

## Latest news and developments

### **Countdown to the launch of the new WHODrug Request tool**

A new WHODrug Change Request Tool will be launched in October, allowing users to submit change requests for drugs that are missing or displayed incorrectly in WHODrug. If UMC accepts the request, links provided in the tool will direct you to WHODrug Insight, where you will be able to find more information about the resulting, upcoming WHODrug record. WHODrug Insight will be updated with upcoming new drug names on a daily basis, as UMC continuously makes additions to WHODrug. Using WHODrug Change Request Tool will make it easier to keep track of submitted requests, to search for previous submitted requests and to submit multiple requests in batches.

### **Webinar news**

Join our next webinar on September 12, covering the latest developments and improvements in the September 1, 2017 release of WHODrug. Please register via the [UMC website](#)

Are you planning to move from the B2/C to B3/C3 formats? In a webinar from May 2017, Karl Power from Merck KGaA presented an overview of how they have planned and collaborated with different stakeholders for their B3 implementation. The webinar is available on the [UMC website](#)

### **The WHODrug B3/C3 formats**

The first release of WHODrug in the improved B3/C3 formats was in March, 2017. As previously communicated, the old B2/C formats will be available during the entire transition period (March, 2017 - February, 2019). Effectively, this means that the B2/C formats can be used and referred to throughout February, 2019 if you normally upversion once a year in March. If you upversion in September, the B2/C formats can be used throughout August, 2019. For more information, please visit the [UMC website](#).

### **Standardised Drug Groupings and format compatibility**

To enable a smooth transition to the WHODrug B3/C3 formats, Users have requested to keep the B2 format compatible SDGs for one more release. Although this was not part of the original transition plan as previously communicated, UMC has decided to accommodate this request. Therefore, a B2 format version of the SDG files for September 1, 2017 is available upon request, in addition to the standard SDG files compatible with the B3 format. Please contact [WHODrug@who-umc.org](mailto:WHODrug@who-umc.org) for more information and access. An updated version of the WHODrug B3/C3 format implementation guide can be found on the [UMC website](#).

### **Software systems and format compatibility**

The WHODrug Software Certification Programme enables developers to create software systems which are fully compatible with WHODrug. The Programme ensures compliance with specific features (e.g. the extended field lengths) of the WHODrug B3/C3 formats, and updated lists of certified software systems can be found on the [UMC website](#).

## WHODrug Global Update

WHODrug Global is a new, comprehensive and standardised dictionary that is currently being rolled out by UMC. All new subscribers get access to WHODrug Global instantly and if your organisation has not yet moved to WHODrug Global, you can expect to make the transition during your 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. For any questions regarding your license or when you will be able to benefit from WHODrug Global, please contact [WHODrug Support](#)

## WHODrug Global in WHODrug Insight

WHODrug Global is now selectable as a dictionary type in the WHODrug Insight version settings, thus making WHODrug Global easy accessible for all WHODrug Global users.

## Website updates: improved access to WHODrug information

Recent updates on the [UMC website](#) have made it possible to more easily [access the WHODrug tools](#) and find information about [WHODrug training opportunities](#), the [B3/C3 formats](#) and upcoming [WHODrug User Group Meetings](#). In the new section [Documents and News](#) you will be able to find the latest WHODrug publications.

## Upcoming WHODrug User Group Meetings

Attend our popular User Group Meetings to learn more about WHODrug and network with colleagues in the industry

- Beijing, China, September 6, 2017 (joint MedDRA and WHODrug User Group Meeting, no longer open for registration)
- Gaithersburg, MD, USA, September 28, 2017 (Industry WHODrug User Group Meeting hosted by AstraZeneca and MedImmune, open for registration)
- Tokyo, Japan, November 30, 2017 (more information to follow)

For more information and to register, please visit the [UMC website](#).

## Did you know?

That the WHODrug version verification document, produced with each and every release of WHODrug, can not only help you to verify the version, but also the format (B2, B3, C or C3) of WHODrug that has been loaded in your system. The latest version verification document can be downloaded from the [UMC website](#).

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