

- **Emtree 2026.02 release notes**

General improvements

Developments around COVID 19 / SARS COV II respectively are no longer a strong focus but are still being observed and added to the taxonomy.

Diseases

More than 70 disease preferred terms were added as part of ongoing, targeted taxonomy improvement activities.

- As part of on-going Taxonomy improvement of “neoplasms by histologic type”, mixed tumors were refined by separating benign and malignant synonyms. New mixed tumor subtypes were introduced in alignment with updated WHO pathology classification.
- Hemoglobinopathies were distinguished from broader hemoglobin disorders to improve classification accuracy with special focus on methemoglobinemia.
- Obesity and overweight concepts were separated, with refinement of associated synonyms. Obesity subtypes were further expanded through the addition of relevant terms.
- Taxonomy improvement for polycystic kidney disease included separation into autosomal dominant and autosomal recessive subtypes, including appropriate linkage to genetic and rare disease hierarchies.
- Continuing from the previous Emtree version, rare diseases are being added to relevant branches. 33 new preferred terms on rare diseases, including their synonyms, were introduced.

No major hierarchical or structural taxonomy changes were introduced.

Drugs and chemicals

Updates regarding all routinely monitored sources were provided.

- The content of list 134 (published on 29/01/2026) of proposed INNs including the COVID-19 special edition as published by the WHO was incorporated (206 entries) and published corrections on previous lists were processed.
- The United States Adopted Names published from November 2025 until February 2026 (included) were incorporated.
- Names of newly approved drugs, drugs under consideration, orphan drug designations and drug trade names as published by the FDA, EMA and MHRA in the period October 2025 - January 2026 (included) were incorporated.

In total, 212 new preferred terms and 2066 synonyms (to new and existing preferred terms) have been added.

Medical devices

- 221 new device trade names have been added as synonyms to the medical device branch of Emtree. Most of these device trade names were sourced directly from their corresponding manufacturers. This is an ongoing effort and will be continued in future releases.

Organisms

To support findability of various SARS-CoV-2 related information we have added 17 new coronavirus related preferred terms with a total of 103 new synonyms.

Additionally, we have added also 17 new preferred terms for non-coronavirus related organisms to the branch with 25 new synonyms.

Where needed we have also redirected some organisms to a different genus to reflect the latest taxonomical lineage insights.