#### **Extending SMQ Hierarchies in TMS** Defining Filter Dictionary Structures to Allow Maximum, Flexible Design for Customized SMQs



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# 🔵 Agenda

- What is a SMQ?
- TMS Support for SMQs
- Beyond MSSO Custom SMQs
- Custom SMQs in TMS
- Additional Considerations

## What is a SMQ?

- SMQ Standardized MedDRA Query
  - Group of Preferred Terms (PTs) and Lower Level Terms (LLTs) relating to a medical condition
- MedDRA MSSO
  - Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities Maintenance and Support Services Organization
- First introduced with MedDRA Version 8.0
  - Incremental releases timed with MedDRA Dictionary Updates
  - Special Search Categories (SSCs) fully converted and obsolete by MedDRA Version 10.0

# What is a SMQ?

- Group of Terms
  - Could include ANY term: HLT, HLGT
  - In practice, just PTs and LLTs
- Query can include Hierarchies
  - Hepatic Disorder (SMQ 1)
    - Drug Related... (SMQ 2)
      - Severe Events (SMQ 3)
      - Coagulation and Bleeding (SMQ 3)
      - Etc.
    - Pregnancy Related... (SMQ 2)
    - Liver Infections (SMQ 2)
    - Alcohol Related (SMQ 2)
    - Etc.

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## TMS Support for SMQs

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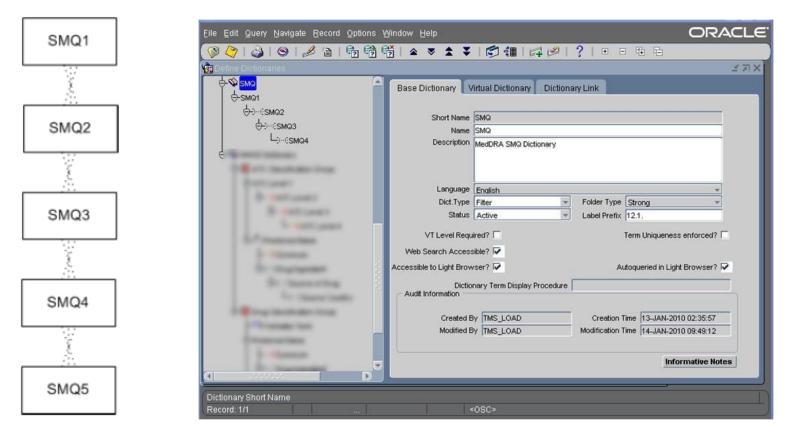
- Filter Dictionary type to support MedDRA SMQs
  - TMS 4.6.1 User Guide -- Chapter 6
  - MedDRA SMQ is the filter dictionary of MedDRA (base dictionary)
- Algorithm Informative Note
  - Supports algorithms used by some SMQs to return search results
- TMS Lite Browser can view SMQs

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## TMS Support for SMQs

#### Typical SMQ Structure TMS 4.6.1 -> Definition -> Define Dictionaries



# Beyond MSSO – Custom SMQs

- TMS is well-suited to maintain SMQs and integrates well with MedDRA
- If you have a need to update attributes of a specific SMQ:
  - Add or remove a PT or LLT
  - Add or update an attribute of a SMQ
  - Or, Create a new SMQ

### TMS can help Create and Maintain Custom SMQs (CSMQs)

- Maintain new data within a SMQ
  - Custom Fields (tms\_dict\_contents' value\_1, value\_2, etc. columns) can be defined to store variables
    - Possible, also, to create multiple fields within any one of these fields
  - Informative Notes can also be added
- Add or Remove PTs and LLTs from a SMQ
- Create New (or Custom) SMQs (CSMQs)

- TMS offers rich APIs to enable maintenance of CSMQs
- Changes to CSMQs are maintained in audit trail
- CSMQs can be integrated with SMQs
- TMS can allow processes/users to update SMQs
  - Leverage tms\_dict\_contents.term\_subtype to differentiate between "C" (Company) and "E" (External) terms
  - Enable update of external terms
    - Reference Codelist MAINTAINEXT can be set to "Y"
    - Or, programmatically set to "Y" then return to "N" for more controlled updates
- TMS Lite Browser can view CSMQs
  - But, export to another format, or development of a "CSMQ-aware" browser might be essential (depending on your customizations).

- Altering MSSO SMQs can be "Risky Business"
  - Change to some non-key values can be Supported
  - Requires modification to SMQ Load program to ignore MSSO's values of these non-key values
  - Technically may not be difficult; but modification of internal processes and procedures may not be as easy...

- Consider "Clone" of SMQs and new hierarchy levels and relationships
  - Existing SMQ hierarchy:
    - SMQ1 -> SMQ2 -> SMQ3 -> SMQ4
  - New CSMQ Hierarchy
    - SMQ1 -> SMQ2 -> SMQ3 -> SMQ4
    - CSMQ1 -> CSMQ2 -> CSMQ3 -> CSMQ4
    - CSMQ1 -> SMQ1; CSMQ1 -> SMQ2; through CSMQ1 -> SMQ4
    - CSMQ2 -> SMQ1; CSMQ2 -> SMQ2; through CSMQ2 -> SMQ4
    - Etc.
  - Create in TMS using two data changes and multiple calls to an Oracle API.
    - Unapprove Dictionary
    - Add new records to hierarchy using TMS API
    - Approve Dictionary
  - Unnecessary to unload/reload existing SMQ dictionary
  - The use of Groups within Dictionary hierarchy impacts operation of the TMS Lite Browser

### Additional Considerations

- Impact Assessment
  - When MSSO releases a new version you have to consider impact on your CSMQs
  - Progress CSMQs along with MSSO SMQs?
    - Impact assessment process will need to consider Dictionary after activation of MSSO SMQs
      - Wait for activation; or develop software to perform activation "off-tothe-side" (either physically or logically)
- Approval Process
  - Changes to CSMQs require approval
    - Activation Groups (AGs) can manage workflow
    - Designate AGs as specific workflow levels
    - PL/SQL procedures can move terms from one AG to another
    - Only activate from the "Approved" AG

### Additional Considerations

- Load Scripts
  - Already have CSMQs?
    - Model script after SMQ Load Script
  - Maintain CSMQs external to TMS?
    - Consider Validation Risk
- Custom Browser (to maintain CSMQs (and SMQs))
  - Leverage TMS APIs!
  - Utilize tms\_dict\_contents.sub\_type flag (E/C values)
    - Don't inappropriately update MSSO SMQs
- MSSO SMQs ONLY refer to other SMQs and PTs/LLTs
  - Consider allowing CSMQs to also refer to HLTs and HLGTs
    - Could assist with Impact Assessment following new MSSO release

## **Additional Considerations**

- Do nothing (or very little) to impact upgrading SMQs with MSSO's next release
  - The fewer changes to SMQs the better
  - Consider a "clone" operation to copy a SMQ to a CSMQ and then update the CSMQ.

# Conclusions

- SMQs can be useful data analysis tools offering efficiencies and consistency across your organization
- SMQs can be customized to better reflect your data
  - Additional fields can be added
  - Additional queries can be added
  - All while maintaining the integrity of MSSO SMQs
- SMQs can be tailored to your own needs
  - Requires processes and procedures to manage change
- Modifications to TMS can support Custom SMQs
  - Meta data changes to dictionary structure
  - Little or no impact to MSSO SMQs
  - Internal Processes may be Impacted

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