

What's new in WHODrug 2020

The most significant updates and developments since the last March release of WHODrug are summarised in the document "What's New in WHODrug March 1, 2020". This is available for download in the [WHODrug library](#) on the UMC website and includes news about WHODrug Global Chinese, WHODrug Koda, and other developments in the WHODrug portfolio, as well as updates about new WHODrug Standardised Drug Groupings (SDGs), and the annual ATC revision.

If you are interested in learning more about this WHODrug news, you are welcome to join the webinar entitled "What's New in WHODrug" on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Please sign up for the webinar [here](#).

WHODrug Koda – now even more powerful

WHODrug Koda supports the drug coding process by effectively providing both drug name coding and ATC selection. The machine learning model used by WHODrug Koda is retrained by the UMC for each and every new version of WHODrug Global, to ensure high qualitative predictions.

For March 2020, the ATC selection model for WHODrug Koda has been further refined, with the purpose of selecting ATC codes even more specifically in scenarios with two or more similar ATC codes.

The drug name coding performed by WHODrug Koda has also been improved, with more efficient handling of generic and so called "unfortunate drug names".

Updates for WHODrug Global Chinese

WHODrug Global Chinese, launched in September 2019, is being continually updated. Both released and upcoming data can be viewed and searched for in WHODrug Insight. By selecting Chinese as a dictionary language, searches in both language versions of WHODrug Global can be made. Since February 2020, the English language drug name, as in the C3 format, is made selectable as an additional column. With this update, the full range of drug names can be viewed for all dictionary formats and languages. Furthermore, the display of active substances now follows the same order as displayed for the English language version setting of WHODrug Insight.

Forthcoming WHODrug User Group meetings

On February 21, the WHODrug user community met in New Delhi, India, signalling the beginning of the 2020 round of User Group meetings. Our users will continue gathering all around the world during the rest of the year. Do not miss out the chance to join us to talk WHODrug with your colleagues and engage in coding workshops: [register now](#) at the UMC website for the European and U.S. meetings below.

- Amsterdam, The Netherlands, April 2 (with the MedDRA User Group meeting, April 1)
- Washington DC, USA, June 19 (with the MedDRA User Group meeting, June 18 as well as the DIA 2020 Global Annual Meeting, June 14-18)
- Tokyo, Japan, autumn, 2020 (date to be announced)

Please note that the User Group meeting originally planned to take place in Shanghai, China on May 18, 2020 has been postponed. Already registered attendees have been contacted separately. More information will follow.

More meetings will be announced later this year. Registration is free of charge if you are working for an organisation with a valid WHODrug license.

Sunset of WHODrug Enhanced approaching

WHODrug Enhanced is currently being phased out in favour of the standardised and more comprehensive WHODrug Global dictionary. The last planned release of WHODrug Enhanced is scheduled for September 2020. For any questions, or to request support in moving from WHODrug Enhanced to WHODrug Global, please contact WHODrug@who-umc.org.

WHODrug Koda webinar – recording available

In case you missed it: on February 25, UMC hosted a very special webinar about WHODrug Koda, including the latest updates and, for the first time, vendor experiences. The recording and the handouts provided during the session, are available [here](#).

Did you know...

.....that the WHODrug team from UMC attends conferences within the fields of data standardisation and pharmacovigilance on a regular basis? Meet us at any of the following events:

- **ACDM Annual Conference**, Dublin, Ireland, March 9-10, 2020, booth #3
- **SCDM 2020 Annual Conference**, San Antonio, TX, USA, September 13-16, 2020, booth #305



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