

## Now introducing WHODrug Global

WHODrug Global is a new, comprehensive and standardised dictionary currently being rolled out by UMC. All new subscribers get access to WHODrug Global instantly and existing customers will move over to it at the time of their next renewal. To facilitate and guide the process, UMC has compiled a transition plan available at the [UMC website](#) which describes the differences between WHODrug Global and the old WHODrug Dictionaries types, offers guidance on how to collaborate with organisations using different WHODrug dictionaries, makes recommendations and sets out a time plan for the transition.

## Update on the WHODrug B3/C3 Formats

For the June, 2017 release, both B2, B3 and C3 format versions of the WHODrug file packages are made available to all subscribers. The C format files are available upon request. The June 2017 releases of the WHODrug SDGs and WHODrug CRT Japan are only compatible with the B3 format. The WHODrug B3/C3 format implementation guide is now updated with information about ATC classifications in the WHODrug B3 and C3 formats as well as information about the sizes of the file packages. Please find the latest version of the guide on the [UMC website](#).

## Introduction to WHODrug – new web course available

A new web course called **Introduction to WHODrug** was launched in March 2017. The course covers important WHODrug concepts such as the Drug Code, the B3/C3 formats and how the ATC classification system is utilised in WHODrug, as well as the WHODrug Best Practices and Standardised Drug Groupings (SDGs).

This course is free of charge if you are working for an organisation with a valid WHODrug license. Please contact [WHODrug@who-umc.org](mailto:WHODrug@who-umc.org) for more information and access.

## Upcoming User Group Meeting opportunities

Attend any of our forthcoming WHODrug User Group Meetings to hear about latest WHODrug news and participate in-depth discussions about the new B3/C3 formats and WHODrug Global, among other topics. Attending WHODrug User Group Meetings is free of charge if you are working for an organisation with a valid WHODrug license.

Forthcoming meetings:

- Chicago, IL, USA, June 23, 2017 (*last day to register is June 9*)
- Beijing, China, September 6, 2017 (*joint MedDRA & WHODrug User Group Meeting*)
- Gaithersburg, MD, USA, September 28, 2017 (*Industry WHODrug User Group Meeting hosted by AstraZeneca and MedImmune*)
- Tokyo, Japan, November or December, 2017 (*more information to follow later*)

To register, please visit the [WHODrug User Area](#).

## New Change Request Tool

UMC is developing a new web-based tool for submitting and managing WHODrug change requests, to be launched in the autumn of 2017. The tool aims to facilitate the request process and will replace the change request functionality in the old DD Browser and effectively eliminate the need to submit requests via e-mail. Key functionalities will include submitting requests, searching among previous requests and instant access to new WHODrug records.

## Updates to the WHODrug Software Certification Programme

The WHODrug Software Certification Programme enables developers to create software systems which are fully compatible with WHODrug. The Certification Programme has now been updated to be compliant with the WHODrug B3/C3 formats. For more information about the programme or certified software systems, visit the relevant pages on our [website](#).

In connection with this, a new scheme for vendors interested in developing support for WHODrug Cross Reference Tool (CRT) Japan, the WHODrug CRT Japan Vendor Programme, has been introduced.

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