

# PharmBiz Software Vendors Forum

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#### PBS XML Schema

- "Emergency' release of v1.7"
- Released 27th January 2010
- For Schedule effective 1st March 2010
- March 2010 PBS Schedule includes new Manner of Administration
  - http://www.health.gov.au/Schema/PBS/Administration#injection,solvent-for-injectables

#### PBS XML Schema

- Coded values are problematic
  - caused 4 version changes to v1.X series
- Convert to data specification

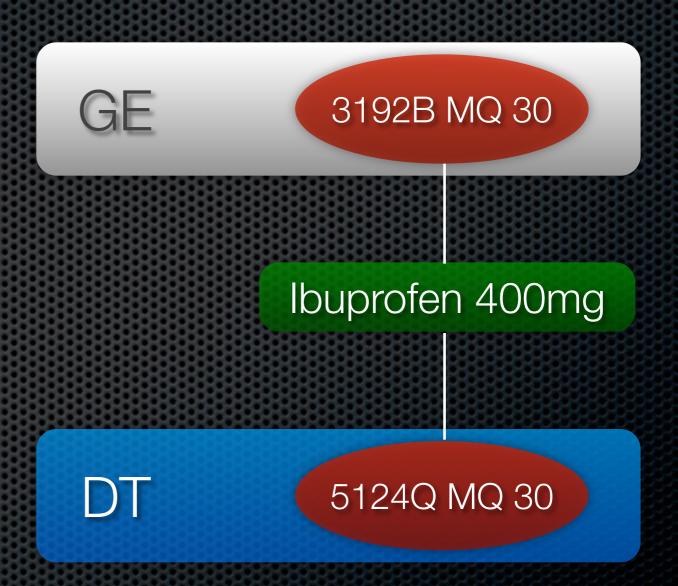
#### PBS XML Schema

- Emergency release policy
- What is an 'emergency'?
- MUST only be a minor version change
  - ie. backward compatible
- SHOULD only involve changing coded values
- SHOULD NOT involve changing meaning/interpretation

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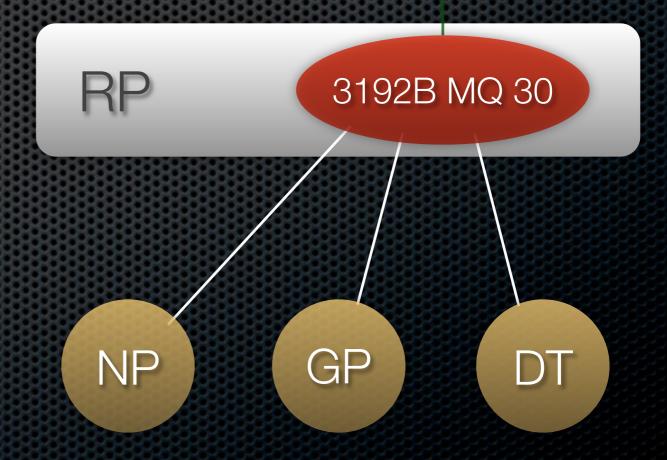
- PBS Item:
  - Drug, form, strength, restrictions, limits, price model, prescriber
- Drug Type
  - GE, DT, OT, PL
- Items must be duplicated



- New prescriber types will consume too many item codes
- New method to cater for many prescriber types

- Define group for each prescriber type
- PBS Item may be member of many groups

Ibuprofen 400mg



- Prescribing rules state their pricing model
- XSL stylesheet(s) will be available

- Transition
- Drug Types continue for existing groups
  - GE, DT, OT, PL
- New Prescriber Types defined as groups
  - NP, MW
- PBS XML v2.X will only use groups

Example XML:

```
<pbs:unrestricted xml:id='LISTING-1016L'>
 <pbs:code>1016L</pbs:code>
 <pbs:item-reference xlink:href='#ITEM-1016L'/>
 <pbs:maximum-quantity>5</pbs:maximum-quantity>
 <pbs://pbs:number-repeats>1</pbs:number-repeats>
 <pbs://example-colored-list>
 <pbs://ember-of.xlink:href='#Medical-Practitioner'/>
 <pbs://enactitioner//>
 </ps>
</ps:member-of-list>
 <pbs:prices>
```

Example XML:

```
<pbs:groups-list>
    <pbs:group xml:id='Medical-Practitioner'>
        <pbs:name>group:gp</pbs:name>
        <pbs:label>Medical Practitioner</pbs:label>
        <pbs:description>Medical Practitioner prescriber type
pbs:description>
        <pbs:member-type>pbs:ready-prepared</pbs:member-type>
        </pbs:group>
```

Example XML:

```
<rdf:RDF>
    <skos:Concept rdf:about='#Medical-Practitioner'>
        <skos:definition>Medicare code for Medical Practitioner
prescriber type</skos:definition>
        <skos:prefLabel>M</skos:prefLabel>
        </skos:Concept>
```

- Schedule
- Transition: no schema changes necessary
- System changes in progress
- Sample data & XSL stylesheets: 17th Feb 2010
- Test data: July/August 2010
- NP+MW effective 1st November 2010

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# Highly Specialised Drugs

- HSDs to have new funding arrangement
- Administered via Medicare Australia
- Details not firm: still being negotiated
- Different pricing for Private Hospitals vs Public
- New Drug Type
- New items (about 240)

# Highly Specialised Drugs

- Existing codes for Private Hospitals
- New codes will be allocated for Public Hospitals

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- a.k.a. PBS Item Code
- 4 digit item codes exhausted in 2012-2013
- HSD needs ~240-300
- Code blocks almost exhausted
- Item code allocation will soon become random

- However...
- Recovery of unused codes
  - pre-1987 (before electronic records)
  - de-listed
  - Cleared by MCA, DVA

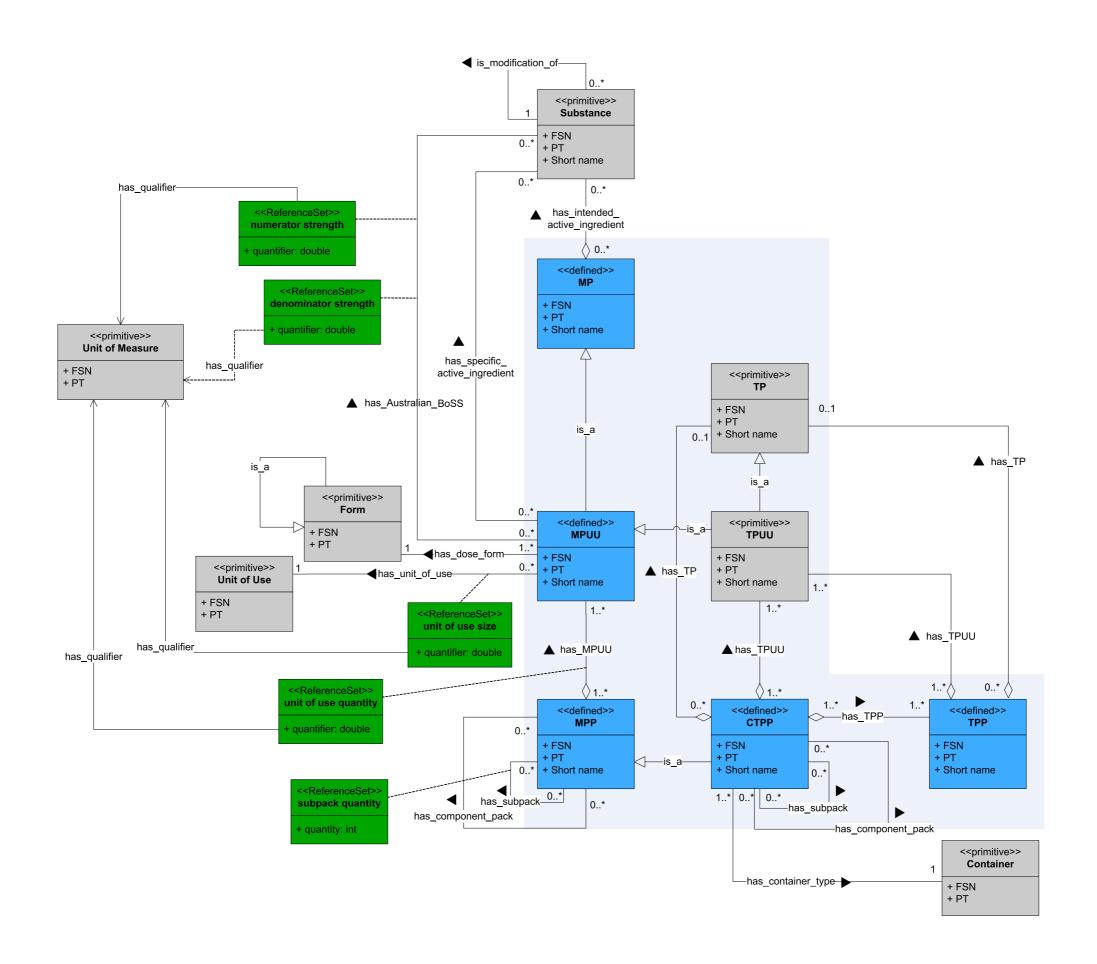
- Start with early code blocks (already filled)
- Review of GE block (1000-3200) yield 340 (339) codes
  - $+1 \text{ year} \Rightarrow 2014$
- RPBS (4000-4999) block yield 120 codes
- Reviews of other blocks may yield ~150 codes
  - $\Rightarrow$  +1 year  $\Rightarrow$  2015

- PharmCIS will release 200 codes
  - $\Rightarrow$  +1 year  $\Rightarrow$  2016
- New policy proposals may consume more codes

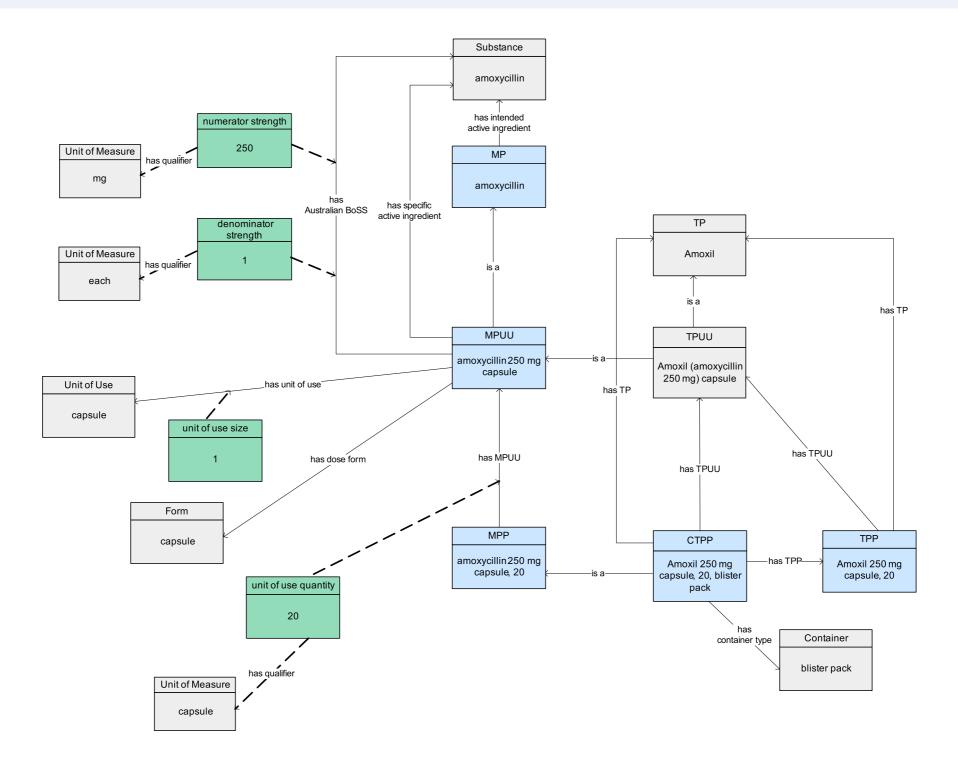
- Timetable for introduction of 5 digit codes
  - PharmCIS
  - Testing
  - Coordinate with vendors & Medicare

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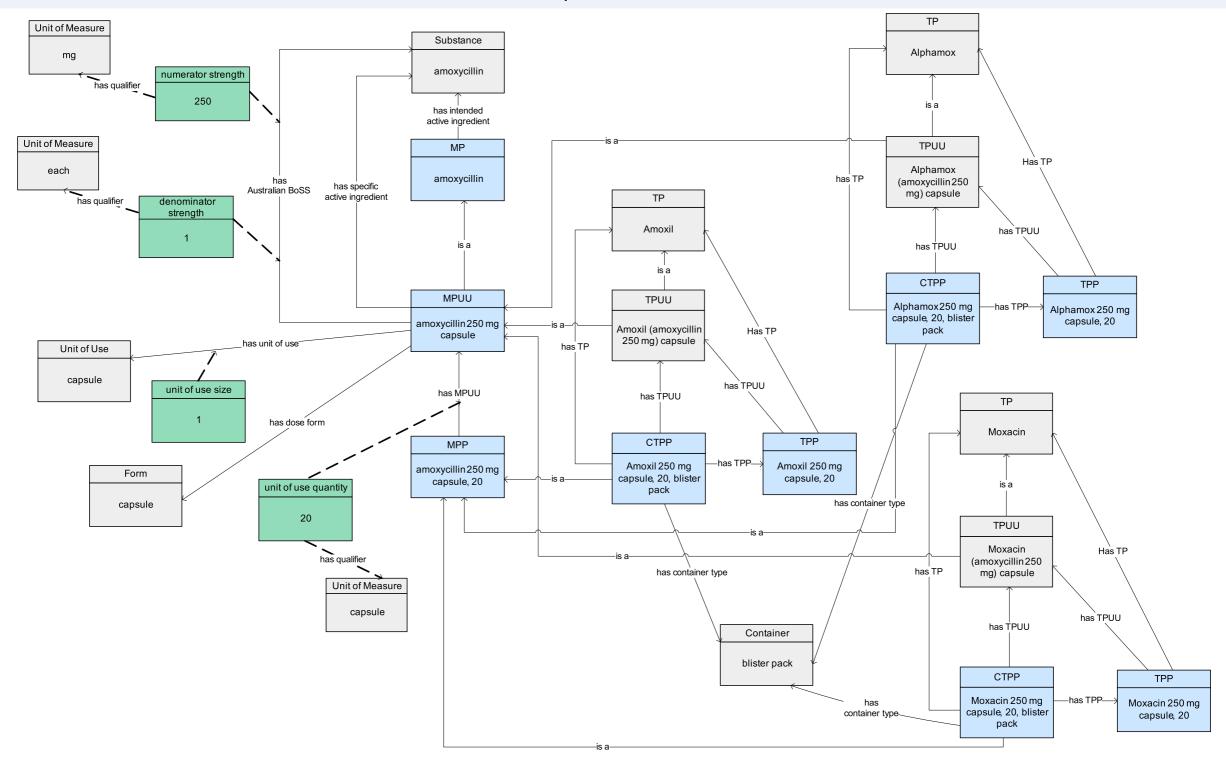
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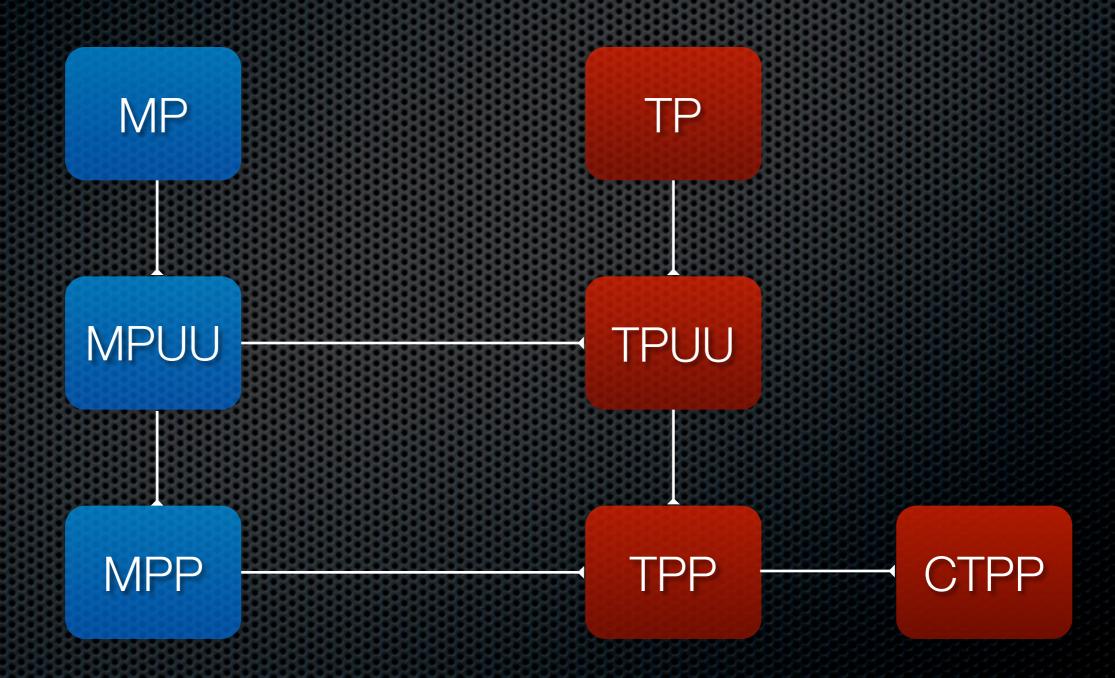
#### Amoxil

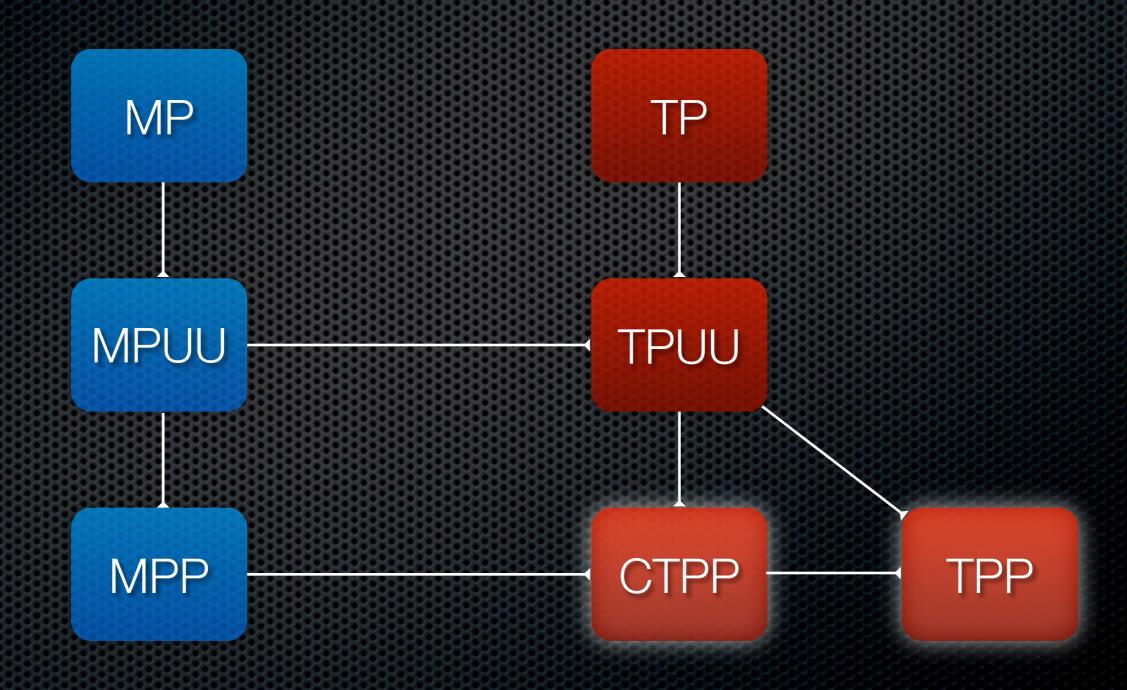


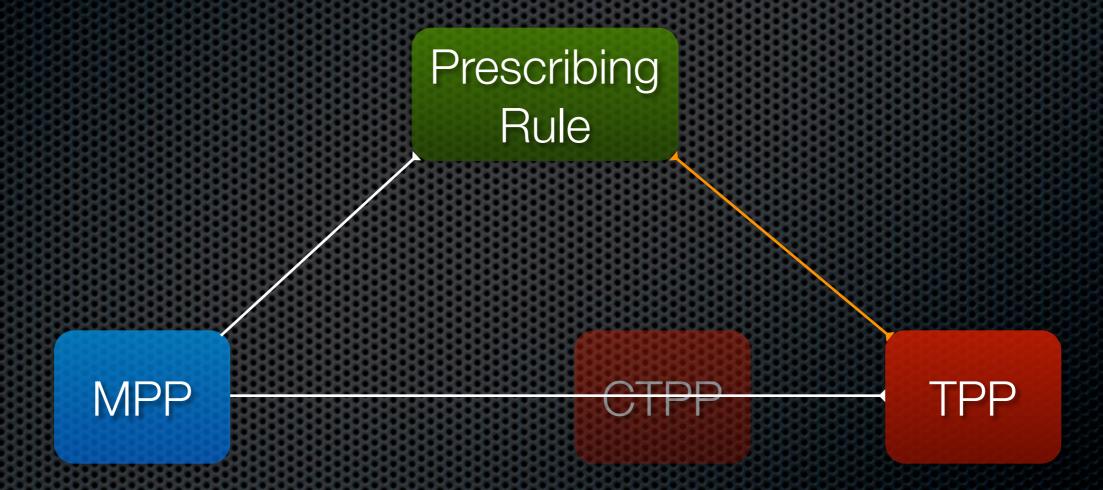
#### Amoxil, Alphamox and Moxacin



- Nehta propose a number of changes to the AMT
- One impact on PBS: CTPP relationship to TPP & MPP







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#### Forums and Workshops

- 1st PharmBiz Technical Workshop
  - 25th November 2009
  - Topic: Restrictions
  - Feedback

#### Forums and Workshops

- Next Workshop
  - May/June 2010
  - **■** Topic: ?

#### Forums and Workshops

- Next Forum meeting
- August/September 2010

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