

- **Emtree 2026.03 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**

A major focus for the diseases Emtree domain is updating the rare disease branch. In this release, over 600 diseases have been reviewed, verified, and added as rare diseases where needed, with 23 new preferred terms and 100 new synonyms being introduced.

- Taxonomy improvement for **hereditary cancer syndromes** and **inherited cancer predisposition syndromes** included refinement of parent-child relationships and alignment within the appropriate disease hierarchies.
- **Retinal disease** taxonomy branch was refined through review of disease concepts, synonyms, and hierarchical relationships to improve classification accuracy.
- Candidate disease concepts identified through indexing suggestions were prioritized for evaluation and incorporation as part of ongoing taxonomy improvement activities.

### **Drugs and chemicals**

Updates regarding all routinely monitored sources were provided.

- The United States Adopted Names published from March 2026 until June 2026 (included) were incorporated.
- Names of newly approved drugs, drugs under consideration, orphan drug designations and drug trade names and relevant updates to existing data as published by the FDA, EMA and MHRA in the period February 2026 - May 2026 (included) were incorporated.
- No new lists of proposed INNs were published by the WHO during the editing phase of this release.

In total, 41 new preferred terms and 1162 have been added.

### **Medical devices**

- 159 new synonyms have been added to the medical device branch of Emtree.
  - Of these new synonyms 157 are new device trade names. 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.
- New preferred terms were added in the field of liquid biopsy devices: 'liquid biopsy test kit' and 'ctDNA test kit'.

## Organisms

- To improve the discoverability of the Ebola virus-related data, the branch of Ebola virus has been reviewed and improved. In total 25 new organisms and 61 new synonyms were introduced for the Ebola virus branch; these include well known variants, strains and pseudoviruses used in research. In addition, for SARS-CoV-2 related organisms 14 new variants, strains or pseudoviruses were added with 55 new synonyms.

Overall, 150 new terms divided over 55 organisms have been added to the organism branch.