

Announcement for NCI PDQ(c) Distribution Partners

The National Cancer Institute, Office of Communications and Education, , has made data enhancements to the PDQ database that will be included in the data provided to our partners starting July 25 2011. The changes will affect the media, glossary, drug information and summary files, and include the following:

- **New set of Media Documents** — MP3 audio files will be included in the media data set . These new files will contain pronunciations of English and Spanish glossary terms.
- **Change to MediaLink Element** — To accommodate the new file type, we are adding a "type" attribute to the MediaLink element in the Common Elements section of the DTD. This attribute will identify the target of the link as either an image file (type="image/jpeg or image/gif") or an audio file (type="audio/mpeg").
- **Changes to GlossaryTerm DTD and Documents** — A new optional element called RelatedInformation is being added to the DTD. This data element will include links to relevant NCI content. The RelatedInformation element has the following sub-elements: RelatedExternalRef, RelatedSummaryRef (linking to a PDQ Cancer Information Summary), and RelatedDrugSummaryRef (linking to a Drug Information Summary).
- **Changes to Drug Information Summary DTD and Documents**
 - The DrugInformation Summary DTD and documents will include a new element within the DrugInfoMetaData section — PronunciationInfo that contains two sub-elements - TermPronunciation and MediaLink. The target of the MediaLink element will be the Media document that contains the audio pronunciation of the name of the drug.
 - The content of the element FDAExternalRef, which is also new within the DrugInfoMetaData section, is repeated as the first paragraph of the DrugInformationSummary.

While these new elements are optional data elements, we anticipate that our partners will include them in their implementations.

We're in the process of updating the PDQ XML Specification Guide and will have the guide available on our FTP site shortly. The updated DTD is already available for download at CIPSFTP.NCI.NIH.GOV, under the /pub/pdq/docs directory.

Please feel free to forward this information to any other appropriate staff who you feel should be notified.

If you have questions on the administrative aspects of these changes, please contact the Licensing Program at:
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If you have any technical questions regarding these enhancements, please contact the CIPS technical staff at:
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