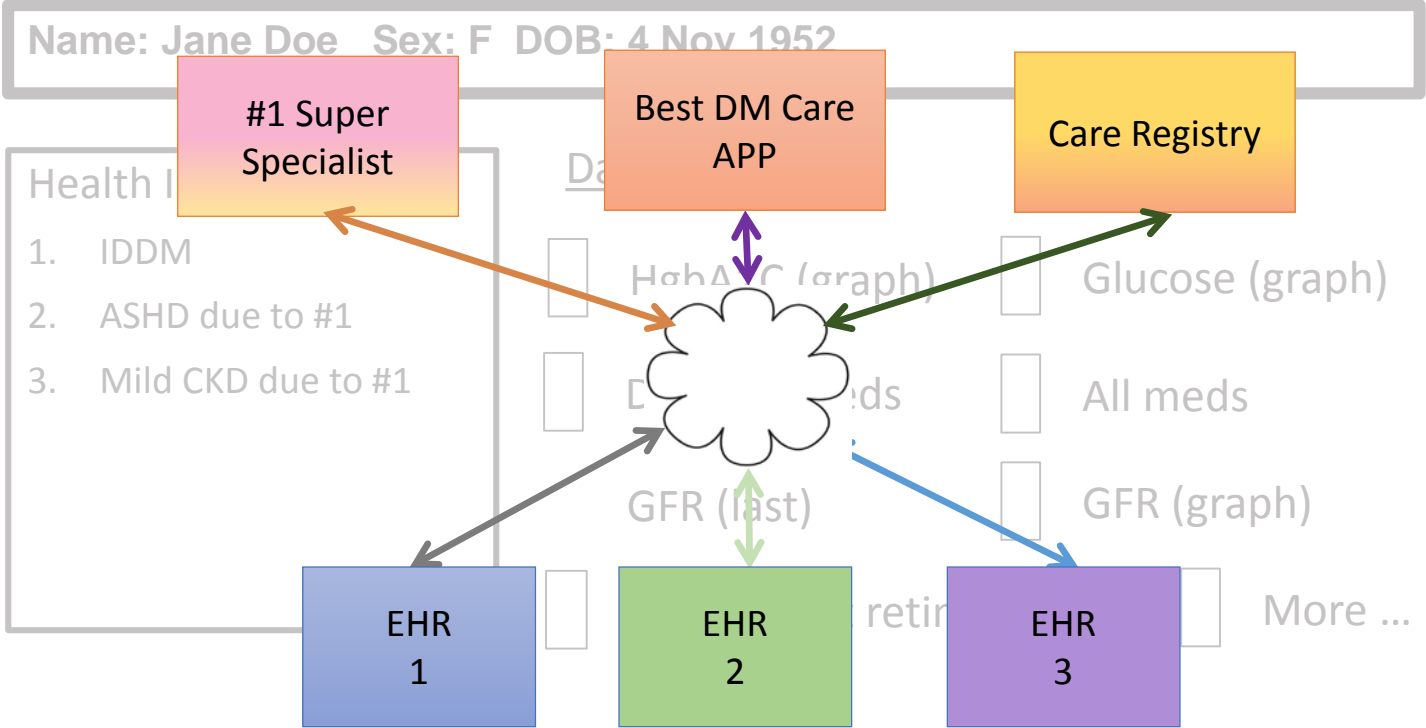
## Health Issues

1. IDDM
2. ASHD due to #1
3. Mild CKD due to #1

## Data to report

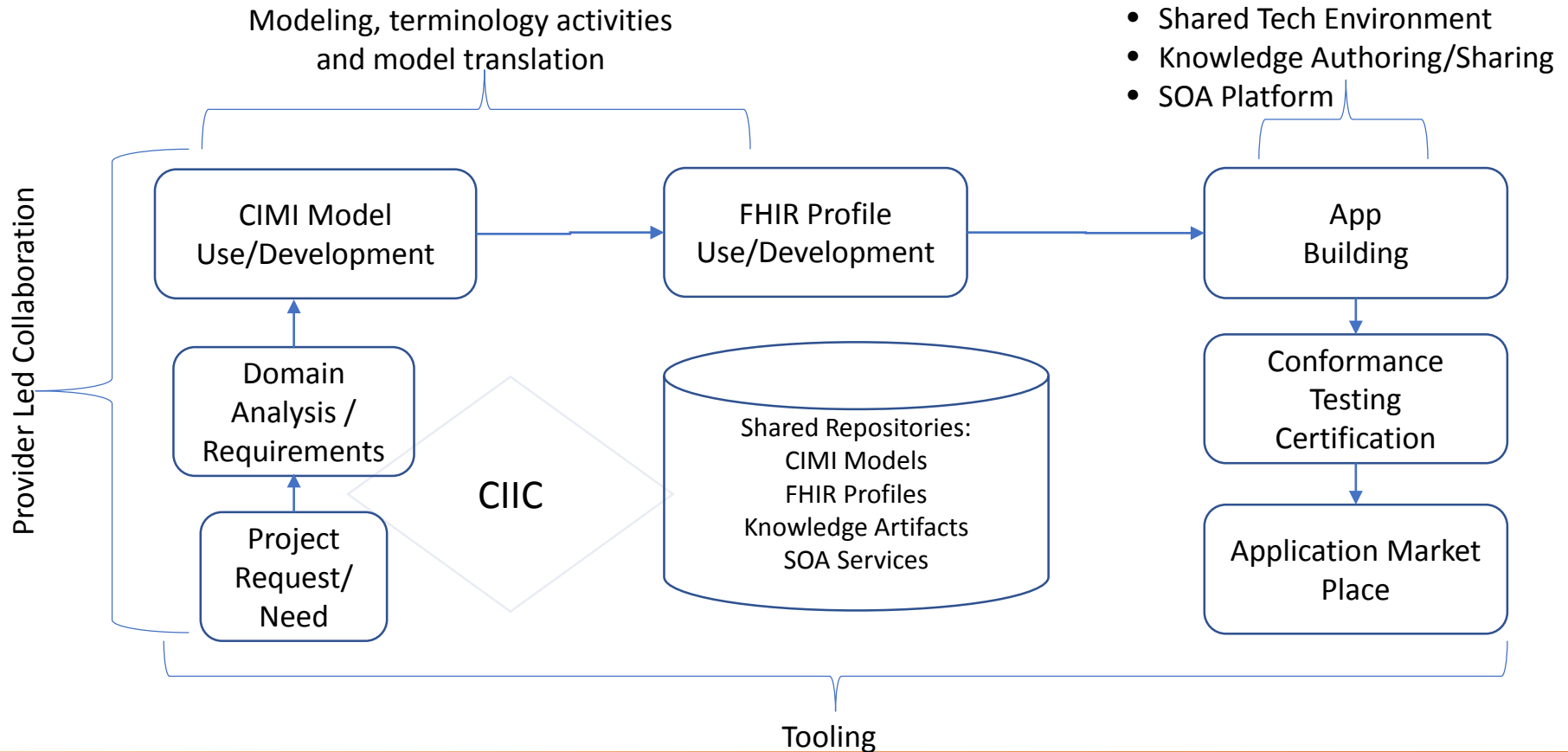
- |                                     |                           |                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | HgbA1C (graph)            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Glucose (graph) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Diabetic meds             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | All meds        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | GFR (last)                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | GFR (graph)     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Date of last retinal exam | <input type="checkbox"/>            | More ...        |

# The way it might work ...

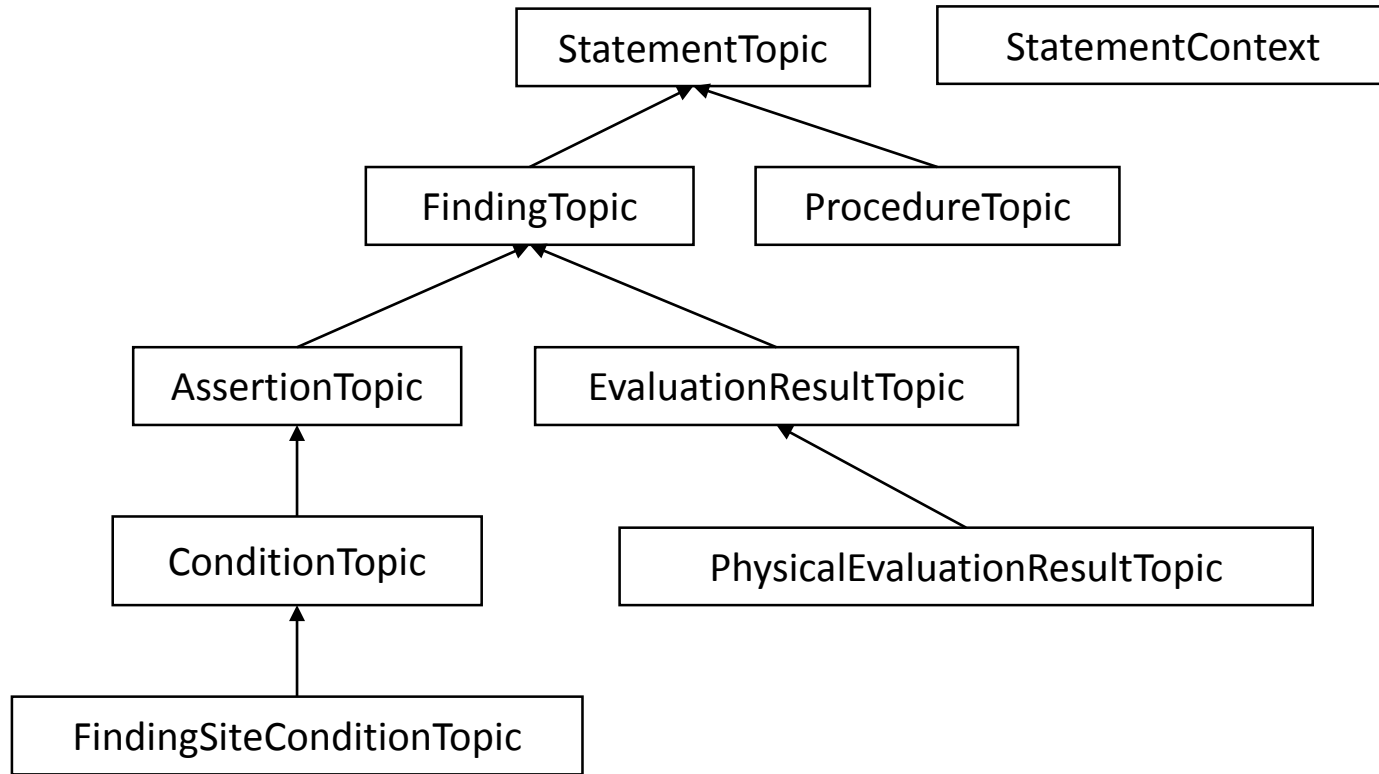


# So...how do we get there?

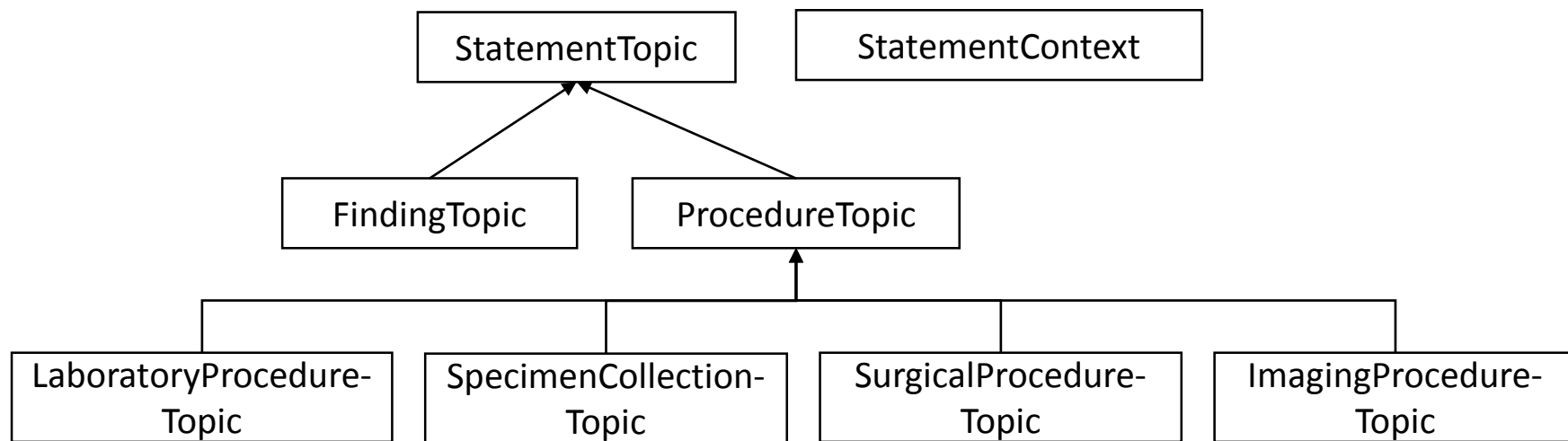
## HSPC Deliverables



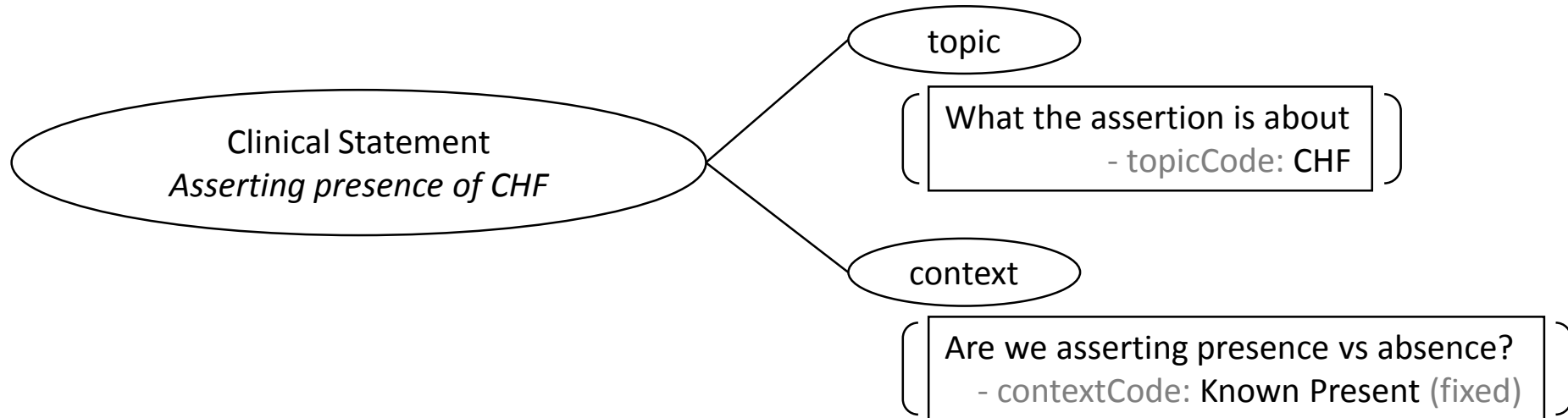
# CIMI Hierarchy



# CIMI Hierarchy



# CHF Clinical Statement





# Condition Pattern

## ConditionTopic

**topicCode** : Concept [1..1] ←  
**description** : PlainText [0..1]  
**multimedia** : Multimedia [0..\*]  
**interpretation** : Concept [0..\*]  
**severity** : Concept [0..1]  
**clinicalCourse** : Concept [0..1]  
**episodicity** : Concept [0..1]  
**diseasePhase** : Concept [0..1]  
**associatedSignAndSymptom** : Concept [0..\*]  
**periodicity** : Concept [0..\*]  
**alleviatingFactor** : Concept [0..\*]  
**exacerbatingFactor** : Concept [0..\*]  
**clinicalStatus** : Concept [0..1]  
**causedBy** : CausedByEntityAssociation [0..1]  
**associatedEntityNOS** : EntityAssociationNOS [0..1]  
**dueTo** : DueTo [0..\*]  
**before** : TemporallyBefore [0..\*]  
**after** : TemporallyAfter [0..\*]  
...

A code representing what's being asserted (“rash”, “auto accident”, “hypertrophy”, etc...)

Concepts from SNOMED CT “Clinical Finding” hierarchy

A code indicating whether the assertion indicates presence of the finding or absence of the finding.

## PresenceContext

← **contextCode** : Concept [1..1]  
**status** : Concept [0..1]  
**dateAsserted** : TemporalValue [0..1]  
**verificationStatus** : Concept [0..1]  
**certainty** : Concept [0..1]  
**dateOfOnset** : TemporalValue [0..1]  
**ageAtOnset** : Quantity [0..1]  
**dateAbated** : TemporalValue [0..1]  
**hasAbated** : Concept [0..\*]  
**presentOnAdmission** : Concept [0..\*]

# Condition Exercise

## “Chronic Hypertension”

\* Only new constraints are shown in diagrams

### ConditionTopic

**topicCode** : Concept [1..1] ←  
**description** : PlainText [0..1] ←  
**multimedia** : Multimedia [0..\*]  
**interpretation** : Concept [0..\*]  
**severity** : Concept [0..1]  
**clinicalCourse** : Concept [0..1] ←  
**episodicity** : Concept [0..1]  
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**associatedSignAndSymptom** : Concept [0..\*]  
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**causedBy** : CausedByEntityAssociation [0..1]  
**associatedEntityNOS** : EntityAssociationNOS [0..1]  
**dueTo** : DueTo [0..\*]  
**before** : TemporallyBefore [0..\*]  
**after** : TemporallyAfter [0..\*]  
...

Hypertensive disorder, systemic arterial (disorder) | 38341003

“Chronic Hypertension Model”

Chronic (qualifier value) | 90734009

Known Present (Qualifier value)  
| 410515003

### PresenceContext

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**status** : Concept [0..1]  
**dateAsserted** : TemporalValue [0..1]  
**verificationStatus** : Concept [0..1]  
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**dateOfOnset** : TemporalValue [0..1]  
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**dateAbated** : TemporalValue [0..1]  
**hasAbated** : Concept [0..\*]  
**presentOnAdmission** : Concept [0..\*]

# Condition with Finding Site

## FindingSiteConditionTopic

**topicCode** : Concept [1..1]  
**description** : PlainText [0..1]  
**multimedia** : Multimedia [0..\*]  
**interpretation** : Concept [0..\*]  
**severity** : Concept [0..1]  
**clinicalCourse** : Concept [0..1]  
**episodicity** : Concept [0..1]  
**diseasePhase** : Concept [0..1]  
**associatedSignAndSymptom** : Concept [0..\*]  
**periodicity** : Concept [0..\*]  
**alleviatingFactor** : Concept [0..\*]  
**exacerbatingFactor** : Concept [0..\*]  
**clinicalStatus** : Concept [0..1]  
**causedBy** : CausedByEntityAssociation [0..1]  
**associatedEntityNOS** : EntityAssociationNOS [0..1]  
**dueTo** : DueTo [0..\*]  
**before** : TemporallyBefore [0..\*]  
**after** : TemporallyAfter [0..\*]  
...

### **anatomicalLocation**

**code** : Concept [1..1]

**laterality** : Concept [0..1]

**direction** : Concept [0..1]

Body location added to Condition Pattern

← Anatomical location class

← Body Location

← Body Side

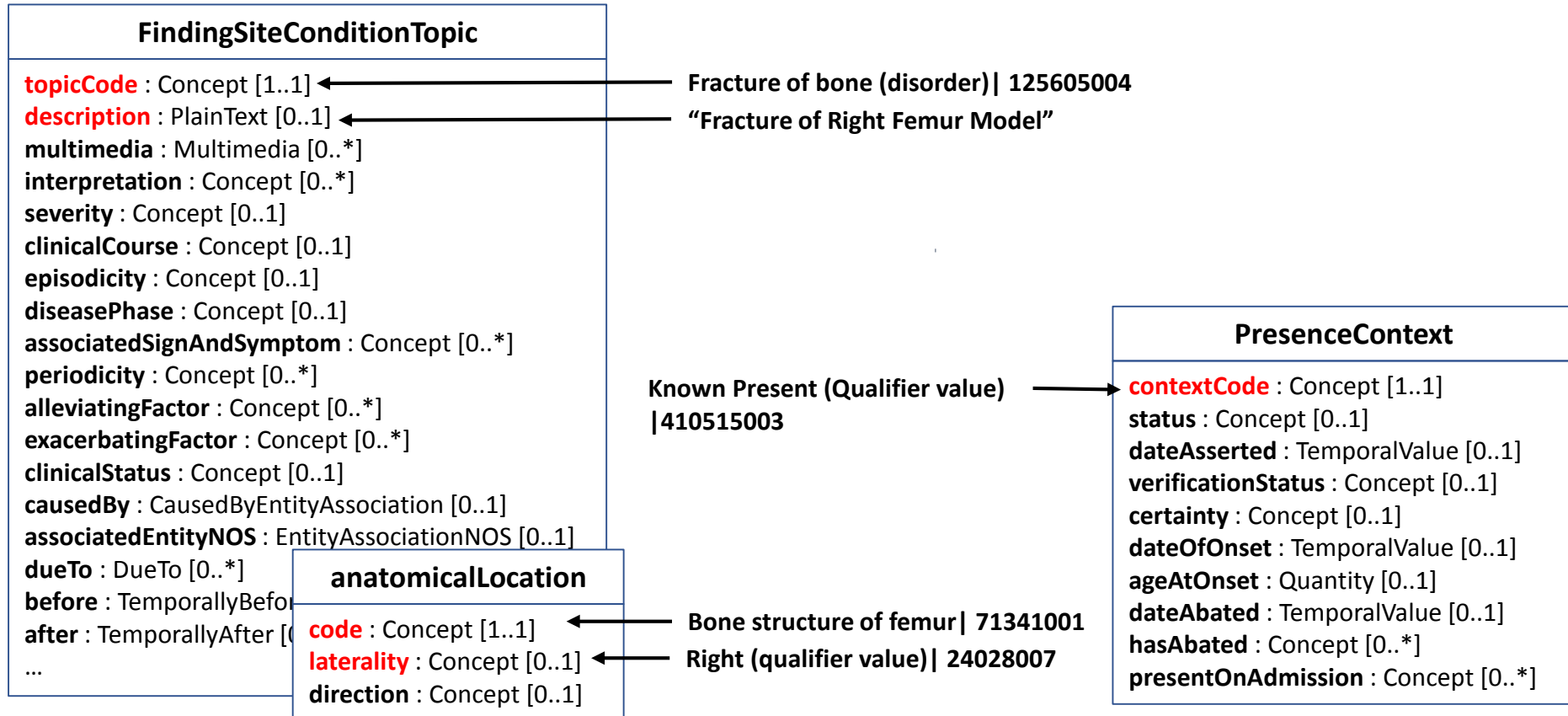
← Body Location Qualifier

## PresenceContext

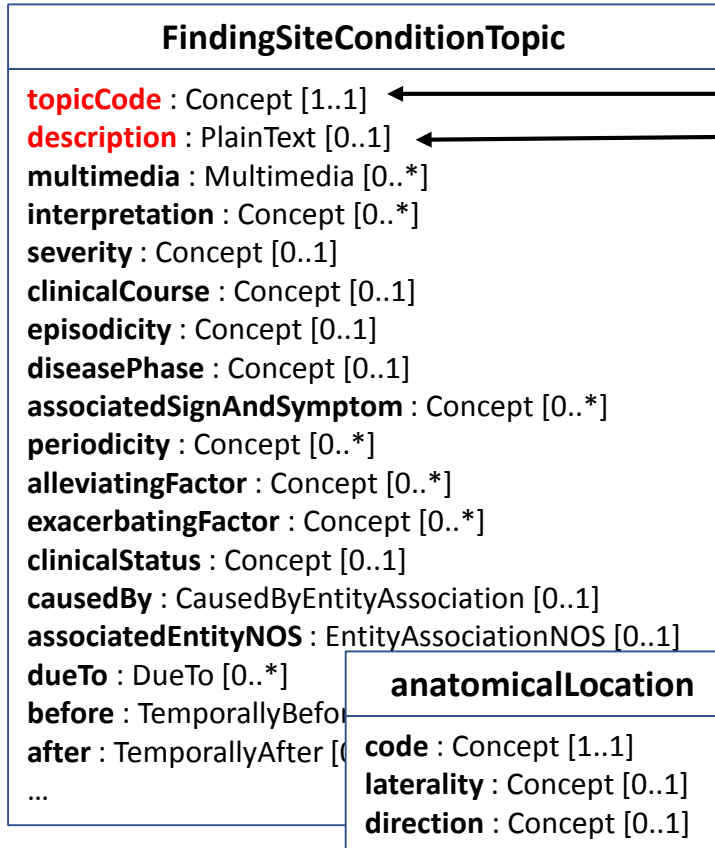
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# Condition Exercise

## “Fractured Right Femur”



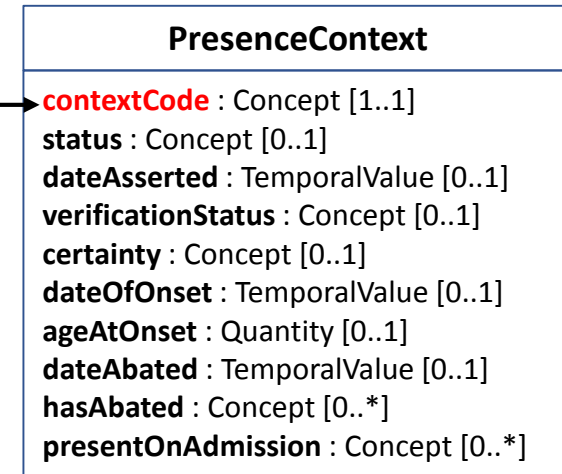
# Condition Exercise “No Bone Fractures”



Fracture of bone (disorder) | 125605004

“No Fracture of Bone Model”

Known **Absent** (Qualifier value) | 410516002



# LaboratoryTestResult

## An example EvaluationResult pattern

### LaboratoryTestResultTopic

**topicCode** : Concept [1..1] ←  
**description** : PlainText [0..1]  
**multimedia** : Multimedia [0..\*]  
**interpretation** : Concept [0..\*]  
**method** : Concept [0..\*]  
**device** : ClinicalDevice [0..\*]  
**referenceRange** : ReferenceRange [0..\*]  
**evaluationProcedure** : ProcedurePerformedStmt [0..1]  
**precondition** : Concept [0..\*]  
**partOf** : ProcedureStatement [0..\*]  
**basedOn** : ClinicalStatement [0..\*]  
**derivedFrom** : ClinicalStatement [0..\*]  
**diagnosticService** : Concept [0..1]  
**specimen** : Specimen [0..\*]  
**pocIndicator** : Concept [0..1]  
...

The question asked.  
Code generally comes from LOINC.

The answer to the  
question.  
Generally a SNOMED  
code if coded.

### LaboratoryTestResultContext

**contextCode** : Concept [1..1]  
**status** : Concept [0..1]  
**issued** : Instant [0..1]  
**comment** : PlainText [0..1]  
**observed** : Attribution [0..1]  
**exceptionValue** : Concept [0..1]  
**deltaFlag** : Concept [0..1]  
**resultValue** : DataType [1]  
**specimenCollectionTime** : TemporalValue [0..1]

# Lab Evaluation Result Exercise

## “Blood Hemoglobin of 6.1 g/dl is Critically Low”

\* Note this is the model for the instance above.

| LaboratoryTestResultTopic                                  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>topicCode</b> : Concept [1..1]                          | ← Hemoglobin [Mass/volume] in Blood   LN 718-7 |
| <b>description</b> : PlainText [0..1]                      | ← “Hemoglobin, Blood, Mass/Volume Model”       |
| <b>multimedia</b> : Multimedia [0..*]                      |  |
| <b>interpretation</b> : Concept [0..*]                     | ← Critically Low (need SCT code)               |
| <b>method</b> : Concept [0..*]                             |  |
| <b>device</b> : ClinicalDevice [0..*]                      |  |
| <b>referenceRange</b> : ReferenceRange [0..*]              |  |
| <b>evaluationProcedure</b> : ProcedurePerformedStmt [0..1] |  |
| <b>precondition</b> : Concept [0..*]                       |  |
| <b>partOf</b> : ProcedureStatement [0..*]                  |  |
| <b>basedOn</b> : ClinicalStatement [0..*]                  |  |
| <b>derivedFrom</b> : ClinicalStatement [0..*]              |  |
| <b>diagnosticService</b> : Concept [0..1]                  |  |
| <b>specimen</b> : Specimen [0..*]                          |  |
| <b>pocIndicator</b> : Concept [0..1]                       |  |
| ...  |  |

Recorded (need new code) →  
 Final report (record artifact) →

| LaboratoryTestResultContext                          |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>contextCode</b> : Concept [1..1]                  |                                    |
| <b>status</b> : Concept [0..1]                       |                                    |
| <b>issued</b> : Instant [0..1]                       |                                    |
| <b>comment</b> : PlainText [0..1]                    |                                    |
| <b>observed</b> : Attribution [0..1]                 |                                    |
| <b>exceptionValue</b> : Concept [0..1]               |                                    |
| <b>deltaFlag</b> : Concept [0..1]                    |                                    |
| <b>resultValue</b> : DataType [1]                    | ← Gram/deciliter (qualifier value) |
| <b>specimenCollectionTime</b> : TemporalValue [0..1] |                                    |

# Evaluation Result Exercise

## “Patient’s skin turgor decreased”

\* Only new constraints are shown in diagrams

| PhysicalEvaluationResultTopic                              |
|--|
| <b>topicCode</b> : Concept [1..1]                          |
| <b>description</b> : PlainText [0..1]                      |
| <b>multimedia</b> : Multimedia [0..*]                      |
| <b>interpretation</b> : Concept [0..*]                     |
| <b>method</b> : Concept [0..*]                             |
| <b>device</b> : ClinicalDevice [0..*]                      |
| <b>referenceRange</b> : ReferenceRange [0..*]              |
| <b>evaluationProcedure</b> : ProcedurePerformedStmt [0..1] |
| <b>precondition</b> : Concept [0..*]                       |
| <b>partOf</b> : ProcedureStatement [0..*]                  |
| <b>basedOn</b> : ClinicalStatement [0..*]                  |
| <b>derivedFrom</b> : ClinicalStatement [0..*]              |
| <b>diagnosticService</b> : Concept [0..1]                  |
| <b>pocIndicator</b> : Concept [0..1]                       |
| ...  |

Skin Turgor | LNC 39109-4  
“Skin Turgor Model”

Decreased skin turgor (finding) | SCT 425244000

| EvaluationResultContext                |
|--|
| <b>contextCode</b> : Concept [1..1]    |
| <b>status</b> : Concept [0..1]         |
| <b>issued</b> : Instant [0..1]         |
| <b>comment</b> : PlainText [0..1]      |
| <b>observed</b> : Attribution [0..1]   |
| <b>exceptionValue</b> : Concept [0..1] |
| <b>deltaFlag</b> : Concept [0..1]      |
| <b>resultValue</b> : DataType [1]      |

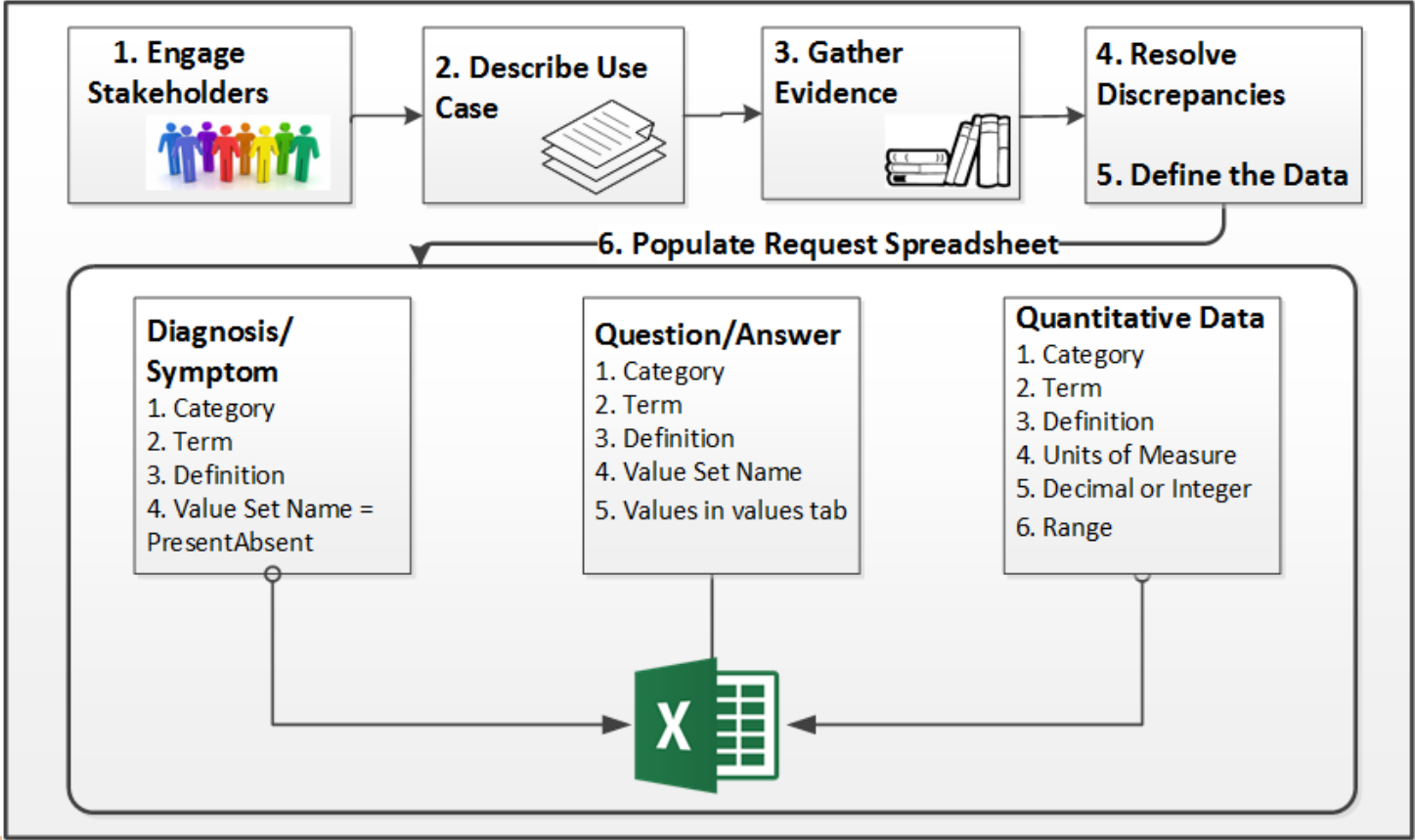


# Model Request Process and Exercise

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# DCM Request Process



# DCM Creation Process

- Develop User Stories and Workflows
- Domain Experts Submit Content Request
- Review the Questions and Answers in the Spreadsheet
- Align Questions with CIMI Patterns
  - Hypertension = assertion
  - Systolic Blood Pressure = EvaluationResults
  - Educate about Hypertension = Procedure
- Model DCM
- Encode with Standard Terminologies

# How to Model

- Identify entity – collections of similar objects
  - Assertions
  - Observations
  - Procedures
- Identify attributes
  - Topic
  - Qualifiers
- Map to the patterns

# Hands-On Exercise

- Identify
  - The pattern to use
    - Condition
    - Evaluation Result
      - DataType
      - Unit of Measure if Needed
      - Coded Results
  - Review the attributes in the pattern and align with the item to map

# Exercise Use Case

Joe is a 24 year-old male paraplegic admitted to an inpatient unit from his home with a Right Lower Lobe Pneumonia. He is confined to a wheelchair and requires two-person assist with movement. His oxygen saturation by pulse ox is 88% on room air. The evaluation of his vitals show a oral temperature of 101F. His skin is clammy.



# Step 1 Identify Patterns: Conditions

Paraplegia

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RLL  
Pneumonia

Fever



# Condition Exercise “Paraplegia”

\* Only new constraints are shown in diagrams

## ConditionTopic

**topicCode** : Concept [1..1]  
**description** : PlainText [0..1]  
**multimedia** : Multimedia [0..\*]  
**interpretation** : Concept [0..\*]  
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**associatedEntityNOS** : EntityAssociationNOS [0..1]  
**dueTo** : DueTo [0..\*]  
**before** : TemporallyBefore [0..\*]  
**after** : TemporallyAfter [0..\*]  
...

Paraplegia (disorder) | SCT 60389000

“Paraplegia Model”

Known Present (Qualifier value)  
| 90734009

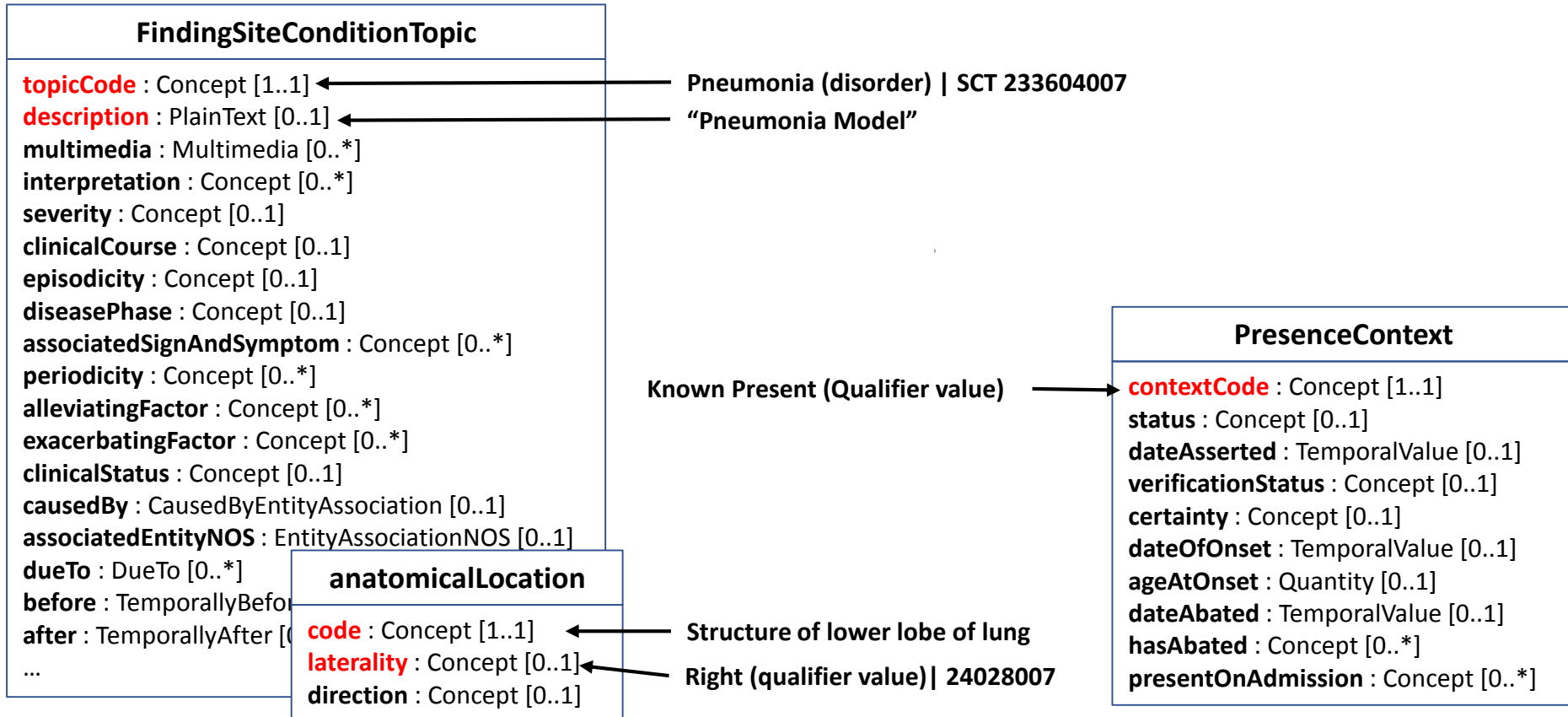
Date of onset (observable  
entity) | 298059007

## PresenceContext

**contextCode** : Concept [1..1]  
**status** : Concept [0..1]  
**dateAsserted** : TemporalValue [0..1]  
**verificationStatus** : Concept [0..1]  
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**ageAtOnset** : Quantity [0..1]  
**dateAbated** : TemporalValue [0..1]  
**hasAbated** : Concept [0..\*]  
**presentOnAdmission** : Concept [0..\*]



# Condition Exercise “RLL Pneumonia”



# Condition Exercise “Fever”

\* Only new constraints are shown in diagrams

## ConditionTopic

**topicCode** : Concept [1..1]  
**description** : PlainText [0..1]  
**multimedia** : Multimedia [0..\*]  
**interpretation** : Concept [0..\*]  
**severity** : Concept [0..1]  
**clinicalCourse** : Concept [0..1]  
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**after** : TemporallyAfter [0..\*]  
...

Fever (finding) | SCT 386661006

“Fever Model”

Known Present (Qualifier value)  
| 90734009

Clinical finding present on  
admission (situation)

## PresenceContext

**contextCode** : Concept [1..1]  
**status** : Concept [0..1]  
**dateAsserted** : TemporalValue [0..1]  
**verificationStatus** : Concept [0..1]  
**certainty** : Concept [0..1]  
**dateOfOnset** : TemporalValue [0..1]  
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# Step 1 Identify Patterns: Evaluation Result

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O2 Sat

Temperature

Skin moisture



# Evaluation Result Exercise

## “Oxygen Saturation by Pulse Ox”

\* Only new constraints are shown in diagrams

| PhysicalEvaluationResultTopic                              |   |
|--|---|
| <b>topicCode</b> : Concept [1..1]                          | ← |
| <b>description</b> : PlainText [0..1]                      | ← |
| <b>multimedia</b> : Multimedia [0..*]                      |   |
| <b>interpretation</b> : Concept [0..*]                     |   |
| <b>method</b> : Concept [0..*]                             |   |
| <b>device</b> : ClinicalDevice [0..*]                      |   |
| <b>referenceRange</b> : ReferenceRange [0..*]              |   |
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| <b>precondition</b> : Concept [0..*]                       |   |
| <b>partOf</b> : ProcedureStatement [0..*]                  |   |
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| <b>derivedFrom</b> : ClinicalStatement [0..*]              |   |
| <b>diagnosticService</b> : Concept [0..1]                  |   |
| <b>pocIndicator</b> : Concept [0..1]                       |   |
| ...  |   |

Oxygen saturation by Pulse oximetry| LNC 59408-5  
“Oxygen Saturation by Pulse Oximetry Model”

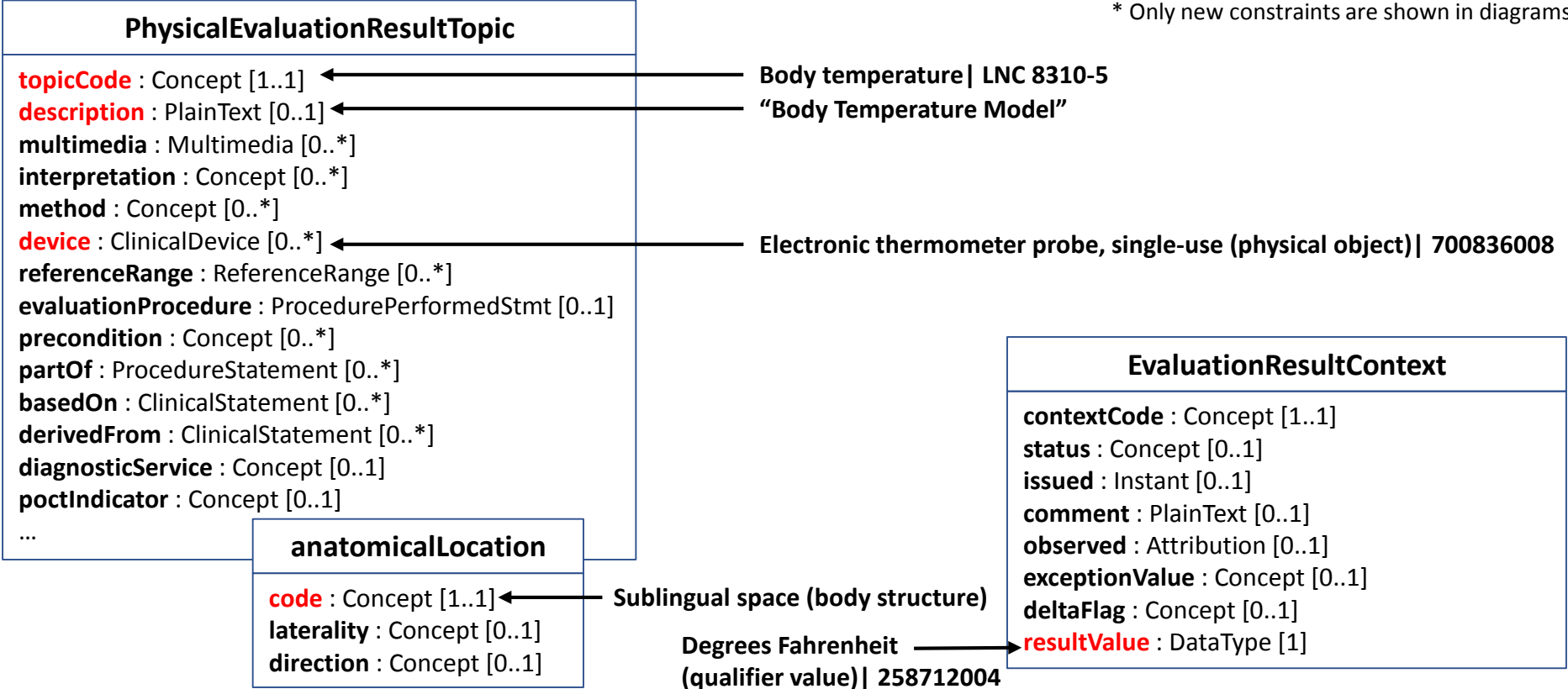
| EvaluationResultContext                |   |
|--|---|
| <b>contextCode</b> : Concept [1..1]    |   |
| <b>status</b> : Concept [0..1]         |   |
| <b>issued</b> : Instant [0..1]         |   |
| <b>comment</b> : PlainText [0..1]      |   |
| <b>observed</b> : Attribution [0..1]   |   |
| <b>exceptionValue</b> : Concept [0..1] |   |
| <b>deltaFlag</b> : Concept [0..1]      |   |
| <b>resultValue</b> : DataType [1]      | ← |

Percent (property) (qualifier value)| SCT 118582008

# Evaluation Result Exercise

## “Oral Body Temperature”

\* Only new constraints are shown in diagrams



# Evaluation Result Exercise

## “Skin Moisture”

\* Only new constraints are shown in diagrams

| PhysicalEvaluationResultTopic                              |   |
|--|---|
| <b>topicCode</b> : Concept [1..1]                          | ← |
| <b>description</b> : PlainText [0..1]                      | ← |
| <b>multimedia</b> : Multimedia [0..*]                      |   |
| <b>interpretation</b> : Concept [0..*]                     |   |
| <b>method</b> : Concept [0..*]                             |   |
| <b>device</b> : ClinicalDevice [0..*]                      |   |
| <b>referenceRange</b> : ReferenceRange [0..*]              |   |
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| <b>derivedFrom</b> : ClinicalStatement [0..*]              |   |
| <b>diagnosticService</b> : Concept [0..1]                  |   |
| <b>pocIndicator</b> : Concept [0..1]                       |   |
| ...  |   |

Moisture of Skin | LNC 39129-2  
 “Skin Moisture Model”

| EvaluationResultContext                |   |
|--|---|
| <b>contextCode</b> : Concept [1..1]    |   |
| <b>status</b> : Concept [0..1]         |   |
| <b>issued</b> : Instant [0..1]         |   |
| <b>comment</b> : PlainText [0..1]      |   |
| <b>observed</b> : Attribution [0..1]   |   |
| <b>exceptionValue</b> : Concept [0..1] |   |
| <b>deltaFlag</b> : Concept [0..1]      |   |
| <b>resultValue</b> : DataType [1]      | ← |

Clammy skin (finding) | 102598000

# Discussion

- Lessons Learned
- Next Steps

# Conclusion

- Identify Requirements and Use Case
- Complete the Model Request From
- Determine Model Patterns
- Bind to the Appropriate Standard Terminologies
- Create the Detailed Clinical Models (DCMs)



# Questions

