

MedDRA 標準検索式 (SMQ) の開発とその役割について

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**The Current Status and the Roll of SMQs
(Standardised MedDRA Queries)**

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Summary

Standardised MedDRA Queries (SMQs) are defined as groupings of terms from one or more MedDRA System Organ Classes (SOCs) that relate to a defined medical condition or area of interest. They are intended to aid in case identification. The CIOMS working group on SMQs is developing SMQs in cooperation with ICH activities. After the official release, SMQs will be distributed and maintained by MSSO/JMO as a part of MedDRA.

SMQs have three major design concepts, i.e., Narrow search-Broad search, Algorithm, and Hierarchy structure. Each SMQ has specific characters, so it is very important to understand each SMQ before use. This article describes what are the differences among SMQs and how to understand the specific characters of each SMQ.