# A National Metadata Repository for Empirical Research in Germany

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#### Agenda

- + Project
- + Core packages of ISO/IEC 11179 Ed. 3
- + Information models and ISO/IEC 11179 Ed. 3
- + Contolled vocabularies and ISO/IEC 11179 Ed. 3
- + Pilot implementation

#### Objectives, scope

- + Empirical medical research
  - + is based on the collection of observations stored in DBMS
  - + needs services for the maintenance of item collections and improvement of interoperability:
    - + Reuse of item's definitions
    - + Quality improvement through harmonization and standardization
    - + Integration and use of controlled vocabularies as value lists for items
    - + Use of terminologies as buildings blocks for data elements
- + MDR-Project in Germany launched in 2009 by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research to set up a national metadata repository for the support of empirical research.
  - + ISO/IEC 11179 Ed. 3 "Information technology Metadata Registries (MDR)" part 3 "Registry Metamodel and basic attributes"

# **TMF** – Technology, Methods, and Infrastructure for Networked Medical Research



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onotische Infektionen beim Menscher

Synergy, quality & standards – shared solutions for health

SFB MoBIL
Pro Dr. Kalipin Goedle
Prof. Dr. Cortain Schober
Susceptibilitat bei Infektionen:
Suscept

#### **Oktober 2011: 89 Member organisations**

- Disease-oriented Competence Networks in Medicine
- Coordinating Centres for Clinical Trials
- Networks for Rare Diseases
- German Clinical Trials Register
- German National Genome Research Network (NGFN)
- Fraunhofer Institute for Toxicology and Experimental Medicine
- Patient Organisations
- German National Cohort Pre-Test Phase
- Centralized Biobanks
- German Centres of Health Research

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Kompetenznetz Schizophri Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ga

Koordinierungszentrum für Klinische Studien Düss

Forschungsverbund OrthoMIT Prof. Dr.-Ing. Klaus Radermacher

SARS - Ökologie und Pathogenese einer archetyp

Kompetenznetz Angeborene Herzfehler

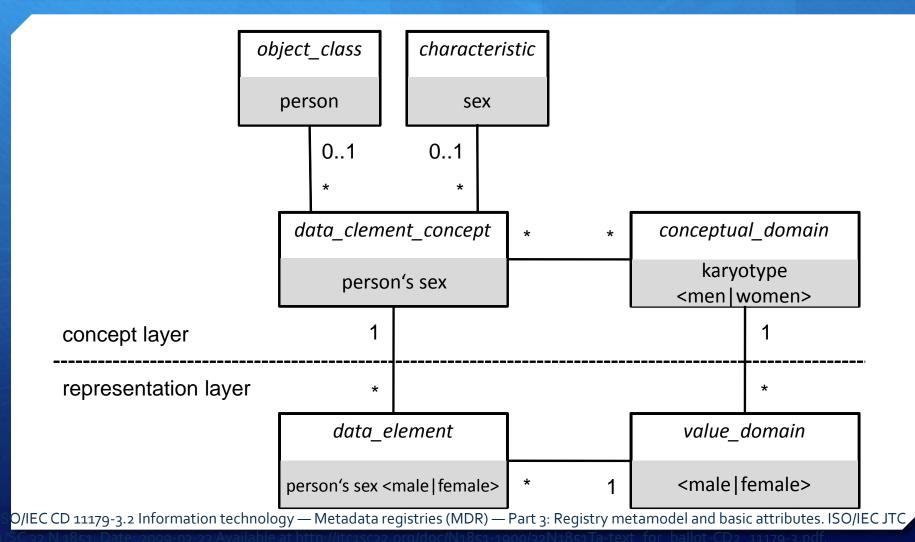
EB-Netz: Netzwerk Epidermolysis bullosa Prof. Dr. Leena Bruckner-Tudermann

Zentrum Klinische Studien Freibung Prof. Dr. Martin Schumacher SKELNET: Skelettdysplasie Netzwerk Prof. Dr. Bernhard Zabel

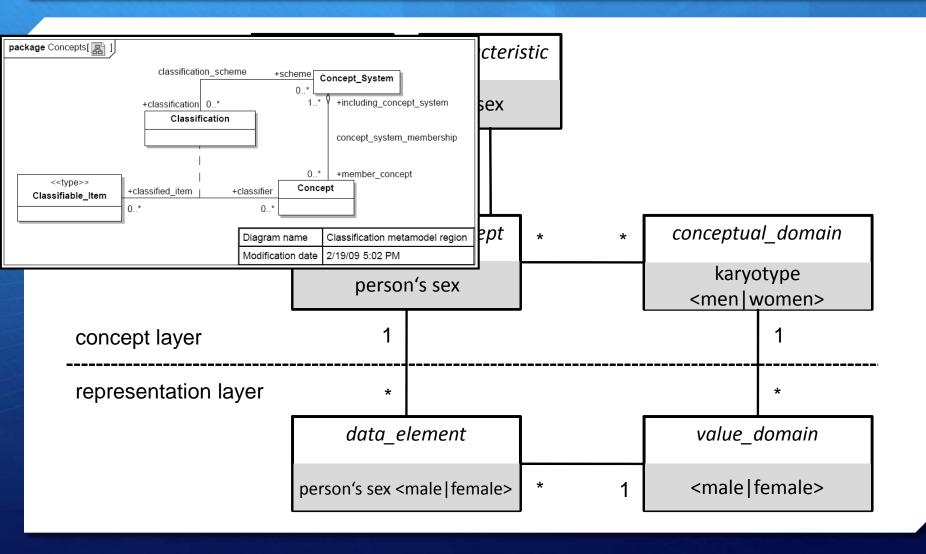
#### Use cases

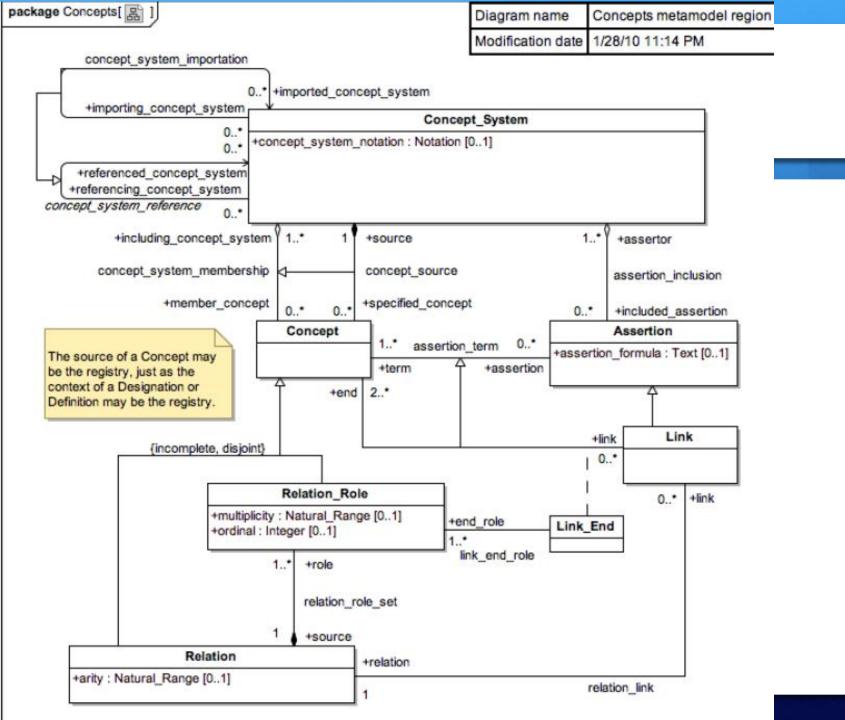
- + Single organization
  - + Maintain metadata to specify a CRF or a catalogue of variables
  - + Import metadata to establish a pool of metadata
  - + Mapping of metadata to transform data from one model to another
  - + Queries for multiple versions of metadata to support study series
- + Multiple organizations
  - + Queries for multiple metadata to support pooling of data
  - + Select projects to identify projects covering specific variables
  - + Review of metadata to harmonize variables and value lists
- + National level
  - + Queries for multiple metadata to support pooling of data
  - + Select projects to identify projects covering specific variables
  - + Maintain standards to harmonize CRFs and databases
  - + Improve standards to identify gaps in data standards or terminologies

# Core of the metamodel of ISO/IEC 11179 Ed. 3

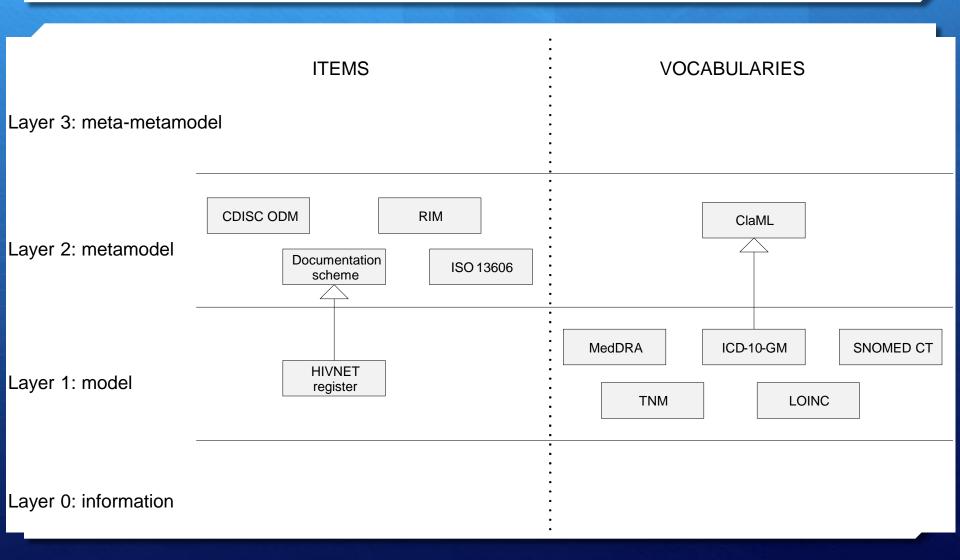


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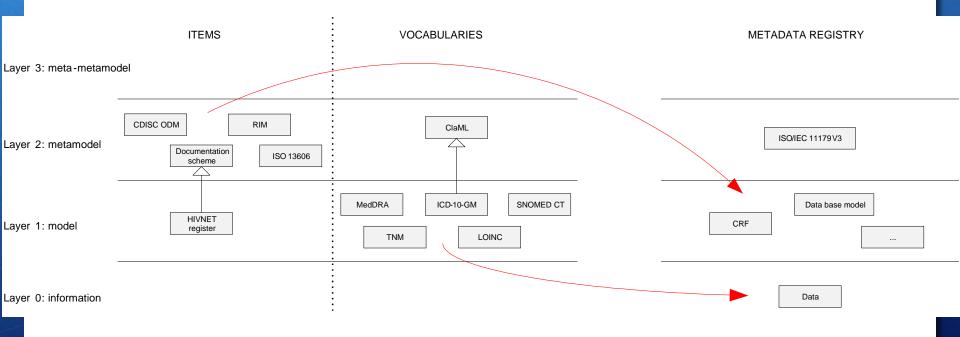




# Tested material in the metadata architecture



# Mapping to ISO/IEC 11179 V3



#### Methods

- + Mapping of model elements (metamodels)
- + Import of models into an MDR-database

#### Documentation scheme/EAV-model

- Disease registers
- + no problem in general
- + but in particular
  - + OIDs
  - + layout information of CRFs
  - + relationships between data\_elements

Dokumentationseinheit

Merkmal/Wertebereich/Beschreibung

Vitalstatus

Stammdaten Vitalstatus s. Tabelle [RKI]

#### Patient

Berufsausbildung, höchste

Stammdaten Berufsausbildung s. Tabelle [BGS98 F082]

Datum der ersten Vorstellung

Monat/Jahr

Datum der letzten Vorstellung

Monat/Jahr

Erklärung Einverständnis

Datum

ethnische Zugehörigkeit

<kaukasisch (weiss)|schwarz|asiatisch|unbekannt>

Geburtsdatum

Monat/Jahr

Geschlecht

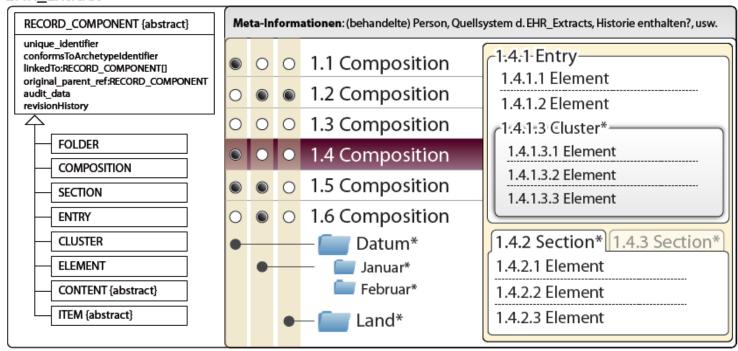
Stammdaten Geschlecht s. Tabelle [RKI]

#### Reference models

- > EHR
  - + RIM of HL7
  - + ISO 13606 Health informatics Electronic health record communication
- + no problem in general
- + but
  - + inheritance
  - + complex information objects not explicitely mentioned

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  - + inher
  - + comp



#### "CRF"-model 1











#### **Erstdokumentation Hepatitis B**

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1. Patienten-ID	Geburtsjahr		
2. Zentrum/Arzt-ID			
3. Datum	T T M M J J J J		
☐ Primär behandelnder A☐ Überweisung Hausarzt☐ Überweisung Facharzt	t oder		
4. HBV-Erstdiagnose (HBs-Antigennachweis)	M M * J J J *		
Erstdiagnose durch  Abklärung von Symptomen oder Leberwerten  Einstellungsuntersuchung  andere Untersuchungen			

#### "CRF"-model 2

- + 1 Context
- + 3 Data\_Elements

andere Untersuchungen

- Object\_Class: hepatitis B
- + 3 Characteristics: date of diagnosis, reason for diagnosis, first date of raised liver values
- + 3 Value\_Domains: 2 date, value list for reason for diagnosis
- + 3 Permissible\_Values, 3 Value\_Meanings, 3 Conceptual\_Domains
- + 22 Designations, 1 Definition
- Not covered: position (4), constraint between "reason for diagnosis" and "first date of raised liver values", order of the Data\_Elements, oder of the Permissible\_Values

# 4. HBV-Erstdiagnose (HBs-Antigennachweis) M M \* J J J \* Erstdiagnose durch Abklärung von Symptomen oder Leberwerten Einstellungsuntersuchung erhöht seit M M \* J J J J \*

#### Mapping CDISC ODM to ISO 11179 Ed. 3

- + CDISC Operational Data Model (ODM): XML-based standard that contains all metadata and clinical data of a clinical trial
- ODM item definitions are composed of meaning and representation
- + Approach included the basic ODM build blocks for the specification of clinical items (ItemDef, MeasurementUnit, and CodeList)
- + Results: Most elements could be mapped
  - + ODM doesn't have a counterpart for Data Element Concept
  - + Described\_Conceptual\_Domain/-Value\_Domain is implicit in ODM
  - + ISO 11179 permits only a single Measurement Unit where ODM items can have many

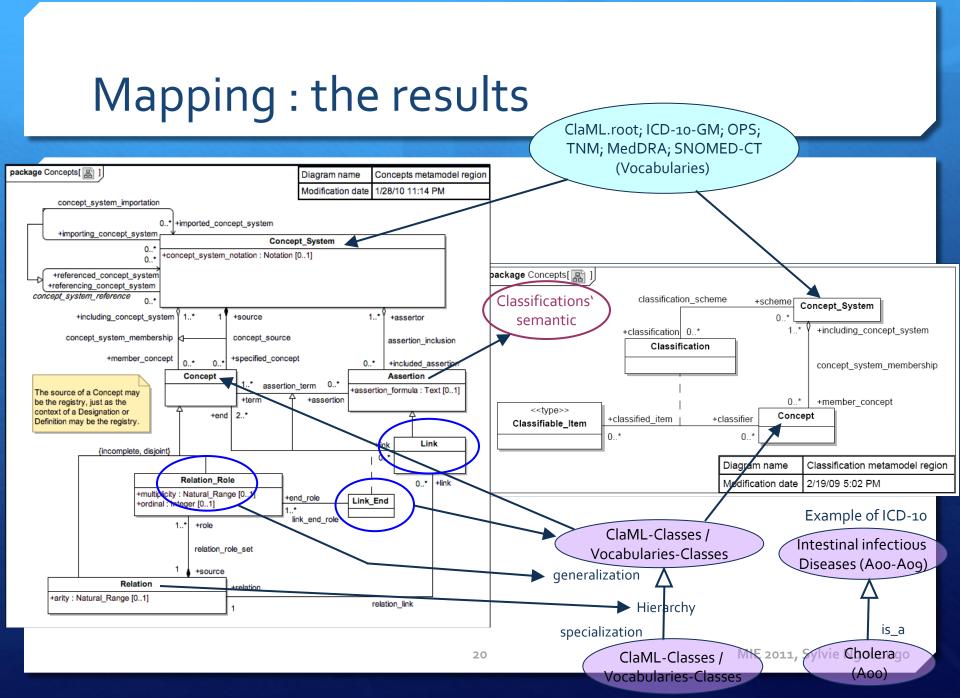
### Classifications and Terminologies

- + ICD-10-GM: International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems 10th Revision German Modifications
- + OPS: German procedure classification
- + The TNM classification of malignant tumors
  - + A well-established standard for the classification of malignant tumors in oncology. the TNM-system classification provides three axes for post-coordination (T: local tumor, N: regional lymph nodes, M: metastasis).
- + MedDRA: Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities
  - The international medical terminology used to classify adverse events associated with the use of biopharmaceuticals and other medical products.
- + SNOMED CT: Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine Clinical Terms

# Material: Classifications and Terminologies - ClaML

- + Classification Markup Language (ClaML) is attractive as interface standard for the import of classifications (ICD-10-GM, OPS) into the MDR.
- + ClaML: EN 14463:2007, Standard for electronic representation of medical classification systems.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE ClaML SYSTEM "claml.dtd"[]>
<ClaML version="2.0.0">
 <Meta name="TopLevelSort" value="I II III IV V VI VII VIII IX X XI XII</p>
    <Meta name="lang" value="en" />
 < Meta name="titleLong" value="International Statistical Classification"
       of Diseases and Related Health Problems 10th Revision"/>
 <Identifier authority="WHO" uid="SRFSFto be added later" />
 <Title date="2008-05-13" name="ICD-10-2008-EN" version="2008" />
<Class code="B27" kind="category">
  <SuperClass code="B25-B34" />
  <SubClass code="B27.0" />
  <SubClass code="B27.1" />
  <Rubric id="D0000588" kind="preferred">
    <Label xml:lang="en" xml:space="default">Infectious
      mononucleosis</Label>
  </Rubric>
</Class>
</ClaML>
```



#### Classifications, ClaML

- + some problems:
  - + representation of the code
  - + rules not covered
    - + coding standards
    - + exclusions, inclusions, special codes
    - + reconstruction not possible
  - + intermediate levels not supported
  - + direct use of classes not possible, doubling required

#### SNOMED CT – core tables

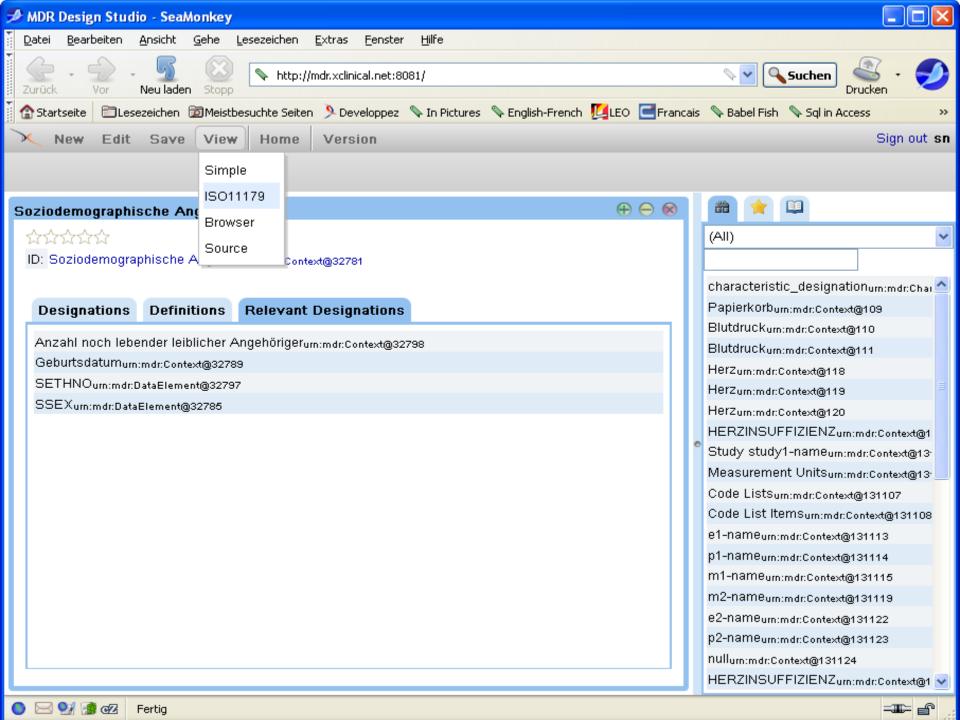
SNOMED CT	ISO 11179 E3	Comment
	concept_system	Value is the release of SNOMED CT.
	context	a) Value is the release of SNOMED CT.
		b) Value is "Read Codes CTV3" as context for Read Codes.
Concept	concept	
SNOMEDID	definition	Definition is associated with the context of the release of SNOMED CT.
CTV3ID	definition	Definition is associated with the context "Read Codes CTV3".
IsPrimitive	assertion	
Description	designation	Designation is associated with the context of the release of
		SNOMED CT.
Term	designation_sign	
DescriptionType	designation_class	Designation_class is an association nclass between
		designation and context.
LanguageCode	designation_language	
Relationships	link	
RelationshipType	relation_role	The reverse relationship must be generated artificially.
CharacteristicType	assertion_formula	
Refinability		Refinability is not covered by ISO/IEC 11179 E3.
RelationshipGroup		RelationshipGroup is not covered by ISO/IEC 11179 E3.

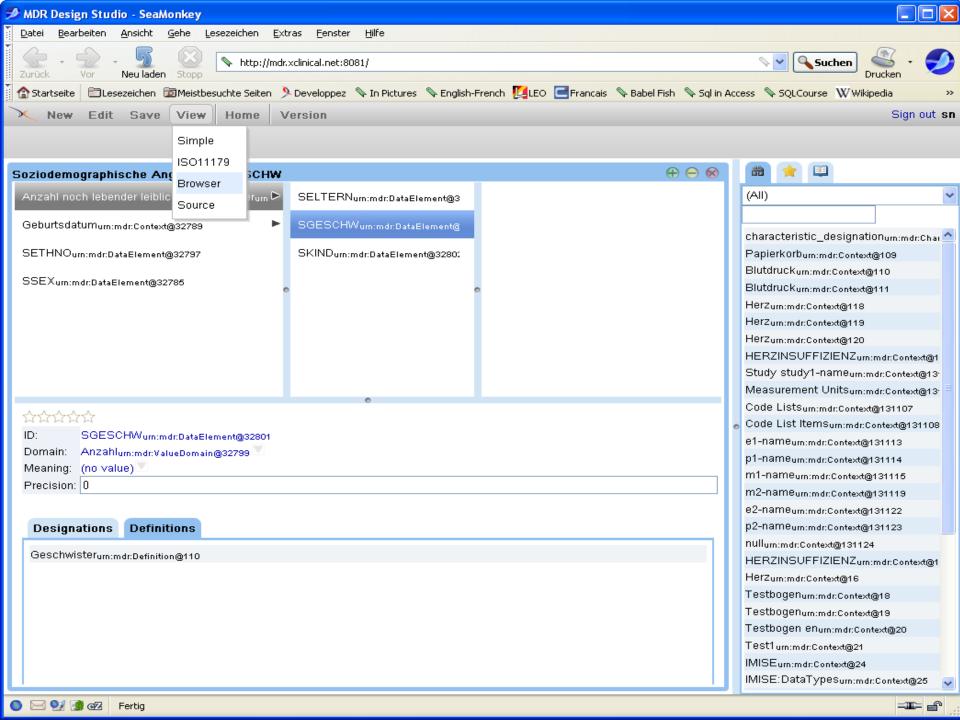
### Terminological systems

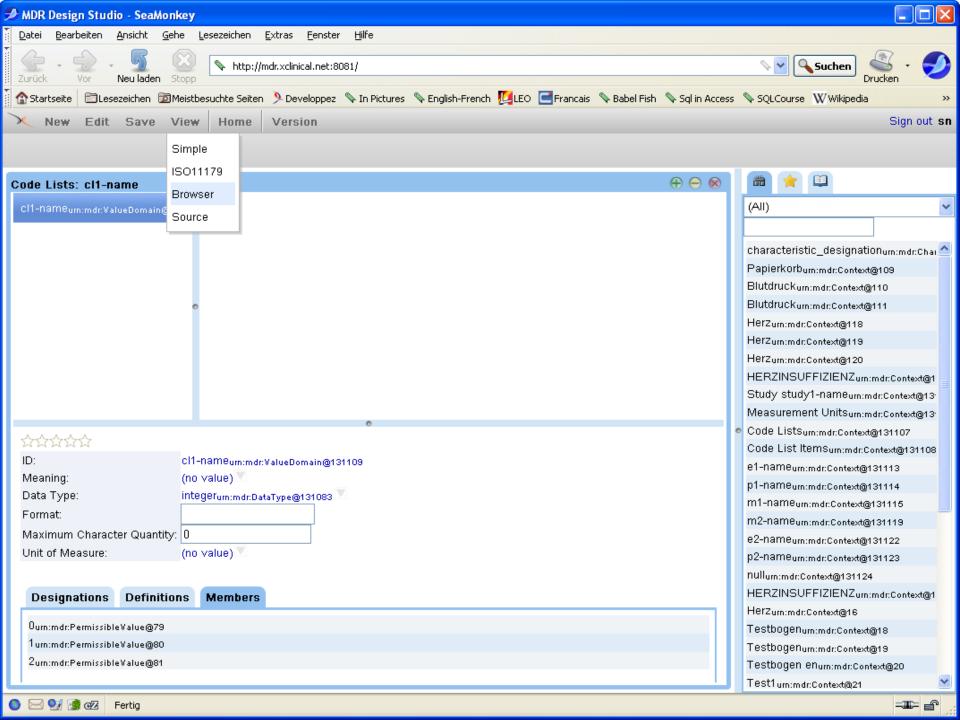
- + no problem in general
- + reconstruction to some extent possible
- + but
  - + SNOMED CT elements not covered
    - + relationship\_type
    - + refinability for data entry
  - Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA)
    - versioning of coding systems and their relationship to the data description package
  - + TNM
    - composition of concepts

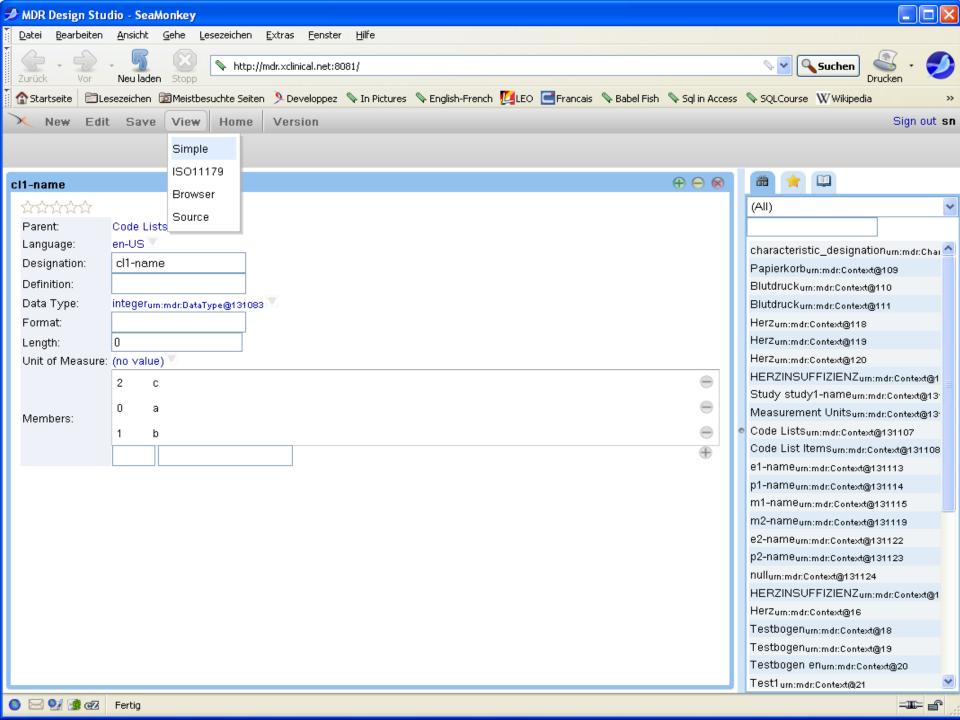
## Implementation

- + ISO/IEC 11179 Ed. 3 view
- + Data manager view









#### Conclusions

- + ISO/IEC 11179 Ed. 3 is powerful and contributes many useful ideas for the definition of a national MDR.
- + An extension of ISO/IEC 11179 Ed. 3 metamodel might be necessary to meet the predefined needs of a national MDR.
- + The relationship between data elements and concepts should be further elaborated.
- + The implementation for data managers requires a simplified view around the ISO/IEC 11179 Ed. 3 model.
- + For clinical studies, ODM could be the simplified model.

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