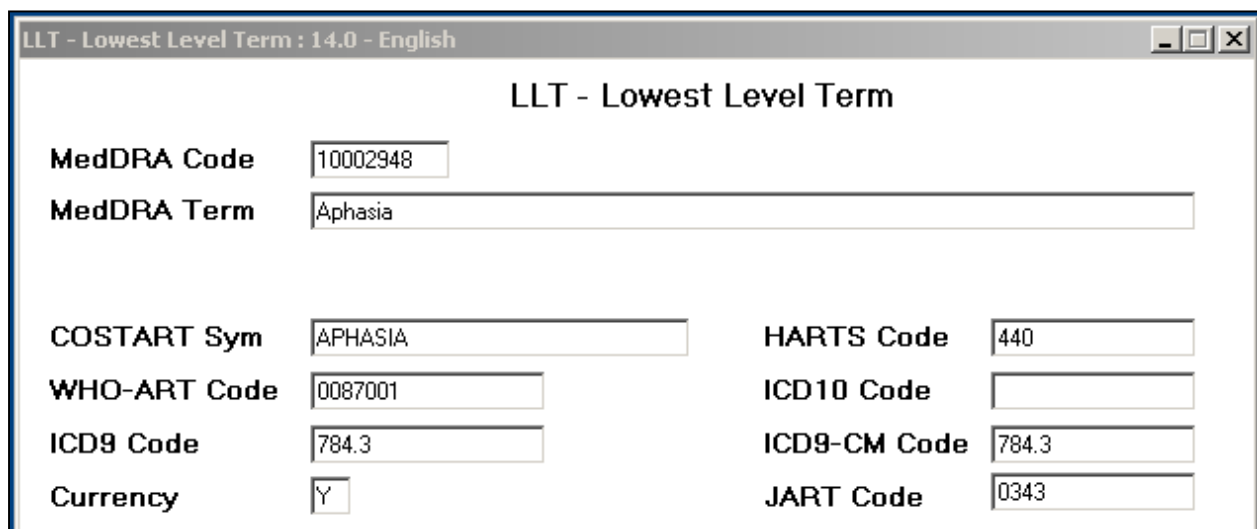


## Removal of Codes of Earlier Terminologies from MedDRA

Dear MedDRA User:

Since the initial release of MedDRA (v2.1) in March 1999, the terminology has included numeric or symbol codes from earlier terminologies. The codes are links from other terminologies to similar or identical terms in MedDRA. This includes codes from COSTART, WHO-ART, ICD9, ICD9-CM, HARTS, and JART. The ICH M1 Expert Working Group – who created the original version of MedDRA – included these codes with the text of the terms believing that the codes would be useful in the transition to MedDRA.



The screenshot shows a window titled "LLT - Lowest Level Term : 14.0 - English". Inside the window, the title "LLT - Lowest Level Term" is centered. Below the title, there are several fields for different terminologies:

MedDRA Code	10002948		
MedDRA Term	Aphasia		
COSTART Sym	APHASIA	HARTS Code	440
WHO-ART Code	0087001	ICD10 Code	
ICD9 Code	784.3	ICD9-CM Code	784.3
Currency	Y	JART Code	0343

Because most organizations have long since migrated their data to MedDRA, and to avoid potential confusion because these codes have not been maintained or updated since the original release of MedDRA, the MSSO intends to remove these codes from all of MedDRA starting with the release of MedDRA v15.0 (March 2012).

The following points should be noted:

1. No terms will be removed from MedDRA as a part of this effort; only the codes and symbols associated with earlier terminologies will be removed.
2. The MedDRA code assigned to each term will not be changed in this process.
3. The structure of the distributed ASCII files will not change. The entries in the distribution files for these earlier codes will be empty (i.e., null fields).

If you or your organization has any concerns about the removal of the codes, please contact the MSSO Help Desk ([mssohelp@ngc.com](mailto:mssohelp@ngc.com)) by 1 November 2011.

In the event that no major concerns are raised, the MSSO will proceed to remove these codes.

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