

What's changed?

- The following data elements have been added:
 - CPT procedures (for sites with a valid CPT license)
 - HCPCS procedures
 - ICD10 PCS procedures
 - ICD10 CM diagnosis
 - Labs LOINC provisional
 - Medications by ingredient
- The below items have been updated:
 - ICD9 diagnosis
 - ICD9 procedures
 - Medication by VA class
 - Demographics
 - Added adult ≥ 18 and Child <18
- Please note that there are older codes not represented in this version of the ontology. Historical codes will be introduced back into the ontology later this year.

What will I need to do differently?

- **You will no longer be able to update previous queries**, stored on the left-hand side of the query tool. This is a consequence of restructuring how the ontology is organized, allowing a more user-friendly approach for navigating terms. Here is what you can expect:
 - When you click on a previous query, the previous results will display in the “Query Status” window on the bottom right of your screen.
 - The “Query Tool” window at the top right of your screen will **not** populate with the terms you used to create the query. This means that you will need to recreate queries using the new ontology to run them again for updated results.
 - If you attempt to re-run a previous query that was built using the old ontology, it will not complete and will remain in “Waiting on Status from the Network” mode.
- Moving forward, the goal is to maintain the integrity of previous queries with future versions of the ontology.
- As identified above, there will be many new terms from which you can select to use for your queries. The available data elements increased to over 440,000, more than doubling what was available in the previous ontology version.

How long did this take?

- The new ontology was installed at all sites on the ACT production network **in March 2019** and the process lasted for a full week while sites mapped their local data to the new ontology. Your patience was appreciated as we coordinated this major improvement across the network.

Why am I not seeing results for some sites?

- It will take time for all sites on the network to load and map their local data to the new ontology. Each site has a different practice and process in place, so completion times vary.
- There are some sites that do not have local data against each data element in the ontology. This will be true for sites that include only children's hospital data or those without a CPT license. More information on what behavior to expect at each site is found on our ACT data profile, located here.

I have unanswered questions. Where do I turn?

- On your local ACT webpage, you will find a list of local contacts. These contacts will be able to assist you. If necessary, they will reach out to ACT central support for issues or questions outside of their expertise.