Introducing WHODrug Global Chinese

To support and strengthen standardisation within the Chinese pharma and CRO industry, UMC is now introducing WHODrug Global Chinese, a Chinese version of WHODrug Global. WHODrug Global Chinese includes drug information as well as the full IATC hierarchy in Chinese and effectively enables drug coding without the need for manual and time-consuming translations into English.

The first release of WHODrug Global Chinese will be on September 1, 2019. WHODrug Global Chinese is included in the WHODrug Global subscription and will be delivered as a separate but complete dictionary file package, adopting the same file structure as WHODrug Global.

To prepare for implementation, UMC provides an evaluation version, including a detailed implementation guide, user guide and sample files. Please contact subscription@who-umc.org for access or to share feedback.

Learn more about WHODrug Global Chinese

Register here for our upcoming WHODrug webinar on June 11, 2019. This webinar will feature UMC staff introducing WHODrug Global Chinese, and Anagha Mahajan, experienced WHODrug user from Cognizant Technology Solutions, will share her experience with coding of herbal medications.

To receive updates about WHODrug Global Chinese on a continual basis, please also sign up for our newsletter dedicated to WHODrug Global Chinese.

Get to know WHODrug Koda in 101 seconds

In March this year, the drug coding engine WHODrug Koda was officially launched and made available to the WHODrug user community. To quickly get to know WHODrug Koda, we've developed a 101-seconds long video, explaining the basic concepts of WHODrug Koda. View the video and find more information on the UMC website.

In addition, the WHODrug online training course has been updated with a chapter dedicated to WHODrug Koda.

WHODrug Global text files updates

From the March 1, 2019 release of WHODrug, a minor modification related to the company column in the MP.txt has been implemented in the WHODrug CS format. The change does not affect the interpretation of the information in WHODrug.

In response to a user request, a new additional feature file for the CS format, MP Cumulative Changes.txt, has been made available for the March 1, 2019 release and onwards. The additional feature file enables tracking of deleted and replaced MPs between two WHODrug Global releases.

For more in-depth information, please refer to the file description documentation or contact WHODrug Support.

New Vendor Programme

UMC has long been working with software developers to ensure seamless compatibility for end users of WHODrug. Incorporating feedback, UMC is pleased to introduce a more inclusive and supportive programme for software developers.

The new WHODrug Vendor Programme supports developers to create software systems which are fully compatible with WHODrug, throughout the entire life cycle of their software. Vendors will be provided with a complete suite of material: training, support and unbiased validations, all aiming to facilitate a quick and easy correct implementation of WHODrug Global within software systems. For more information, please visit the dedicated WHODrug Vendor Programme page on the UMC website.

Forthcoming User Group meetings

So far during 2019, WHODrug User Group meetings have been held in Hyderabad (India), Prague (Czech Republic) and Beijing (China). Do join us for any of our forthcoming meetings to learn more about WHODrug, participate in interactive workshops, and network with colleagues in the industry:

- • San Diego, CA, USA, June 28, 2019 (held in connection with the MedDRA User Group meeting, June 27)
- • 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:

- • DIA Japan Cutting Edge, Tokyo, Japan, June 3, 2019, booth #6
- • DIA 2019 Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, USA, June 24-26, 2019, booth #838
- • SCIDM 2019 Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, USA, September 29-October 2, 2019, booth #404

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