

Pubtalk: FHIR Terminology Services – Too complicated?

- FHIR terminology servers and the terminology services API are intended to make using terminology in FHIR applications simpler
- Because terminologies are often complicated
 - E.g., SNOMED CT – including [ECL](#) and (potentially) post-coordination ([CG](#))
 - With the TS API you can “hide” some (but definitely not all) of that complexity
- But we’ve also added complexity of our own
 - “Extensible” value set bindings (this isn’t new, but is still being debated)
 - Implicit value sets, code systems and concept maps
 - Code system supplements (and rules on when they apply and what is in them)
 - More \$expand parameters and complex outputs – e.g., hierarchy, properties
 - Persisted value set expansions (rather than version-specific definitions)
- “80% rule” – still the goal?