

The Release of English MedDRA Version 12.0 Will Be Available 1 March 2009

Dear MedDRA Subscriber:

The release of English MedDRA Version 12.0 will be available **1 March 2009** via internet file download. Other translations of MedDRA Version 12.0, such as Czech, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish will be available via internet file download on **15 March 2009**.

The download of MedDRA 12.0 will consist of one zip file instead of the traditional four zip files. The English translation download will include the Version Report, SMQ spreadsheet, and the Detail Report, which were previously available as separate downloads. All versions and translations of MedDRA will include a new ASCII file in the set of MedDRA distribution files. The file, "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).

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. For MedDRA version 12.0, 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.

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 information on the "meddra_release.asc" file to your technical support staff.

Your MedDRA User ID, Password, and Unzip Password are required for the download. The MedDRA User ID and Password authorize you to access the subscriber area of the MSSO Web site www.meddramssso.com. The Unzip Password authorizes you to extract the MedDRA files from the zip file onto your computer. Step-by-step instructions for the download process are available on our web site <http://www.meddramssso.com/MSSOWeb/started/index.htm> should you need assistance.

For additional questions, please contact the MSSO Help Desk via email mssohelp@ngc.com or via telephone at 1-877-258-8280 (ATT Worldwide).

Sincerely,

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