

# **FDA Medical Queries (FMQs)**

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# Agenda



Introduction and Background



Algorithmic FMQs



Labeling Grouped Terms

# Why FDA Medical Queries?

## *Inconsistent Standards*

- Investigators may report different verbatim terms for similar clinical events, resulting in varying coded MedDRA preferred terms for the same medical concept
  - A patient complaining of abdominal pain may be reported using verbatim terms coding to abdominal pain, abd. pain lower, abd. pain upper, gastrointestinal pain, visceral pain, abdominal discomfort, among others
- Adverse Events (AEs) may manifest in related, but different ways.
  - A patient with a rash related to drug hypersensitivity may present with an erythematous rash, a macular rash, a macular-papular rash, a papular rash, a morbilliform rash, etc., and each would be coded to a different PT
- When **related** PTs are not grouped, it's **possible to miss** important safety signals.

# FDA Medical Queries



## ***A Collective Way Forward***

- Used natural language processing to determine most frequently encountered terms found in >38,000 labels of 1,254 active moieties
- Received requests from review divisions
- Evaluated existing queries
- Established the FMQ Working Group and collaborated with 80 reviewers across Divisions

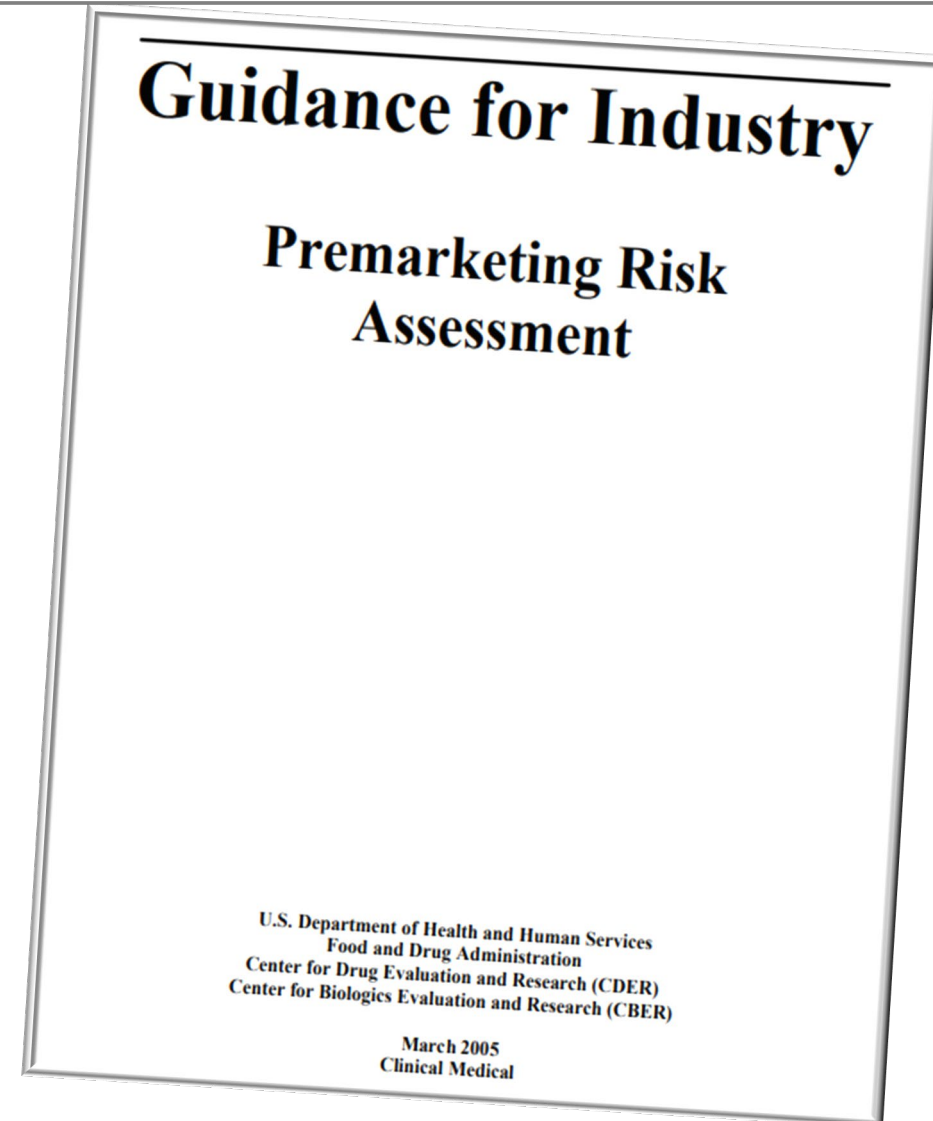
## ***An OND Standard***

- Launched 104 FMQs
- Includes 4 Algorithmic FMQs
- Recommendations for FMQ labeling



# Importance of Grouping Similar PTs Not a New Concept

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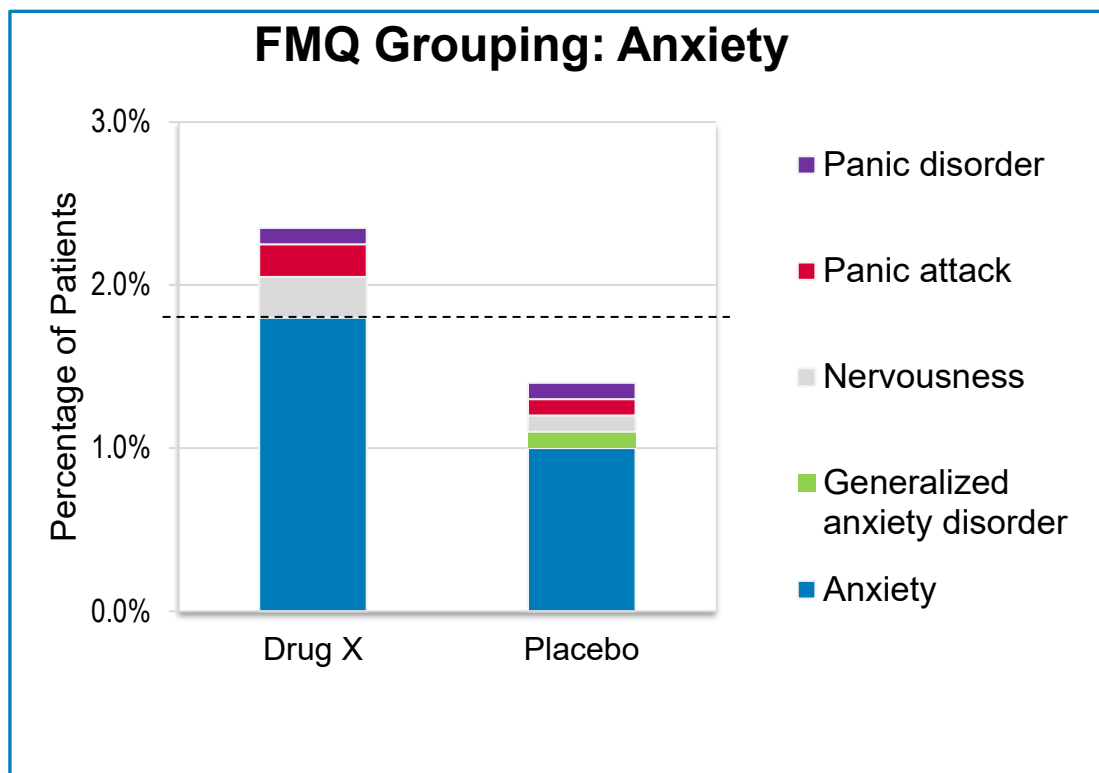
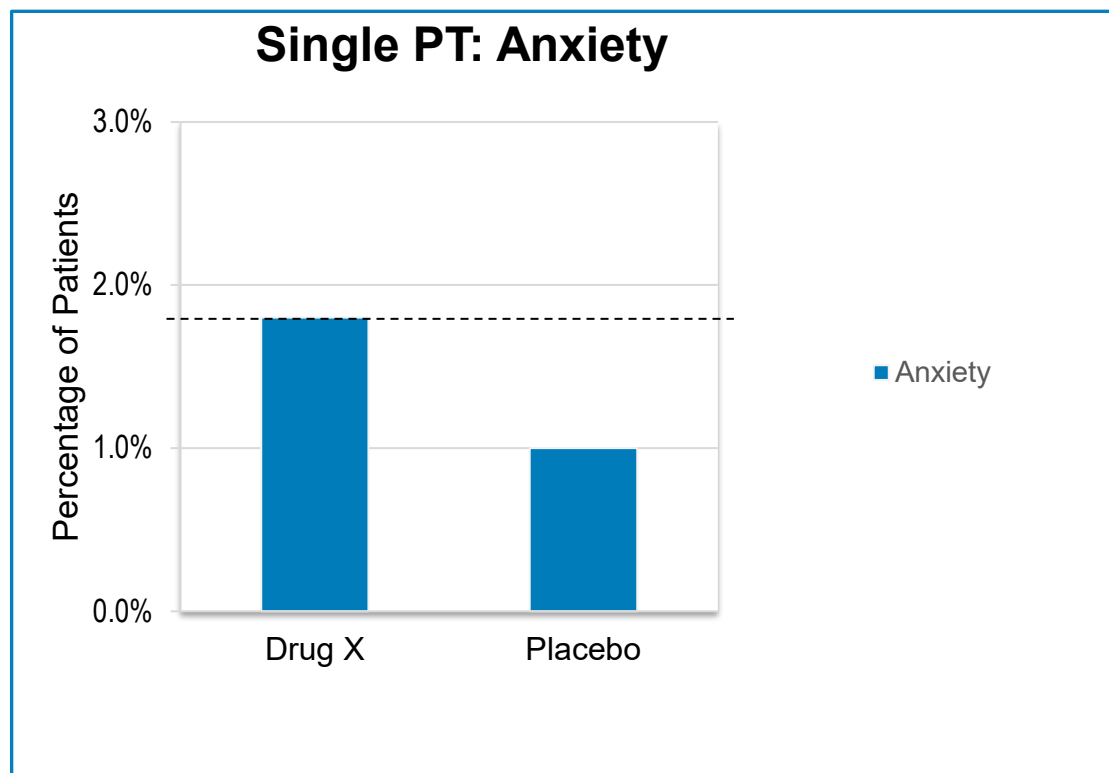
# What are FMQs?

- Standardized groupings of related PTs developed by review staff primarily in FDA/CDER.
- MedDRA PTs are highly granular with >24000 PTs
- Each grouping represents a medical concept.
  - Example: “Initial insomnia,” “middle insomnia,” “early morning awakening,” combined to “insomnia.”
- Goal is to improve safety signal detection in clinical trial datasets.
- Standardized approach to increase efficiency and consistency.

# Single PT Analysis vs. FMQ Grouping



- Using a 2% cut-off for an AE analysis, “Anxiety” doesn’t make the cut, but group these PTs, and a signal emerges at the 2% cut-off (no patient counted twice).



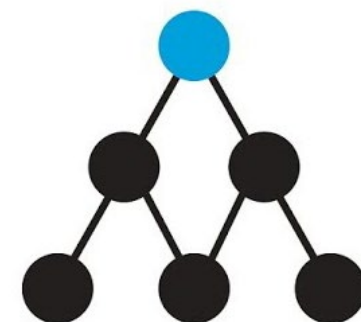
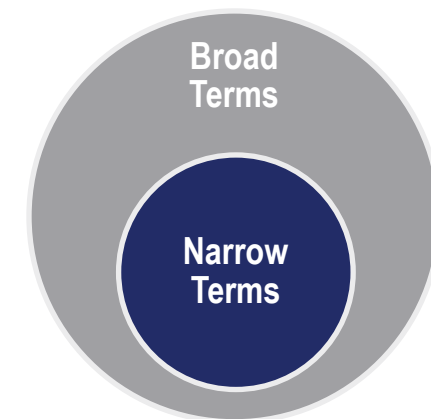


# FMQ Concepts

## Narrow vs. Broad vs. Algorithmic Queries



- Narrow FMQ terms:
  - Specific for the medical concept
  - Indicate that the FMQ occurred, More than ~90% probability
- Broad FMQ terms:
  - “Cast a wider net” than narrow query terms for signal detection
  - Less specific
  - Provide reasonable assurance (more than ~30% probability) that the medical concept occurred
- Algorithmic FMQs
  - Uses data from the laboratory, Concomitant medications, medical history datasets in addition to the AE datasets
  - Uses temporal associations



# FMQ Ground Rules: Narrow Queries

## Narrow Queries: Indicates FMQ concept occurred

- PTs that are near-synonyms of the FMQ concept
  - PT Abdominal Discomfort in FMQ Abdominal Pain
- PTs that are subgroups of the FMQ concept
  - PT Anaemia Neonatal in FMQ Anemia
- PTs that specify an etiology for the FMQ concept
  - PT Uremic Pruritus in FMQ Pruritus
- PTs that ensure the occurrence of the FMQ concept
  - PT Aortic Rupture in FMQ Hemorrhage

# FMQ Ground Rules: Broad Queries

## Broad Queries: Reasonably suggestive of FMQ concept occurrence

- PTs that may result in the FMQ concept
  - PT Osteopenia in FMQ Osteoporosis
- PTs that provide laboratory, radiologic, or other diagnostic test results reasonably suggestive of an FMQ, including PTs with ambiguous results such as “abnormal”
  - PT Blood Glucose Abnormal in FMQ Hyperglycemia
- PTs reasonably suggestive of the FMQ concept, but not required by the FMQ concept:
  - PT Bronchospasm in FMQ Hypersensitivity
- PTs that indicate a “carrier” status for FMQ concepts that specify an infectious disease
  - PT Bacterial Disease Carrier in FMQ Bacterial Infection

# FMQ Ground Rules: PT's Excluded from FMQ

## PTs Excluded from FMQs: terms that are too vague

- PTs that are neither a required component nor reasonably specific for the FMQ concept
  - PT Nausea would not be included in FMQ Migraine
- PTs that provide the names of laboratory, radiologic, or other diagnostic tests without a result
  - PT Clostridium Test
  - PTs that provide test names without a result, but that would only be performed in the presence of disease, should be included if they otherwise qualify (example: PT Antipsychotic Drug Level in FMQ Psychosis).

# How FMQs were Constructed

- FDA review staff developed standard groupings of related AEs.
- Each FMQ represents a distinct medical concept (e.g., Anemia, Nausea, Vomiting, etc.) and stand on their own.
- Each preferred term was independently adjudicated by a subject matter expert reviewer; any discrepancies were adjudicated by the working group.
- FMQ "Ground Rules" were created and used to apply medical judgment in developing logical groupings
- Steering committee made final decisions when there were difference of opinions; ensured version control, systems development, up-versioning with each major MedDRA release, and change control
- Cumulative approach: includes current PTs, former PTs, misspelled terms.

# Difference Between FMQs and SMQs

FMQs attempt to capture all instances of an AE, even if PT indicates a “non” drug-related cause:

**FMQ Pancreatitis**

**SMQ Acute Pancreatitis**

(Does Contain)

(Does Not Contain)



**Alcoholic Pancreatitis  
Autoimmune Pancreatitis  
Obstructive Pancreatitis  
Pancreatitis Viral**

## FMQs for which there are no SMQs

Abdominal pain	Dysgeusia	Myalgia
Abnormal uterine bleeding	Dyspepsia	Nasopharyngitis
Alopecia	Dyspnoea	Nausea
Amenorrhoea	Erectile dysfunction	Parasomnia
Anxiety	Erythema	Pruritus
Arthralgia	Excessive menstrual bleeding	Pyrexia
Back pain	Fatigue	Somnolence
Bacterial vaginosis	Gynaecomastia	Syncope
Constipation	Headache	Tremor
Cough	Hyperprolactinaemia	Urinary retention
Decreased appetite	Insomnia	Urticaria
Decreased menstrual bleeding	Irritability	Vertigo
Dizziness	Local administration reactions	Vomiting
Dry mouth	Mania	

# FMQ version 2.1

- |                                    |                                  |                                    |                                     |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Arthritis                       | 27. Diabetic Ketoacidosis        | 53. Hypotension                    | 79. Pyrexia                         |
| 2. Abdominal Pain                  | 28. Diarrhea                     | 54. Insomnia                       | 80. Rash                            |
| 3. Abnormal Uterine Bleeding       | 29. Dizziness                    | 55. Irritability                   | 81. Renal & Urinary Tract Infection |
| 4. Acute Coronary Syndrome         | 30. Dry Mouth                    | 56. Invest Agent Abuse Potential   | 82. Respiratory Depression          |
| 5. Acute Kidney Injury             | 31. Dysgeusia                    | 57. Leukopenia                     | 83. Respiratory Failure             |
| 6. Alopecia                        | 32. Dyspepsia                    | 58. Lipid Disorder                 | 84. Rhabdomyolysis                  |
| 7. Amenorrhea                      | 33. Dyspnoea                     | 59. Local Administration Reactions | 85. Seizure                         |
| 8. Anemia                          | 34. Erectile Dysfunction         | 60. Malignancy                     | 86. Self-Harm                       |
| 9. Anaphylactic Reaction           | 35. Erythema                     | 61. Mania                          | 87. Sexual Dysfunction              |
| 10. Angioedema                     | 36. Excessive Menstrual Bleeding | 62. Myalgia                        | 88. Somnolence                      |
| 11. Anxiety                        | 37. Fall                         | 63. Myocardial Infarction          | 89. Stroke-TIA                      |
| 12. Arrhythmia                     | 38. Fatigue                      | 64. Myocardial Ischemia            | 90. Syncope                         |
| 13. Arthralgia                     | 39. Fracture                     | 65. Nasopharyngitis                | 91. Systemic Hypertension           |
| 14. Back Pain                      | 40. Fungal Infection             | 66. Nausea                         | 92. Tachycardia                     |
| 15. Bacterial Infection            | 41. Glaucoma                     | 67. Opportunistic Infection        | 93. Tendinopathy                    |
| 16. Bacterial Vaginosis            | 42. Gout                         | 68. Osteoporosis                   | 94. Thrombocytopenia                |
| 17. Bronchospasm                   | 43. Gynaecomastia                | 69. Palpitations                   | 95. Thrombosis                      |
| 18. Cachexia                       | 44. Hemorrhage                   | 70. Pancreatitis                   | 96. Thrombosis (Arterial)           |
| 19. Cardiac Conduction Disturbance | 45. Headache                     | 71. Paraesthesia                   | 97. Thrombosis (Venous)             |
| 20. Cholecystitis                  | 46. Heart Failure                | 72. Parasomnia                     | 98. Tremor                          |
| 21. Confusional State              | 47. Hepatic Failure              | 73. Peripheral Oedema              | 99. Urinary Retention               |
| 22. Constipation                   | 48. Hepatic Injury               | 74. Pneumonia                      | 100. Urticaria                      |
| 23. Cough                          | 49. Hyperglycemia                | 75. Pneumonitis                    | 101. Vertigo                        |
| 24. Decreased Appetite             | 50. Hyperprolactinaemia          | 76. Pruritus                       | 102. Viral Infection                |
| 25. Decreased Menstrual Bleeding   | 51. Hypersensitivity             | 77. Psychosis                      | 103. Volume Depletion               |
| 26. Depression                     | 52. Hypoglycemia                 | 78. Purulent Material              | 104. Vomiting                       |



# Algorithmic FDA Medical Queries

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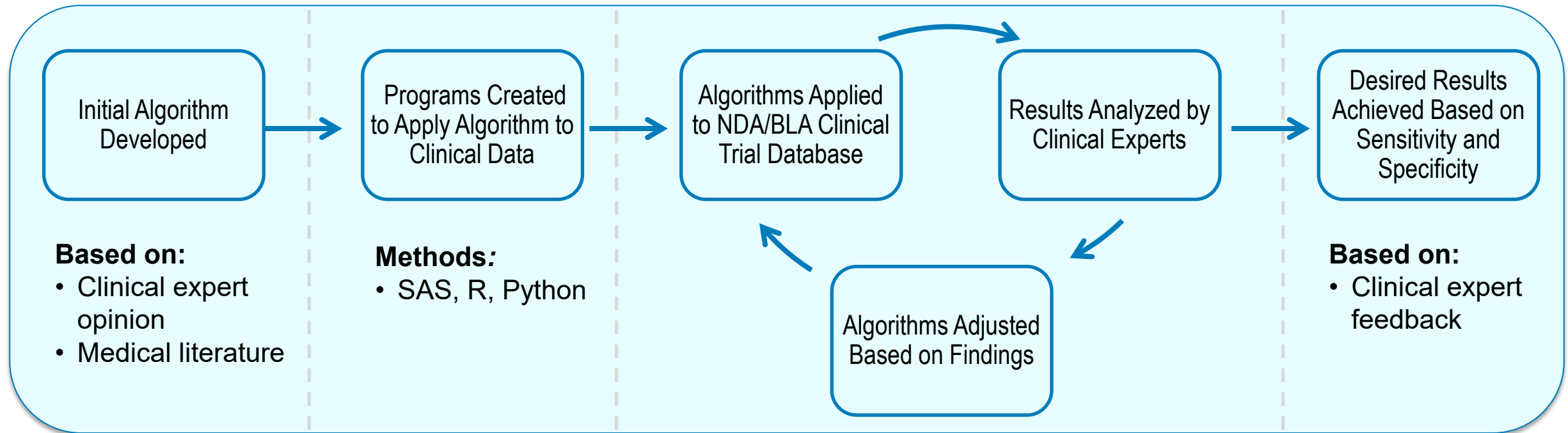
# FMQ Components

- **Narrow** – contains PTs highly specific to the FMQ concept; indicates that the FMQ occurred.
- **Broad** – casts a wider net to capture additional cases of the FMQ concept.
- **Algorithmic** – an important step forward because multiple datasets are combined to leverage the available information, such as:
  - Adverse event datasets
  - Laboratory datasets
  - Concomitant meds datasets
  - Medical history datasets
  - Temporal relationships

## Example Mock Algorithm:

1. PT + PT
2. Lab value >ULN
3. PT + Con Med within 3 days
4. PT + Medical History

# FMQ Algorithm Development and Testing Process



- Trial database of over 10,000 studies
- Algorithm applied multiple ways:
  - *Large random trial selection*
  - *Targeted trials with known FMQ associations*
  - *Trials with high prevalence of FMQ terms*
- Revised algorithm based on:
  - *Total patients and safety signals identified*
  - *Individual case reports and data*

# Rhabdomyolysis Algorithmic FMQ

Patients qualify for the algorithm if they meet any of the following criteria:

1. Any Rhabdomyolysis FMQ Narrow term
2. Urine myoglobin >ULN
3. CPK >5 x ULN **AND NO:**
  - CPK >ULN at baseline OR
  - CPK-MB/CPK >0.05 with start date within 3 days
4. [PT Myalgia + PT Muscular Weakness + (PT Myoglobin Urine Present OR PT Chromaturia)] with start date within 7 days of each other

ULN= Upper limit of normal, CPK = creatine phosphokinase

# Hypoglycemia Algorithmic FMQ



Patients qualify for the algorithm if they meet any of the following criteria:

1. Any Hypoglycemia FMQ Narrow Term
2. Plasma Glucose <54 mg/dL
3. [Any Hypoglycemia FMQ Broad Term\* OR Supplemental Term\*\*] PLUS [Plasma Glucose <70 mg/dL] with start date within 1 week
4. [ $\geq 2$  Occurrences of a Hypoglycemia FMQ Broad Term\* OR Supplemental Term\*\*] PLUS [ $\geq 2$  Occurrences of Plasma Glucose <70 mg/dL]

\* Includes Hypoglycemia FMQ Broad Terms only (while FMQ Broad analyses include both Narrow and Broad terms, this criterion only refers to the terms specifically identified as Broad).

\*\* Supplemental Terms – Accident, Anxiety, Asthenia, Cold sweat, Coma, Confusional state, Fall, Fatigue, Hunger, Hyperhidrosis, Irritability, Loss of consciousness, Palpitations, Road traffic accident, Seizure, Tremor, Dysarthria, Balance disorder, Coordination abnormal, Headache, Vision blurred, and Visual impairment.

# Hyperglycemia Algorithmic FMQ

Patients qualify for the algorithm if they meet any of the following criteria:

1. Any PT from Hyperglycemia FMQ Narrow
2. Fasting Plasma Glucose  $\geq 126$  mg/dL
3.  $\geq 2$  Plasma Glucoses  $> 180$  mg/dL
4. Any New Diabetes Concomitant Medication:
  - The medication must have been started following enrollment
  - CMINDC File
    - INCLUDE diab, mellitus, hyperglyc, glucose, dibet, dieb
    - EXCLUDE prophyla, prevent, insipidus, hyperglycerid, low blood glucose, low glucose, low blood sugar, low sugar, low afternoon blood glucose, low morning blood glucose
  - CMCLAS File
    - INCLUDE gliptin, glutide, diabet, glitaz, glucose lowering, glucosidas, dipeptidyl, sulfonyl, DPP, guanide, GLP, glucagon-like, metform, gliflozin, insulin, sodium-glucose, SGLT, thiazolid
    - EXCLUDE sex hormone
5. Post Baseline HbA1c  $\geq 6.5\%$
6. HbA1c Increase  $\geq 0.3\%$  with Post Baseline HbA1c  $\geq 5.7\%$
7. Change from Baseline Fasting Plasma Glucose  $\geq 20$  mg/dL with Post Baseline FPG  $> 100$  mg/dL

# Hypersensitivity Algorithmic FMQ

A patient is included in the algorithm by having items from any of the following categories or combinations of categories with start dates within 7 days:

1. Category A
2. Category B + Category C
3. Category B + Category D
4. Category C + Category D

Category A (Narrow PTs)	Category B (Respiratory)	Category C (Skin)	Category D (Systemic Reactions)
Acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis	Allergic bronchitis	Administration related reaction	Acute circulatory failure
Administration site hypersensitivity	Allergic pharyngitis	Administration site dermatitis	Blood immunoglobulin E abnormal
Administration site recall reaction	Allergic respiratory symptom	Administration site pruritus	Blood pressure decreased
Administration site vasculitis	Asthma	Administration site rash	Blood pressure diastolic decreased
Allergic colitis . . .	Asthmatic crisis . . .	Administration site urticaria . . .	Blood pressure systolic decreased . . .



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# **Including Grouped Term Information in the ADVERSE REACTIONS Section of the Prescribing Information**

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# Overview of Presentation



- Discuss considerations on including group term (e.g., FMQ) information and component term information in the ADVERSE REACTIONS section of labeling
- Discuss updated prescription drug labeling resources

# Adverse Events vs. Adverse Reactions in Labeling



- **Adverse Events (AEs):** “Any untoward medical event associated with the use of a drug in humans, whether or not considered drug-related”<sup>1</sup>
- **Adverse Reactions (ARs):** “An undesirable effect, reasonably associated with the use of a drug, that may occur as part of the pharmacological action of the drug or may be unpredictable in its occurrence. This definition does not include all AEs observed during use of a drug, **only those AEs for which there is some basis to believe there is a causal relationship between the drug and the occurrence of the AE.**”<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See guidance for industry: *Adverse Reactions Section of Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products – Content and Format* (January 2006) (referred to as the Adverse Reactions Section of Labeling Guidance)

<sup>2</sup> For PLR-formatted labeling, see 21 CFR 201.57(c)(7) and the Adverse Reactions Section of Labeling Guidance. For “old” (non-PLR) format labeling, the AR definition is different [21 CFR 201.80(g)]: “*an undesirable effect, reasonably associated with the use of the drug, that may occur as part of the pharmacological action of the drug or may be unpredictable in its occurrence.*”

# Factors in Causality Assessment of AEs<sup>1</sup>

(helps determine if an AE is an AR and is appropriate for inclusion in the labeling)

- Increased frequency of reporting
- AE rate for the drug exceeds the placebo rate
- Dose-response relationship
- AE is consistent with the pharmacology of the drug
- Relationship between time of AE relative to the time of drug exposure
- Challenge and dechallenge cases
- AE is known to be caused by related drugs
- AE observed across studies
- AE led to higher discontinuation rate or serious adverse reactions in the drug-treated group

<sup>1</sup> AE = adverse event; AR = adverse reactions; See Adverse Reactions Section of Labeling Guidance



# Including Group Term Information into *Clinical Trials Experience* Subsection of ADVERSE REACTIONS Section



<b>BOXED WARNING</b>
<b>1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE</b>
<b>2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION</b>
<b>3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS</b>
<b>4 CONTRAINDICATIONS</b>
<b>5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS</b>
<b>6 ADVERSE REACTIONS</b>
<b>6.1 Clinical Trials Experience</b>
<b>6.2 Postmarketing Experience</b>
<b>7 DRUG INTERACTIONS</b>
<b>8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS</b>
<b>9 DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE</b>
<b>10 OVERDOSAGE</b>
<b>11 DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY</b>
<b>13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY</b>
<b>14 CLINICAL STUDIES</b>
<b>15 REFERENCES</b>
<b>16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING</b>
<b>17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION</b>

Common Adverse  
Reaction Table(s)



# Example of Common Adverse Reaction Table<sup>1,2</sup> in the *Clinical Trials Experience* Subsection of ADVERSE REACTIONS Section

Table X: Common Adverse Reactions in Patients with Disease-X During the 24-week Treatment Period in Studies A, B, and C <sup>1</sup>		
	DRUG-X N=XXX	Placebo N=XXX
Asthenia <sup>2</sup>	39%	17%
Musculoskeletal pain <sup>3</sup>	18%	7%
Vomiting	15%	11%
Upper respiratory tract infection	12%	3%
Thrombocytopenia	9%	2%
Anemia	9%	3%
Arthralgia	6%	3%
Headache	6%	4%
Herpes Zoster	5%	2%
Paresthesia	5%	3%
<sup>1</sup> Adverse reactions that occurred in ≥ 5% in DRUG-X-treated patients and ≥ 2% than placebo-treated patients		
<sup>2</sup> Asthenia includes the terms fatigue and malaise		
<sup>3</sup> Musculoskeletal pain includes back pain, neck pain, thigh pain, shoulder pain		

<sup>1</sup> The *Clinical Trials Experience* subsection of the ADVERSE REACTIONS section “must list the adverse reactions identified in clinical trials that occurred at or above a specified rate appropriate to the safety database” – see 21 CFR 201.57(c)(7)(ii)(A)

<sup>2</sup> “To permit side-by-side comparison of adverse reaction rates, common adverse reactions are typically presented in a table” – see Adverse Reactions Section of Labeling Guidance

# Merits of Grouping Related Terms



- Include an AR that was not initially apparent when reporting was spread across multiple related individual terms
- Provide a better estimate of the true magnitude of the AR; and
- Exclude an AE that is unrelated or unlikely related to the drug when analysis of grouped terms does not support determination that the AE is an AR

# Classifying Adverse Reactions in the *Clinical Trials Experience Subsection* in the ADVERSE REACTIONS Section<sup>1</sup>



- AR that represent same phenomenon should ordinarily be grouped together as a single AR to avoid diluting or obscuring the true effect
- AR reported in more than one body system that appear to represent a common pathophysiologic AR should be grouped together to better characterize the AR

# Four Fictitious Labeling Examples

# #1 Data Only Supports Including Anxiety FMQ Term (in Common AR Table in ADVERSE REACTIONS section)

FMQ Anxiety Analysis (this does not go into labeling)		
	DRUG-X N=XXX	Placebo N=XXX
<b>FMQ Anxiety Grouped Term</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
Anxiety	3.3%	1.3%
Anxiety aggravated	1.5%	0.8%
Anxiety disorder	1.5%	0.7%
Anxiety disorder NEC	0.8%	0.1%

Table X: Common Adverse Reactions in Patients with Disease-X (48-week Studies 1 and 2) <sup>1</sup>		
	DRUG-X N=XXX	Placebo N=XXX
Vomiting	10%	2%
Diarrhea	9%	3%
Dermatitis	8%	3%
Anxiety <sup>2</sup>	7%	3%
Chills	5%	3%
<sup>1</sup> Adverse reactions that occurred in $\geq 5\%$ in DRUG-X-treated patients and $\geq 2\%$ than placebo-treated patients		
<sup>2</sup> Anxiety is composed of several similar terms		

1. FMQ Anxiety Grouped Term is an AR (included in table body)
2. Component terms represented in common AR table; however, they are not named because they are near-synonyms.
3. Footnote states that grouped term includes other related terms.

## #2 Include FMQ Grouped Term in Body of Table and Component Term(s) in Footnotes in Most Common AR Table in ADVERSE REACTIONS Section

FMQ Anxiety Analysis (this does not go into labeling)		
	DRUG-X N=XXX	Placebo N=XXX
<b>FMQ Anxiety</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
Social phobia	5.1%	2.1%
Stress	2.1%	0.1%
Anxiety disorder	2.5%	0%
Anxiety disorder NEC	2.1%	0%
Anxiety	2.1%	0%

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<sup>2</sup> Anxiety includes social phobia and stress and other related reactions		

1. FMQ Anxiety Grouped Term is an AR (included in table body)
2. Social phobia and stress included in grouped term and named in footnote because distinct clinical events and not near-synonyms



# #3.1 Include FMQ Grouped Term and Clinically Important Component Term(s) in Footnotes in Most Common AR Table in ADVERSE REACTIONS Section

FMQ Anxiety Analysis (this does not go into labeling)		
	DRUG-X N=XXX	Placebo N=XXX
FMQ Anxiety	9.2%	2.2%
Panic disorder	4.1%	2.1%
OCD	2.1%	0.1%
Anxiety disorder	1.4%	0%
Anxiety disorder NEC	1.3%	0%
Anxiety	1.2%	0%

OCD = obsessive compulsive disorder

Components  
in footnotes

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Anxiety <sup>2</sup>	9%	2%
Dermatitis	8%	3%
Adverse reaction-a	x%	x%
Adverse reaction-b	x%	x%
Adverse reaction-c	x%	x%
Adverse reaction-d	x%	x%
Adverse reaction-e	x%	x%
Adverse reaction-f	x%	x%
<sup>1</sup> Adverse reactions that occurred in ≥ 5% in DRUG-X-treated patients and ≥ 2% than placebo-treated patients		
<sup>2</sup> Anxiety includes panic disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder and other related reactions		

1. FMQ Anxiety Grouped Term is an AR (included in table body)
2. Panic disorder and OCD included in grouped term and in footnotes

# #3.2 Include FMQ Grouped Term and Clinically Important Component Term(s) in Body of Table in Most Common AR Table in ADVERSE REACTIONS Section

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Panic disorder	4.1%	2.1%
OCD	2.1%	0.1%
Anxiety disorder	1.4%	0%
Anxiety disorder NEC	1.3%	0%
Anxiety	1.2%	0%

OCD = obsessive compulsive disorder

Components  
in body of  
table

Table X: Common Adverse Reactions in Patients with Disease-X (48-week Studies 1 and 2) <sup>1</sup>		
	DRUG-X N=XXX	Placebo N=XXX
Vomiting	10%	2%
Anxiety <sup>2</sup>	9%	2%
Panic disorder	4%	2%
Obsessive compulsive disorder	2%	< 1%
Dermatitis	8%	3%
<sup>1</sup> Adverse reactions that occurred in ≥ 5% in DRUG-X- treated patients and ≥ 2% than placebo-treated patients		
<sup>2</sup> In addition to panic disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder, anxiety includes other related reactions		

- 1. FMQ Anxiety Grouped Term is an AR (included in table body)
- 2. Panic disorder and OCD included in grouped term and in table body because distinct clinical events and clinical importance

# #4 Data Only Supports Including ≥ 1 FMQ Component(s) in Common AR Table in ADVERSE REACTIONS Section

FMQ Anxiety Analysis (this table does not go into labeling)		
	DRUG-X N=XXX	Placebo N=XXX
FMQ Anxiety	11.1%	2.7%
Panic disorder	5.2%	0.4%
OCD	4.6%	0.1%
Nervousness	1.1%	0.9%
Anxiety disorder NEC	0.3%	0.1%
Anxiety aggravated	0.2%	0.2%
Anxiety postoperative	0%	1%

OCD = obsessive  
compulsive  
disorder

Table X: Common Adverse Reactions in Patients with Disease-X (48-week Studies 1 and 2) <sup>1</sup>		
	DRUG-X N=XXX	Placebo N=XXX
Vomiting	10%	2%
Diarrhea	9%	3%
Dermatitis	8%	3%
Panic disorder	5%	<1%
OCD	5%	<1%
<sup>1</sup> AR that occurred in ≥ 5% in DRUG-X treated patients and ≥ 2% than placebo-treated patients		

- 1. Only panic disorder and OCD component terms meet AR definition and only apparent drivers of signal
- 2. Anxiety grouped term not included in table

# Summary of the FMQ Labeling Paradigm<sup>1</sup> (1 of 2)



1. FMQ grouped term(s) are included in common AR table if they meet the regulatory definition of an AR
2. If a grouped term and component term(s) meet the definition of an AR but the component term(s) are the only apparent driver(s) of the signal, only those component term(s) will be included in the body of the common AR table

<sup>1</sup> Labeling paradigm for your consideration applies to the common adverse reactions table(s) in the *Clinical Trials Experience* subsection in the ADVERSE REACTIONS section

## Summary of the FMQ Labeling Paradigm<sup>1</sup> (2 of 2)



3. Component terms that contribute to a grouped term are represented in the common AR table by being part of the group term incidence.

If the component terms are:

- Near synonyms of the grouped term, they are not mentioned in the body or footnotes in the table
  - Footnote will state that the grouped term includes related terms
- Distinct clinical events and not near synonyms of grouped term, they are mentioned in footnotes OR in the body of the table.

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*For Industry*



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- Prescribing Information (labeling for healthcare professionals),
- Carton and container labeling (cartons and containers are outside packaging that contain information about prescription medicines), and
- Labeling for patients or caregivers (e.g., Medication Guides, Patient Package Inserts,

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# **BACK-UP SLIDES**

# Grouping Strategy for FMQs vs. MedDRA Hierarchy



## MedDRA Hierarchy

- Combines PTs using multiple strategies – anatomy, pathology, physiology, etiology, manifestation site, purpose, and function
- Groups AE and non-AE PTs – such as therapeutic indications, investigations, product quality issues, medical procedures, and medical/social family history characteristics

## FMQs

- Grouping strategy more focused – only goal is to create clinically meaningful groupings
- Only groups AE PTs

# Example: Abdominal Pain FMQ

Abdominal discomfort	Narrow
Abdominal migraine	Narrow
Abdominal pain	Narrow
Abdominal pain aggravated	Narrow
Abdominal pain lower	Narrow
Abdominal pain NOS	Narrow
Abdominal pain upper	Narrow
Abdominal rebound tenderness	Narrow
Abdominal rigidity	Narrow
Abdominal tenderness	Narrow
Acute abdomen	Narrow
Enteric neuropathy	Narrow
Epigastric discomfort	Narrow
Gastrointestinal discomfort	Narrow
Gastrointestinal pain	Narrow
Gastrointestinal pain NOS	Narrow
Gastrointestinal upset	Narrow
Intestinal spasm	Narrow
Perihepatic discomfort	Narrow
Spleen pain	Narrow
Stomach discomfort	Narrow
Ulcer type pain	Narrow
Carnett's sign positive	Broad
Complicated appendicitis	Broad
Gastric irritation	Broad
Helicobacter duodenal ulcer	Broad
Infantile colic	Broad
Large intestine infection	Broad
Ulcerative duodenitis	Broad
Visceral pain	Broad

## HLT Gastrointestinal and abdominal pains (excl oral and throat)

- Abdominal migraine
- Abdominal pain
- Abdominal pain lower
- Abdominal pain upper
- Abdominal rebound tenderness
- Abdominal rigidity
- Abdominal tenderness
- Gastrointestinal pain
- Infantile colic
- Oesophageal pain
- Visceral pain

## HLT Gastrointestinal signs and symptoms NEC

- Abdominal discomfort
- Abdominal symptom
- Acute abdomen
- Anal incontinence
- Bradyphagia
- Breath odour
- Bruxism
- Cullen's sign
- Dumping syndrome
- Dysphagia
- Dysphagia lusoria
- Early satiety
- Encopresis
- Fixed bowel loop
- Foetor hepaticus
- Gastrocardiac syndrome
- Gastrointestinal somatic symptom disorder
- Gastrointestinal wall thickening
- Gastrointestinal wall thinning
- Hiccups
- Hyperphagia
- Hypophagia
- Incontinence
- Intestinal calcification
- Intestinal congestion
- Malignant dysphagia
- Mastication disorder
- Merycism
- Myochosis
- Oesophageal discomfort
- Oesophageal food impaction
- Pelvic discomfort
- Pelvic pain
- Peripancreatic fluid collection
- Peristalsis visible
- Pharyngeal dystonia
- Portal venous gas
- Post cholecystectomy syndrome
- Radiation dysphagia
- Radiation sickness syndrome
- White nipple sign
- Wischnowsky spots

# Differences between FMQs and SMQs

SMQs use multiple strategies for grouping whereas FMQs focus on premarket assessment

## FMQ specificity:

SMQ Acute Central Respiratory Depression **CONTAINS** *Breath sounds abnormal*



FMQ Respiratory Depression **OMITS** *Breath sounds abnormal*

## FMQ sensitivity:

FMQ Pancreatitis **CONTAINS** *Cytomegalovirus pancreatitis* **AND** *Pancreatitis mumps*



SMQ Acute Pancreatitis **DOES NOT CONTAIN** *Cytomegalovirus pancreatitis* **OR** *Pancreatitis mumps*



# FMQs for which there are no SMQs

Abdominal pain	Dysgeusia	Myalgia
Abnormal uterine bleeding	Dyspepsia	Nasopharyngitis
Alopecia	Dyspnoea	Nausea
Amenorrhoea	Erectile dysfunction	Parasomnia
Anxiety	Erythema	Pruritus
Arthralgia	Excessive menstrual bleeding	Pyrexia
Back pain	Fatigue	Somnolence
Bacterial vaginosis	Gynaecomastia	Syncope
Constipation	Headache	Tremor
Cough	Hyperprolactinaemia	Urinary retention
Decreased appetite	Insomnia	Urticaria
Decreased menstrual bleeding	Irritability	Vertigo
Dizziness	Local administration reactions	Vomiting
Dry mouth	Mania	