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Introduction

Acupuncture therapy is being widely practiced in many countries. Acupuncture therapy is used to treat many diseases by regulating the physiological functions of the internal organs (zang-fu) and body systems. Stimulating the acupoints with an acupuncture needle or with electro acupuncture can directly or indirectly cause changes in organs, tissues, cells, molecules and other chemical substances, then affects physiological or pathological functions in human body or experimental animals, ~~and the~~. ~~The effects of acupuncture effects~~ can be measured by laboratory tests or clinical observations.

A large number of clinical research studies and animal experiments have been conducted to assess the mechanism of acupuncture therapy. However, the descriptions of ~~the~~ acupuncture ~~effect~~ effects in clinical reports or experimental reports tend to be insufficient or inconsistent for interpretation of heterogeneity, thus causing difficulties in synthesizing data for analysis. This arises from two reasons:

- a) An appropriate categorial structure for the acupuncture effect has not been formulated;
- b) Semantic associations between the concepts of the acupuncture effect need to be made more explicit.

This document ~~defines the categorial structures in the field of the acupuncture effect to solve~~ aims at solving these existing problems.

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Acupuncture effects

1 Scope

This document specifies the categorial structure within the ~~subject~~ field of ~~the~~ acupuncture ~~effect~~ effects by defining a set of domain constraints of sanctioned characteristics, each consisting of a semantic link and an applicable characterizing category ~~to represent the concept and the semantic link of the acupuncture effect.~~

2 Normative references

~~The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.~~

~~ISO/TS 16843-1:2016, Health informatics — Categorial structures for representation of acupuncture Part 1: Acupuncture points~~

~~ISO/TS 16843-2:2015 Health Informatics — Categorial Structures for Representation of Acupuncture Part 2: Needling~~

~~There are no normative references in this document.~~

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain ~~terminological~~ terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/><https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 General

3.1.1

concept

unit of knowledge created by a unique combination of characteristics

Note 1 to entry: A concept can have one or more names. It can be represented using one or more terms, pictures, icons or sounds.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 16843-2:2015, 3.1]

3.1.2

category

~~minimal set of domain constraints for representing concept systems in a subject field.~~

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[SOURCE: ISO 17115:2020, ~~3.1.1~~, modified]

3.1.3

category

division of sets of entities regarded as having particular shared characteristics

EXAMPLE Oral route, subcutaneous route and all other routes share characteristics particular to the category route.

Note 1 to entry: Categories ~~may~~ be more or less general. Where one category is subsumed by another, the 'is a' relation is asserted to obtain a hierarchy between the more specific or subsumed category and the more general or subsuming category. For example, parenteral route is more general than intravenous route.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 16843-2:2015, 3.3]

3.1.4

characterizing category

category (3.1.3) of characteristics which serves as the criterion of subdivision when establishing concept systems

EXAMPLE ~~The~~ type of characteristics '~~color~~' colour includes being red, blue, green, etc. The type of characteristics 'material' includes made of wood, metal, etc.

[SOURCE: ISO 17115:2020, 3.1.3, modified]

3.1.5

semantic link

formal representation of a directed associative relation or partitive relation between two concepts

EXAMPLE is Cause Of (with inverse has Cause); has Location (with inverse is Location Of).

Note 1 to entry: This includes all relations except the generic relation.

Note 2 to entry: A semantic link always has an inverse, i.e. another semantic link with the opposite direction.

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 16843-2:2015, 3.5]

3.2 Characterizing categories

3.2.1

acupuncture therapy

~~Treatment~~ treatment of disease by inserting needles along specific pathways or meridians at an acupuncture point.

Note 1 to entry: The placement of the acupuncture needle varies with the disease being treated. It is sometimes used in conjunction with heat, moxibustion, acupressure, or electric stimulation.

EXAMPLES: ~~Electro-acupuncture,~~ EXAMPLE Electro-acupuncture, ear acupuncture, Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation (TENS), ~~etc.~~.