

The logo for Semantic HealthNet features a network of blue lines and nodes. The text "Semantic HealthNet" is written in a bold, dark blue font across the center of the network.

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Semantic Interoperability for Health Network of Excellence

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SemanticHealthNet

“*SemanticHealthNet* will develop a scalable and **sustainable pan-European organisational and governance process** for the **semantic interoperability** of clinical and biomedical knowledge, to help ensure that EHR systems are optimised for patient **care**, public health and **clinical research** across healthcare systems and institutions.

Through a clinically-driven workplan, exemplified in **cardiovascular medicine**, *SemanticHealthNet* will capture the needs for evidence-based, patient-centred integrated care and for public health, encapsulating existing European consensus in the management of chronic heart failure and cardiovascular prevention. Experts in **EHR architectures**, clinical **data structures**, **terminologies** and **ontology** will combine, tailor and pilot their best-of-breed resources in response to the needs articulated by clinicians and public health physicians. (...) “

SEMANTICHEALTHNET

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SemanticHealthNet

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






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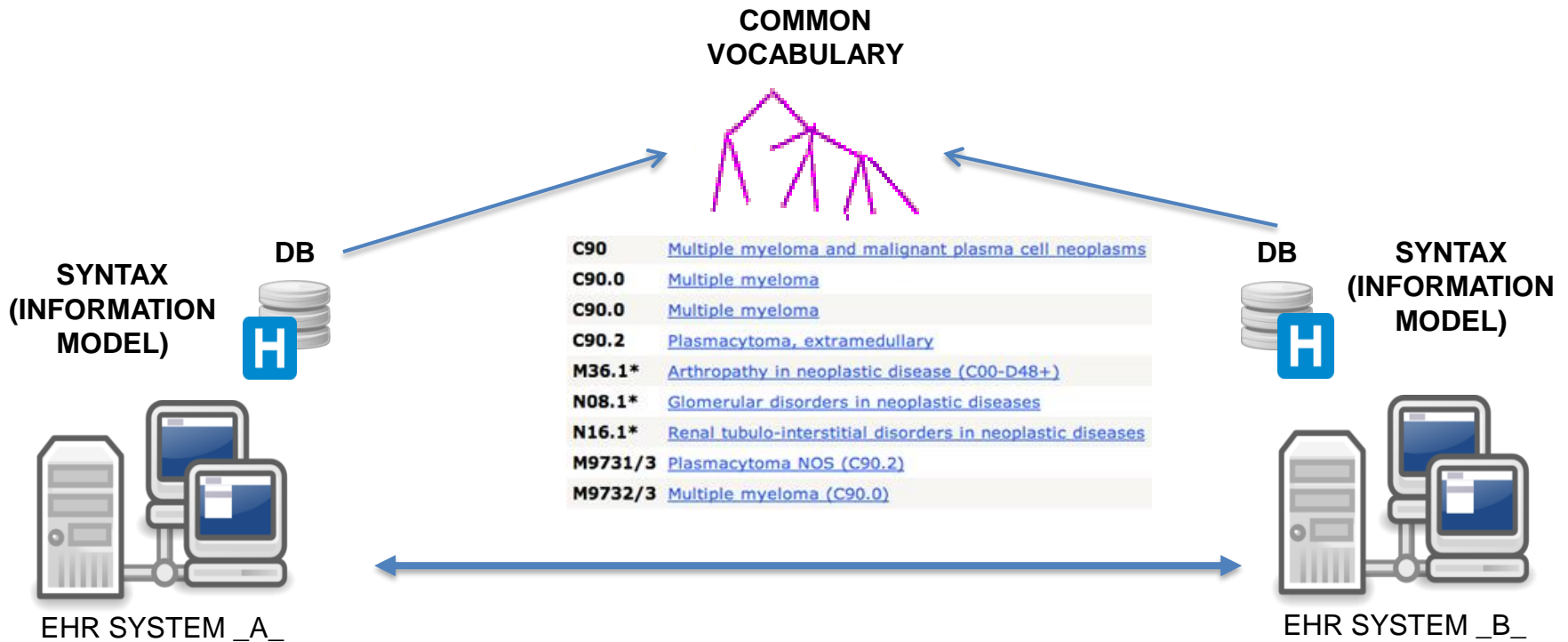
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15	European Coordination Committee of the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare IT Industry	COCIR	
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Semantische Interoperabilität



Beispiel 1: Diagnose

Beispiel: Verdacht auf Zervixkarzinom

Data

GP [X]

Prob/Dx Entry

Prob/Dx
Cervical cancer [v]

Status

Absent
 Suspected
 Confirmed

OK Cancel

Data

Polyclinic [X]

Diagnosis Entry

Diagnosis
Cancer [v]

Site
Cervix [v]

Status

Suspected
 Confirmed

OK Cancel

Data

RH [X]

Problem/Diagnosis Entry

Problem/Diagnosis
Suspected CA cervix [v]

OK Cancel

Heterogenität in Benennung, Syntax, Repräsentation, Struktur

Beispiel 2: Prozedur

Beispiel: Anforderung Röntgen-Thorax

The image displays three distinct data entry forms for requesting a chest X-ray, each with a different title and layout, illustrating heterogeneity in user interface design.

- Form 1 (H1):** Titled "Radiology Investigation Entry". It features a dropdown menu for "Investigation" with "Chest X-ray" selected. Below it, a "Status" section has three radio buttons: "Requested" (selected), "Scheduled", and "Performed".
- Form 2 (GP):** Titled "Investigations". It includes a "Procedure" dropdown menu with "X-ray" selected, a "Site" dropdown menu with "Chest" selected, and a "Status" section with three radio buttons: "Requested" (selected), "Scheduled", and "Performed".
- Form 3 (H2):** Titled "Radiology investigations". It has a dropdown menu for "Investigations" with "Chest X-ray requested" selected. It lacks a status section.

All three forms include "OK" and "Cancel" buttons at the bottom.

Heterogenität in Benennung, Syntax, Repräsentation, Struktur

Warum ist es so schwierig?

- **Gemeinsame Syntax**

- ISO 13606
- openEHR
- HL7
- Legacy systems

- **Dateneingabe**

- unterschiedlich

- **Gemeinsames Vokabular**

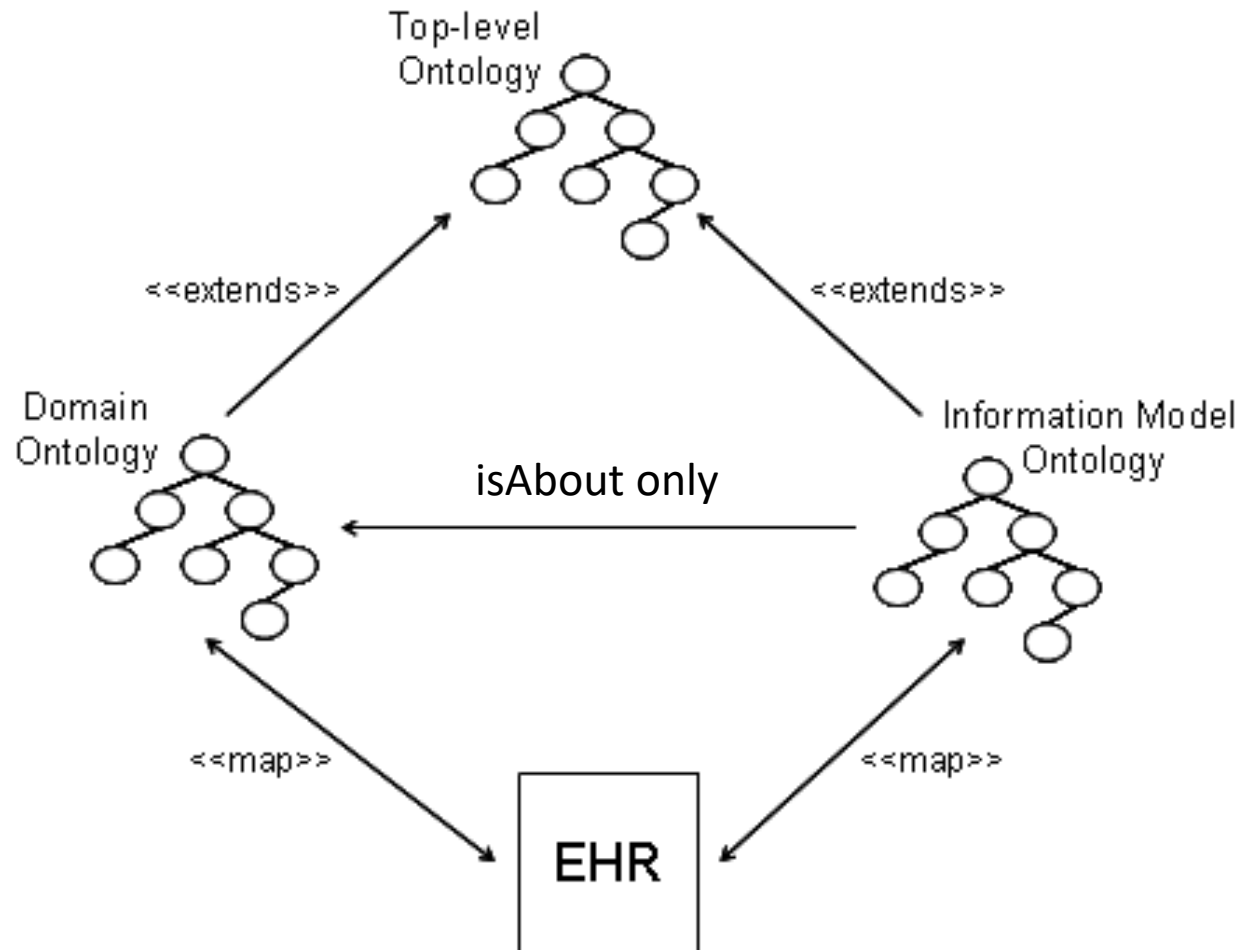
- SNOMED CT
- LOINC
- ICD

- Ambiguität
 - *Chest X-Ray*
 - *X-Ray and
hasProcedureSite Chest*

Grundidee des WP 4 (Leitung MUG-IMI)

- Semantische Annotation aller Inhalte klinischer Informationsmodelle
 - SNOMED CT
 - „Information Model Ontology“

Ontologien



Methode OWL als Ontologiesprache, Protégé als Editor, HermIT als Reasoner, BioTopLite als Upper-Level Ontologie

Beispiel: Formalisierung von: „Vorläufige Diagnose: Hautkrebs am Rücken“

RecordEntry

and (**denotes** only Situation and

'has participant' some (*HumanOrganism* and
(**'locus of'** some (*sct_SkinCancer* and
(**'has locus'** some *sct_Back*)))) and
'has process quality' some (*DiagnosisQuality* and
(**'quality located'** some *sct_ProvisionalDiagnosis*)))

DIABETES MELLITUS EXCLUDED (openEHR)

- ARCHETYPES USED:
 - openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.exclusion-problem_diagnosis.v1 OR
 - openEHR-EHR-EVALUATION.check_list.v1

EVALUATION -- *Exclusion statement - Problems and Diagnoses*

data/**ITEM_TREE**

items/**ELEMENT** -- *No previous history of*

value – 73211009 | diabetes mellitus |

EVALUATION –check list

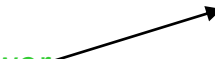
data/**CLUSTER** – Question group

items/**CLUSTER** – *Question*

items/**ELEMENT** –*answer*

value (Text, BL,...)

417662000 | past history of clinical finding | : { 246090004 |
associated finding | = 73211009 | diabetes mellitus | }



DIABETES MELLITUS EXCLUDED (SNOMED CT)

- **HISTORY:** 422625006 | history of present illness section |
 - **NOT DIABETIC:** 373572006 | clinical finding absent | : { 246090004 | associated finding | = 73211009 | diabetes mellitus | }
- RECORD ARTEFACT
- FINDING WITH EXPLICIT CONTEXT

DIABETES MELLITUS EXCLUDED (ISO 13606)

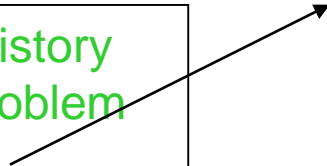
ENTRY – Past medical history
items/ELEMENT
value -- False

diabetes mellitus | 408729009 |



373572006 | clinical finding absent | : { 246090004 | associated
finding | = 73211009 | diabetes mellitus | }

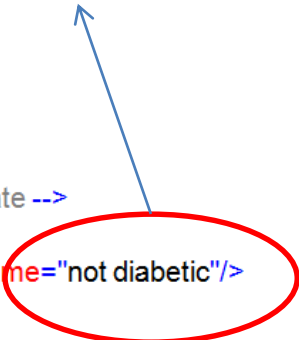
ENTRY – Past medical history
items/ELEMENT -- Problem
value -- Coded



DIABETES MELLITUS EXCLUDED (HL7)

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    <templateId root='2.16.840.1.113883.10.20.1.11' /> <!-- Problem section template -->
    <code code="11450-4" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.1" />
    <title>Problems</title>
    ...
    <entry typeCode="DRIV">
      <act classCode="ACT" moodCode="EVN">
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        ...
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          <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN">
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            <value xsi:type="CD" code="xxx" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96" displayName="not diabetic" />
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              <observation classCode="OBS" moodCode="EVN">
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                <statusCode code="completed" />
                <value xsi:type="CE" code="55561003" codeSystem="2.16.840.1.113883.6.96" displayName="Active" />
              </observation>
            </entryRelationship>
          </observation>
        </entryRelationship>
      </act>
    </entry>
  </section>
</component>
```

373572006 | clinical finding absent |
: { 246090004 | associated finding |
= 73211009 | diabetes mellitus | }



Herausforderungen

- **Semantische Interoperabilität** zwischen
 - (1) unterschiedlichen Kodier-/ Terminologie- / Ontologiesystemen
 - (2) unterschiedlichen Informationsmodellen
 - Unterschiedlicher Verteilung von Inhalten zwischen 1 und 2
- Möglichkeit eines **gemeinsamen Formalismus** explorieren, zwischen alternativen Repräsentationen ohne Informationsverlust zu vermitteln
- **Motiviert durch klinische und epidemiologische Use Cases** (Input durch klinische Partner)
- Demonstration der Machbarkeit einer generalisierbaren und skalierbaren Methodik zur Herstellung semantischer Interoperabilität klinischer Daten

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