

Save the date for the 2020 WHODrug User Group meetings

We're looking forward to welcoming you to any of our 2020 WHODrug User Group meetings! These are structured to be interactive and to allow users to network with colleagues in the field as well as with UMC staff. Attendance is free of charge for all WHODrug users.

Save the dates for the following meetings:

- New Delhi, India, February 21 (held in connection with the MedDRA User Group meeting, February 20) – Registration now open
- Amsterdam, The Netherlands, April 2 (with the MedDRA User Group meeting, April 1)
- Tokyo, Japan, Mid-late spring (date to be announced)
- Shanghai, China, May 18 (with the MedDRA User Group meeting, May 19 as well as the DIA China Annual Meeting, May 21-23)
- Washington DC, USA, June 19 (with the MedDRA User Group meeting, June 18 as well as the U.S. DIA, June 14-18)

For an up-to-date list of forthcoming meetings, please visit the [UMC website](#). Further information will be available when registration opens.

Not sure yet? Do you want to know what it feels like to be at a WHODrug User Group meeting? [Watch this video!](#)

Lastly, make sure you don't miss your chance to present at one of our User Group meetings, our call for presentation abstracts is now open! Submit your abstract [here](#).

Improved functionality of WHODrug Insight and the WHODrug Download Area

Each day, around 20,000 searches are made in WHODrug Insight. The most commonly performed are drug name searches, so we've now improved both its performance and user experience. Not only are drug name searches now faster, WHODrug Insight has also been improved with a new sophisticated algorithm, highlighting the most commonly sought drug names based on the search criteria. At a later stage, an even more advanced 'did-you-mean' functionality will be made available to all users of WHODrug Insight.

What's more, in response to user requests, the WHODrug Download Area has been optimised to enable a faster downloading process.

WHODrug Global Chinese – enabling coding in Chinese

WHODrug Global Chinese is a Chinese language version of WHODrug Global which lets you code drug information from clinical trials and post-marketing surveillance studies directly in Chinese, avoiding the need for interim translations.

The first version of WHODrug Global Chinese was made available in September 2019 and subsequent versions will follow the same release schedule as for WHODrug Global. To view updates and all new information, added on a daily basis, please access the 'Upcoming data' version within WHODrug Insight.

WHODrug Insight – SDG references now available

Substance references for the WHODrug Standardised Drug Groupings (SDGs) are now available in WHODrug Insight. The references will be updated twice a year, in September and March, along with the WHODrug Global releases.

Next WHODrug monthly webinar

The next WHODrug webinars will cover the following topics: 'A basic introduction to WHODrug Global' on December 10, 2019; and a WHODrug user will present 'How to migrate clinical trials from B2- to B3-format' on January 14, 2020. Read more and sign up on the [UMC website](#).

WHODrug Koda – the artificial intelligent drug coder

WHODrug Koda is a drug coding engine, custom-built by the UMC and designed for increasing the efficiency, consistency and quality of WHODrug coding. WHODrug Koda performs both drug name coding and ATC selection and is optimised for each new release of WHODrug Global. Read about it on the [UMC website](#) or [contact us](#) to book a personalised demonstration.

Did you know...

WHODrug Enhanced is currently being phased out in favour of the standardised and more comprehensive WHODrug Global dictionary, required by both the U.S. FDA and the Japanese PMDA. 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.



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