

## Launch of WHODrug Global Chinese

WHODrug Global Chinese is available to all WHODrug Global subscribers for the first time in September 2019. Join us in celebrating the official release – register for our dedicated webinar [here](#).

In alignment with Chinese government strategies towards harmonisation with international pharmaceutical industry practices and standards, WHODrug Global Chinese provides standardised and quality-assured drug information for coding medicinal products in clinical trials and post-marketing studies in the Chinese language.

The dictionary is delivered as a separate but complete dictionary file package. The files come with a detailed implementation guide to facilitate loading into current coding applications. Additionally, you can now view and search for data in Chinese via our online application – WHODrug Insight.

To receive updates about WHODrug Global Chinese on a continuous basis, please also [sign up](#) for our newsletter dedicated to WHODrug Global Chinese.

## Upcoming webinars

Register [here](#) for our upcoming WHODrug webinars: tune in on 3 September to celebrate the introduction of WHODrug Global Chinese and on 10 September to learn about what's new in the September 2019 release of WHODrug Global.

## WHODrug Koda – first three vendors announce API compatibility

WHODrug Koda is UMC's brand new virtual drug coding assistant, designed to help WHODrug coders and reviewers in achieving consistent and efficient coding of concomitant medications. WHODrug Koda is available via an online application and can also be connected to your coding application via a dedicated API service, resulting in a seamless integration in your existing workflow. The following software systems and related vendors within the WHODrug Vendor Programme have recently announced compatibility with the WHODrug Koda API:

- *cubeCDMS, CRScube Inc (since June 27, 2019).*
- *Eclipse Coding, Eclipse Enterprise Solutions, LLC (from Eclipse Coding version 2.5.1.).*
- *MedCodr, Prudentia Group LLC (planned for Q2 for an early Q3 release with release of next version of MedCodr).*

For more information about WHODrug Koda, visit the [UMC website](#) or contact UMC at [subscription@who-umc.org](mailto:subscription@who-umc.org)

## WHODrug Global text files updates

The WHODrug Global dictionary data has for long been available as fixed width text files encoded in ASCII.

From the September 2019 release, WHODrug Global will also be available in .csv format (encoded in UTF-8, with full Unicode support). Sample files can be delivered upon request.

WHODrug Global Chinese is also available as both fixed width text files and in .csv format. Both types are encoded in UTF-8 and offer full Unicode support.

For more information, please refer to the file description documentation or contact the [WHODrug Support](#)

## WHODrug Insight – SDG references soon available

Upon request, references for all substances included in the WHODrug Standardised Drug Groupings (SDGs) will be made available in WHODrug Insight later in September. The references will be updated twice a year, in September and March, along with the WHODrug Global releases.

## Forthcoming User Group meetings

Join us for any of our forthcoming meetings to learn more about WHODrug, participate in interactive workshops, and network with colleagues in the industry:

- *Pennington, NJ, USA, October 4, 2019 (Industry WHODrug User Group meeting hosted by BMS, held in connection with the Industry MedDRA User Group meeting, October 3)*
- *Tokyo, Japan, November/December, 2019 (more information to be announced)*

Registration is free of charge if you are working for an organisation with a valid WHODrug license. For more information and to register, please visit the [UMC website](#).

## Did you know...

...that UMC attends conferences all over the world on a regular basis? Meet us at any of the following events:

- *CDISC Interchange, Beijing, China, September 19-20, 2019, booth #1*
- *SCDM 2019 Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, USA, September 29-October 2, 2019, booth #404*



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