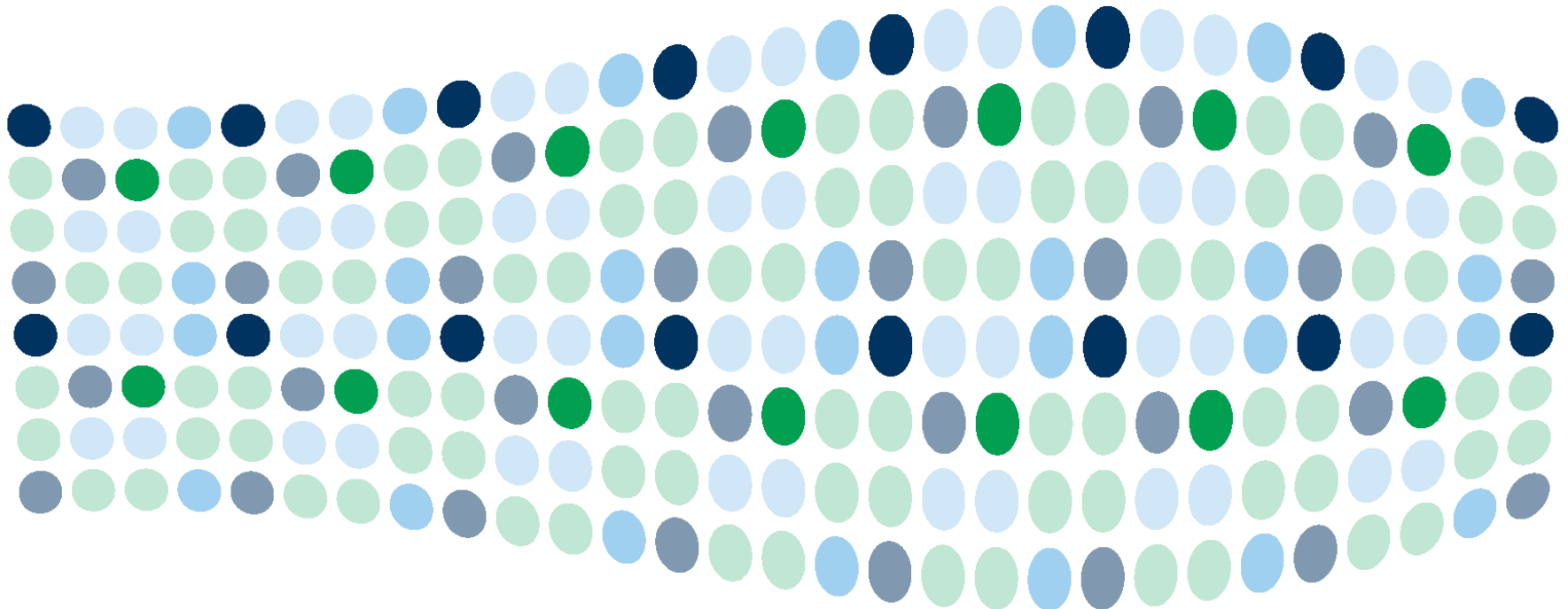


Dispelling the myths about dm+d

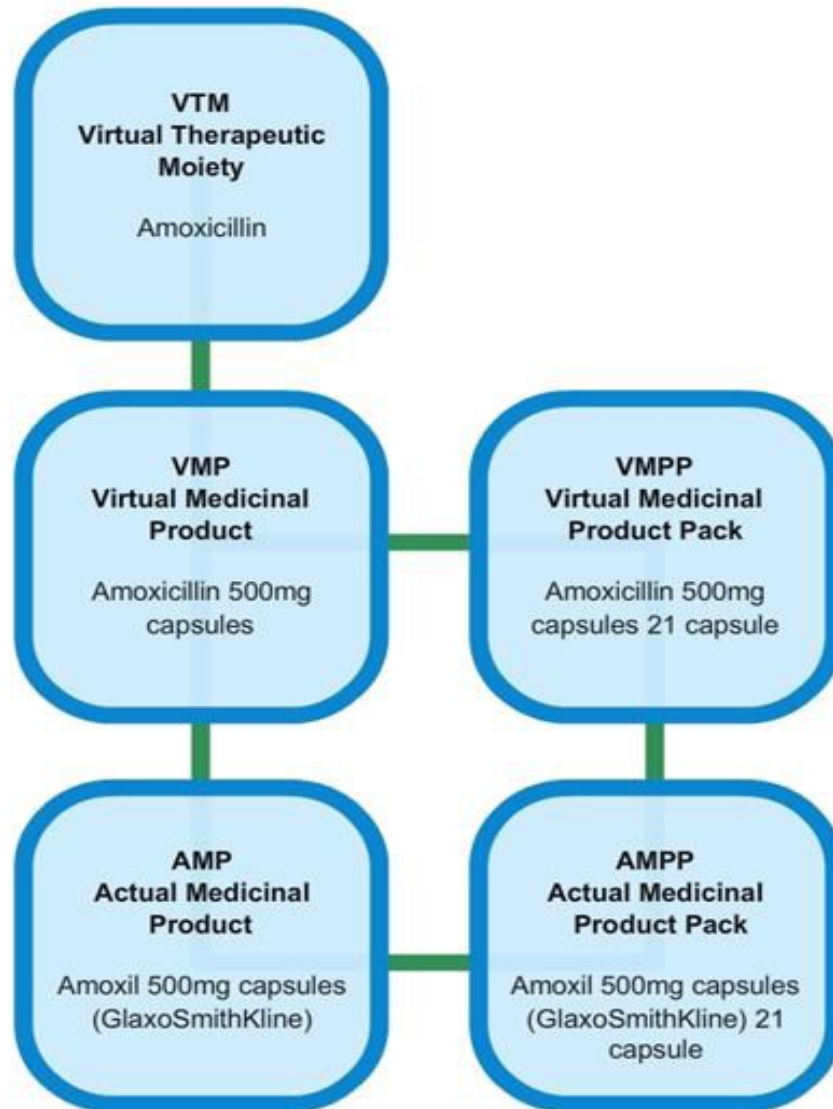
dm+d and the NHS Standard



What is dm+d

- dm+d is a dictionary of descriptions (text) and unique codes for medicines and devices in use across the NHS
- For use in all healthcare settings where there is a need to record and communicate medication and device details

dm+d – the model



What dm+d provides

- Unique identifier (SNOMED CT code) for all drugs and devices
- A standard term (description) for all drugs and devices
- A structure in which this information will be held
- stable identifier (SNOMED CT code)
- Additional coded information at each level relevant to the medicine or device e.g. form, ingredients etc

What dm+d does NOT provide:

dm+d has been developed to be incorporated into systems but does not provide:

- Knowledge for decision support
- Application functionality

Why dm+d

- The move to a single medicines (and device) terminology
 - Common language
 - Common codes
 - Interoperability
 - Sharing of data electronically
- NHS Standard for medicines and devices

NHS Standard

- Interoperability standard
 - To enable information to be shared between systems
- Power of Information (May 2012)
 - Where IT systems reference medicines they use dm+d for coded information
- Personalised Health and Care 2020 (Nov 2014)
 - References use of SNOMED CT

dm+d – specific programme requirements

EPS

dm+d has a proven track record with the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS). This is a national NHS programme that allows GPs to electronically send prescriptions to a pharmacy of the patient's choice.

Programme requirements dictate how dm+d is used but align with the Standard

dm+d ISB Standard 0052

- What does it mean to you
 - Read the specification
 - High level
 - Not programme specific
 - Enabling systems to share data
 - Does not dictate specific requirements
 - E.g. VTM vs VMP?
 - User display
 - Mappings with other dictionaries are allowed

Content specific issues

- Contact us with regards to any missing items
- Licenced routes only included in dm+d
- Why is 12 or 24 hour release not included

UKTCIF

- Implementation forum
 - Stakeholder input
 - UKTC to provide:
 - Guidance
 - Update on plans/progress
 - Assessing change
 - Issues & risks management etc...
- Meets bimonthly
- Newsletter

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Information Strategy

The Power of Information: Putting all of us in control of the health and care information we need

- DH Strategy document makes specific reference to the use of SNOMED CT and dm+d
- It recommends that where IT systems reference medicines they use dm+d for coded information
- Standardising on a single set of identifiers means that IT systems can more easily interoperate and information more readily shared