

New MedDRA ASCII File

Dear MedDRA Subscriber:

With the release of MedDRA Version 12.0 (available 1 March 2009), the MSSO plans to include a new ASCII file in the set of MedDRA distribution files. The file, which is called "meddra_release.asc," identifies the language and version of the MedDRA ASCII file set. The file will be used by the new MedDRA Desktop Browser (version 3.0 beta).

There are no changes to any of the other MedDRA ASCII files. As such, there should be no impact to load scripts for the MedDRA ASCII files. However, the MSSO encourages you to provide this information to your technical support staff.

The new file is structured like all other ASCII files (i.e., "\$" delimited) with one field for the language (e.g., English, Czech, Dutch, French) and the other for the version of the release (see attached sample file for MedDRA v12.0). For MedDRA v12.0, the contents of the release file will look as follows:

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12.0$English$$$$
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The four trailing "\$" allow for three additional fields for future growth. Please contact the MSSO Help Desk (mssohelp@ngc.com) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

MedDRA MSSO