

Background of development of the proposed global anatomy:

In 1998: Dr Somjai, then head of the anatomy department of Thammasat University medical school, spent three months in Osaka working with Daryl Beach to: 1) pick up anatomy terms from SNOMED that undergraduate students at their medical school must know, and 2) assign five-digit numerical codes to them based on the system developed by Daryl Beach.

The first digit of the codes represents the body system, as below:

0: Topography

1: Integumentary system

2: Musculoskeletal system

3: Nervous system

4: Endocrine system

5: Respiratory system

6: Digestive system

7: Circulatory system

8: Urogenital system

9: Embryonic systems

Dr. Somjai completed the five-digit codes for Systems 2 through 7, while the five-digit codes for Systems 0, 1, 4, 8 and 9 remain incomplete.

In 2004, Dr Siriwan formed a group headed by Dr Kajorn (then anatomy teacher at Thammasat University medical school) to assign five-digit codes to photos taken from textbooks commonly used in medical schools. The group worked on this task under direction of Daryl Beach.

But the project remains incomplete. The following is yet to be accomplished:

1) Complete assignment of digital codes for Systems 0, 1, 4, 8 and 9.

2) Review of all of the terms that undergraduate students must know.

(There may be some difference among medical schools.)

3) Additions and adjustments of digital codes based on the above review.

4) Review of the digital codes assigned to photos and completion/adjustment of the codes.

5) Completion of the whole package, to be submitted to an appropriate Society or Association for open review.

Anyone/any group interested in helping with this important project, please con