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CSIRO partnership helps connect Australian healthcare system

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The Australian Digital Health Agency and Australia's national science agency, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation- CSIRO's Australian e-Health Research Centre (AEHRC) have launched a new collaboration combining their skills and expertise to deliver a centre of excellence for connectivity across the Australian healthcare system, through the National Clinical Terminology Service (NCTS).

Under the new partnership, the Agency retains responsibility for governance and the strategic role of end-to-end management, SNOMED (Systematised Nomenclature of Medicine) CT (Clinical Terms) licensing and the relationship with SNOMED International, while CSIRO will deliver the services and functions required to manage the NCTS, as well as content authoring and tooling.

The intention of the collaboration is to enable connectivity across all health care settings. This is achieved through driving future interoperability standards and governance discussions across different systems and health care settings to improve connectivity.

Over the next five years, work will continue through this partnership to refresh other NCTS tooling and develop terminology content published through the NCTS. This will further improve health information connectivity for Australian consumers and healthcare providers.