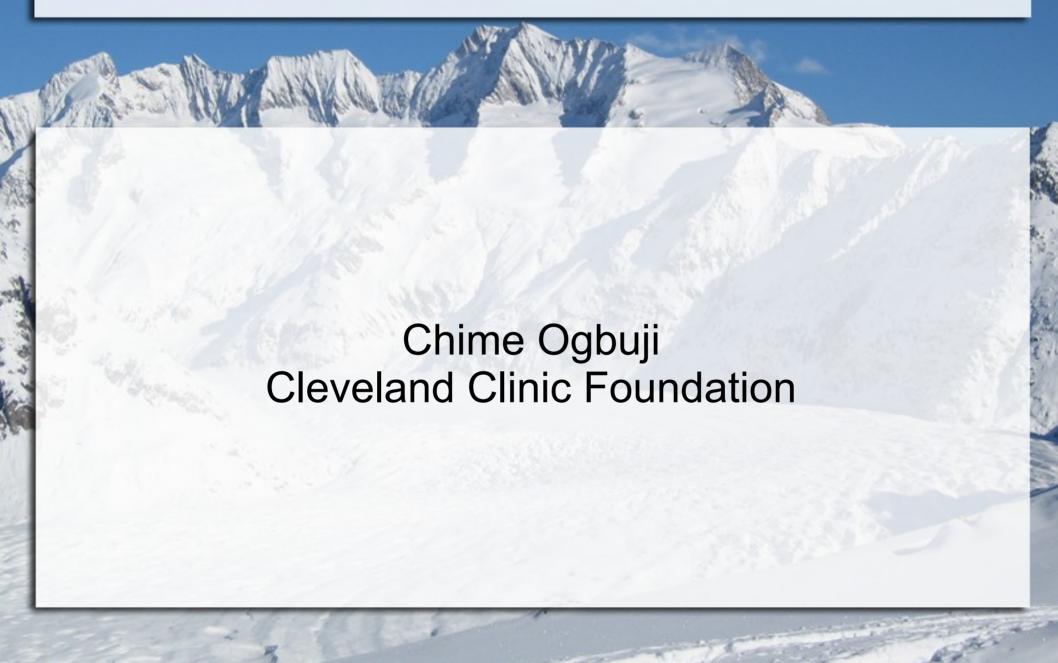
# Overview of CPR Ontology



#### What is a CPR?

Computer-based Patient Record (CPR): An electronic patient record that resides in a system specifically designed to support users by providing accessibility to complete and accurate data, alerts, reminders, clinical decision support systems, links to medical knowledge, and other aids.

- Institute of Medicine (IOM) 1997

Defines medical records systems of the future and the important features that distinguish them for **EHRs** of 1997



## What is the CPR Ontology?

- Addresses terminology requirements of a CPR
- IOM defines a set of requirements for CPR systems regarding record content
  - Uniform, core data elements
  - Standardized coding systems and formats
  - A common data dictionary
  - Information on outcomes of care and functional status

## What is the CPR Ontology?

- Defines a minimal set of terms
- Provide principled, ontological commitment for the terms used in many of the healthcare information terminology systems
- Relies on the use of foundational ontologies and ontology engineering best practices.
- An upper ontology of clinical medicine
  - Similar motivation as OGMS

## **CPR Ontology goals**

- In order to achieve uniformity, it needs to have significant coverage
  - Pyramid ontology paradigm: small, wellorganized top; wide, idiosyncratic bottom.
- Adopt cogent conceptual models that appeal to an ontological study of clinical medicine

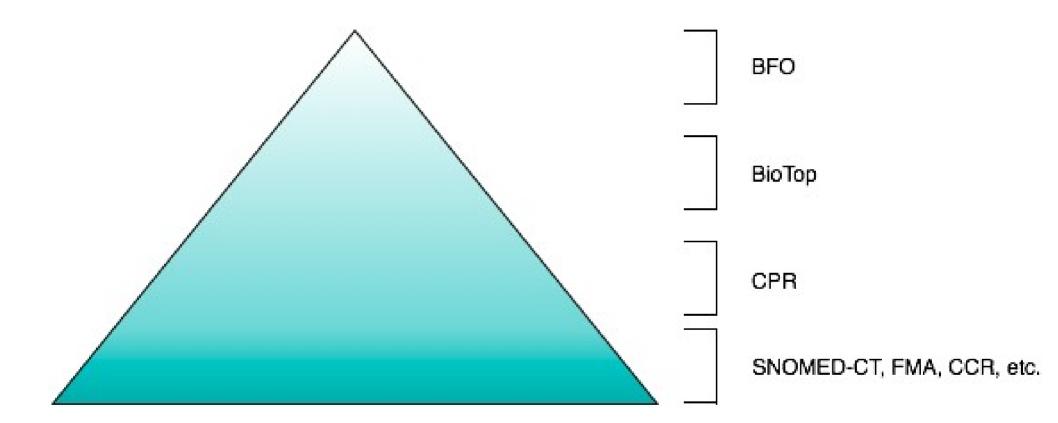
### Reinventing the Wheel?

- Why not re-use GALEN?
  - Dated and deprecated
- Why not re-use SNOMED-CT?
  - Licensing issues and lack of ontological grounding (it lies in towards the bottom of the pyramid)
  - Issues with inconsistent and incomplete definitions

#### Framework



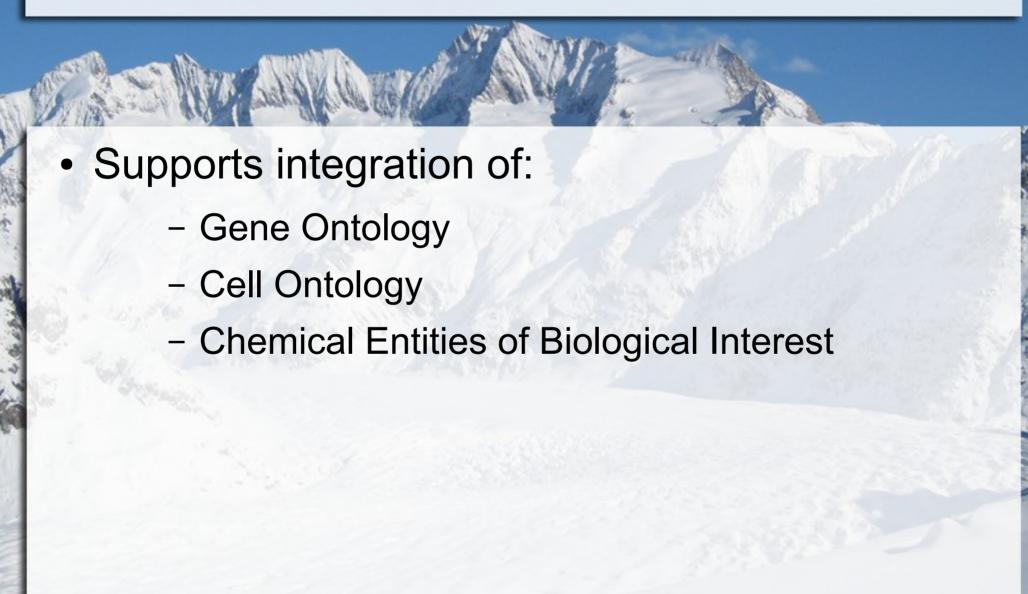
- BFO
  - Domain-independent upper ontology
- BioTop
  - Integrating foundation for both clinical medicine and the life sciences
- CPR
  - Clinical medicine: study of medicine based on direct observation of patients



#### Role of BioTop

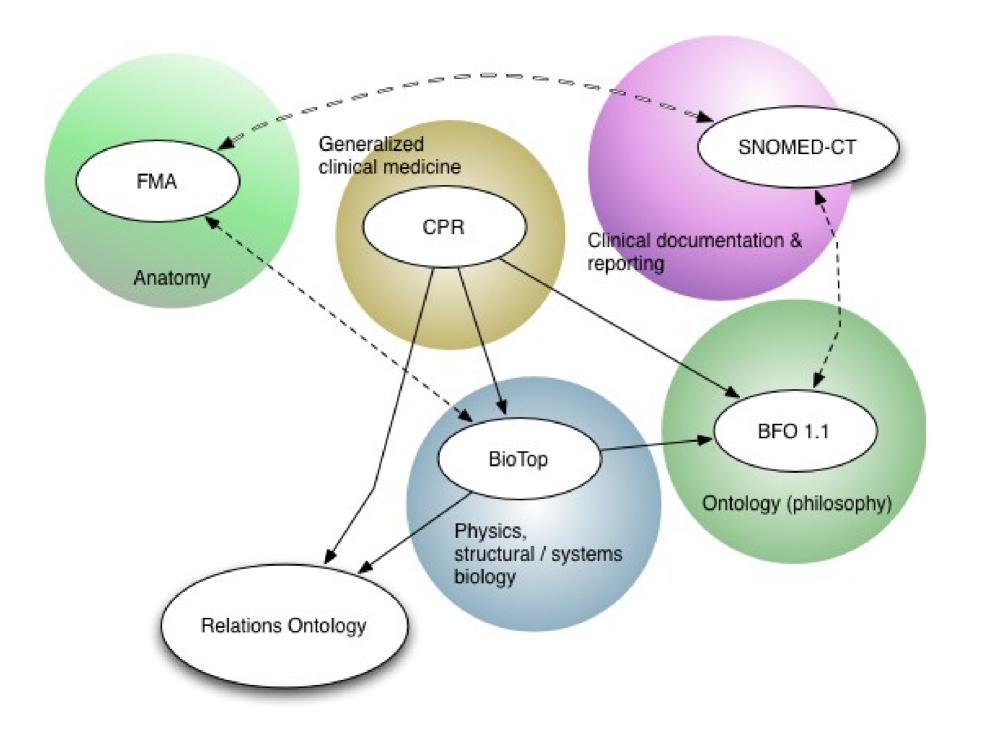
- A "mediating layer for the life sciences domain"
- Proposed as a candidate upper ontology for SNOMED-CT (covers health care as well)
- Coverage of biology and biomedicine at various levels of granularity
- Bridge between formal, upper ontologies and domain-specific ontologies

## BioTop Coverage



### BioTop's Range of Granularity

- ▼ @snap:IndependentContinuant
  - biotop:ImmaterialNonphysicalEntity
  - biotop:ImmaterialPhysicalEntity
  - biotop:MaterialEntity
    - biotop:CollectiveMaterialEntity
    - biotop:CompoundOfCollectiveMaterialEntities
    - - biotop:Atom
      - biotop:MonoMolecularEntity
        - biotop:Biomolecule
        - biotop:EntireMolecularEntity
        - biotop:MolecularEntityByGranularityPartition
        - biotop:MolecularEntityByOrganicInorganic
          - biotop:InorganicMolecularEntity
          - biotop:OrganicMolecularEntity
            - biotop:BioMolecularSequenceStructure
            - biotop:OrganicMolecularEntityPartition
              - biotop:AminoAcidOrPeptide
              - biotop:Carbohydrate
                - biotop:FattyAcid
                - biotop:HeterocyclicBase
              - biotop:Lipid
              - biotop:NucleicAcidNucleotideOrNucleoside
                - ▼ biotop:NucleicAcid
                  - biotop:ChainOfNucleotideMonomers
                    - biotop:DNA
                    - biotop:RNA



#### Method(s) behind the Madness

- Realist ontologies (BFO-based)
- Situations, findings, & observables (Rector 2008)
- Surgical procedures (GALEN)
- Representational artifacts v.s. their referents (Vizeno 2007)
- Problems and screenings (Weed 1968)

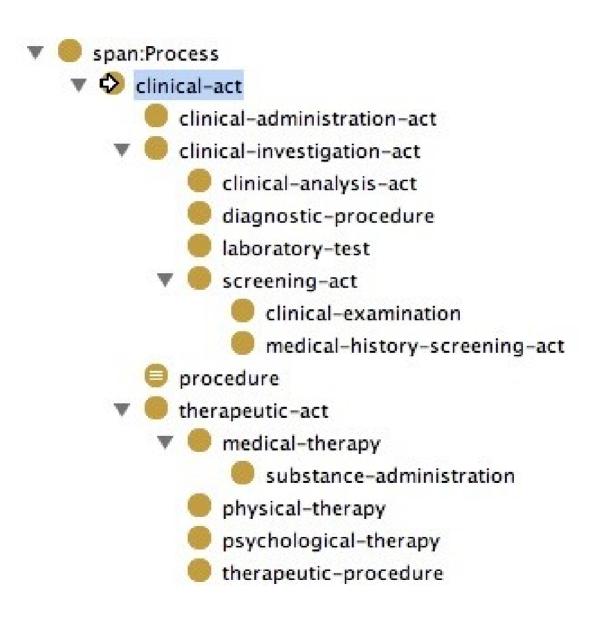
#### Method(s) behind the Madness

- Care act hierarchy and clinical workflow (Bayegan 2002)
- Disease, diagnosis, etiology and the Disease Entity Model (Whitbeck 1977)
- Disease, diagnosis, bodily features, etc. (Scheuermann et al. 2009)
- Integrating anatomy, physiology, and pathology (Rosse et al. 2005)

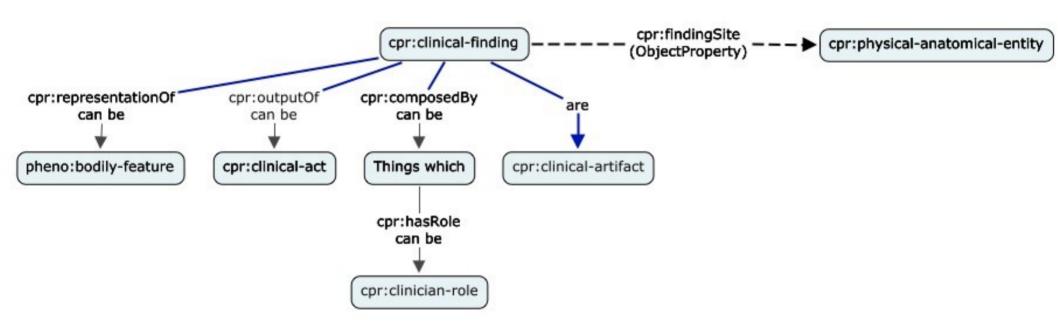
#### General Rules of Thumb

- Use realist ontology approach to the extent that distinctions are useful for real-world clinical informatics problems
  - Avoid reductionism trap
- Validate against data and standard, controlledvocabularies
  - Patient data and SNOMED-CT primarily

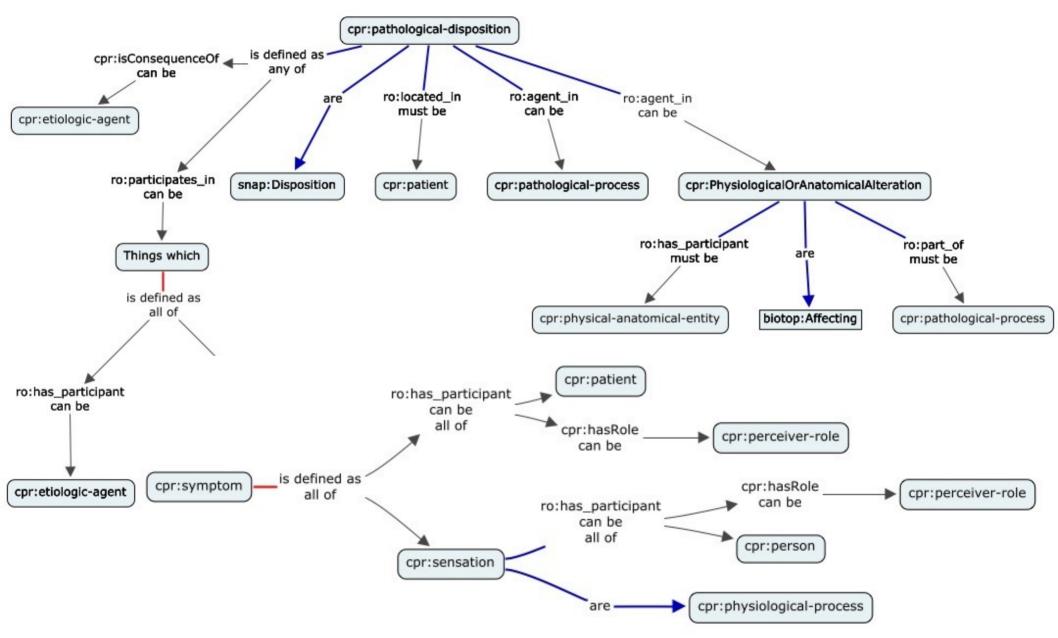
### Patient Care Activity Hierarchy



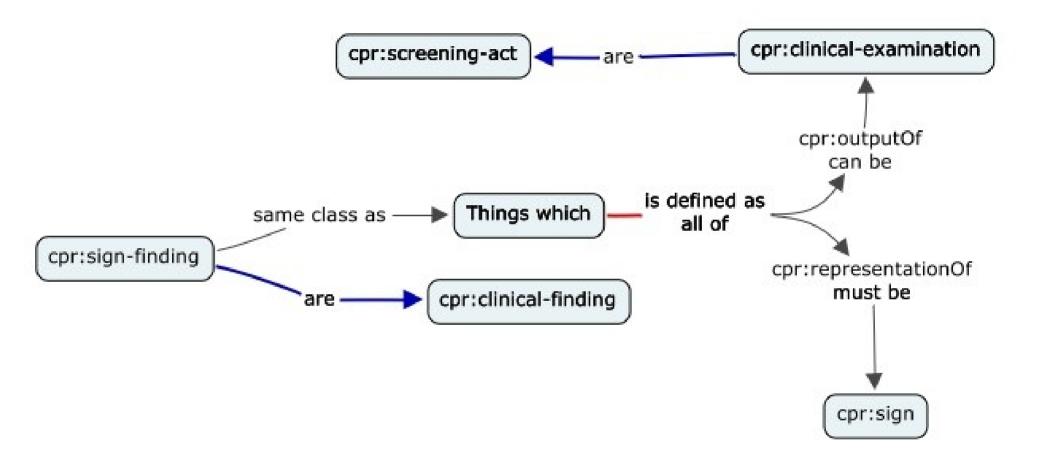
## Clinical Findings



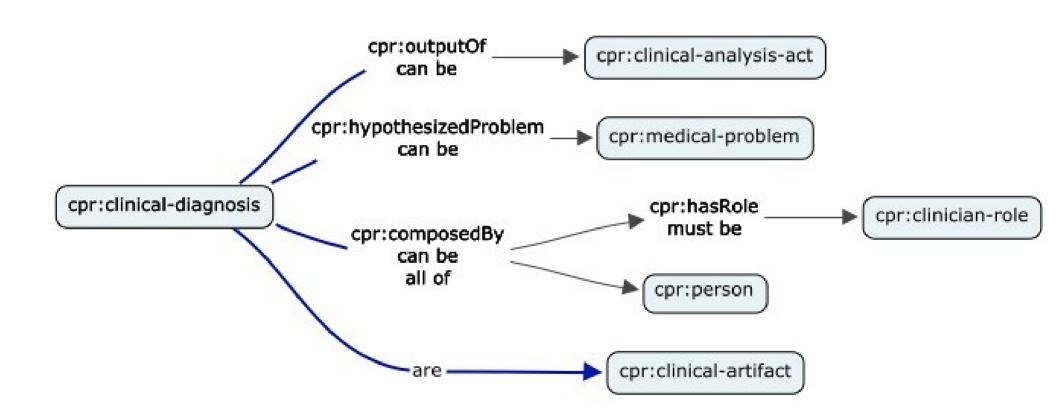
#### Diseases and Their Manifestations



## Signs and Their Recordings



### Clinical Investigations and Diagnoses



## Validating CPR

- Validated against local controlled vocabulary
  - Terms used in large, RDF-based HVI patient registry (200,000+ patients) for outcomes research
  - 4051 OWL classes
  - Systematically attempted to find a principled location for each class

### Validating CPR

- Validated against SNOMED-CT and FMA extracts
  - Recent research on aligning both ontologies and extracting segments from them
  - Developed software to perform extraction and place segments within CPR/BioTop/BFO framework
- Opportunity to validate against TMO dataset