

# ICSR Data Quality: Suspect Products

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# Learning Objectives

- Identify the *Technical Specifications* document pertinent to electronic Individual Case Safety Report (ICSR) submissions
- Understand data fields and data sources for ICSR product data elements
- Describe best practices in submitting suspect product information

# Specifications for Electronic ICSRs\*



## **Specifications for Preparing and Submitting Electronic ICSRs and ICSR Attachments**

### *Technical Specifications Document*

#### **Associated Guidance Documents and Conformance Guide:**

**Draft Guidance for Industry: Providing Submissions in Electronic Format –  
Postmarketing Safety Reports (June 2014)**

**Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff: Postmarketing Safety Reporting for  
Combination Products (July 2019)**

**Draft Guidance for Industry: Providing Regulatory Submissions in  
Electronic Format: IND Safety Reports (September 2019)**

**Electronic Submissions of IND Safety Reports Technical Conformance Guide  
(September 2019)**

**\* Specifications for Preparing and Submitting Electronic ICSRs and ICSR Attachments** *Technical Specifications Document*, available at <https://www.fda.gov/media/132096/download>

# Specifications for Electronic ICSRs: Drug Description



## Detailed Description of Drug(s) and Narrative Elements<sup>\*†</sup>

Element	DTD Descriptor 2.2	Length	Element Values for DTD 2.2
B.4.k.1	<drugcharacterization>	1N	1=Suspect 2=Concomitant 3=Interacting 5=Similar
B.4.k.2.1	<medicinalproduct>	70AN	Proprietary Medicinal Product Name
B.4.k.2.2	<activesubstancename>	100AN	Active Drug Substance Names
B.5.1	<narrativeincludeclinical>	20000AN	Case Narrative

\* Include <medicinalproduct> and/or <activesubstancename>. FDA cannot process the ICSR without at least one of these elements.

† Appendix I lists various examples of correct drug element formats.

# Specifications for Electronic ICSRs: Drug Description (2)



## *2. Medicinal Product Name and Active Drug Substance Name*

FDA validates medicinal product names to the available Structured Product Labeling (SPL),<sup>7</sup> the submitted label (as ICSR attachment), and the Substance Registration System (SRS). These are further described below:

- When the product has an SPL, use the same naming convention as it appears in the SPL when submitting the ICSR.
- When submitting a product label as an attachment to an ICSR, use the name as it appears on the submitted product label.
- If no medicinal product is named and only the active substance is named, use the name of the active substance as it appears in the SRS.<sup>8</sup>

7. The SPL is a document markup standard approved by Health Level Seven (HL7) and adopted by FDA as a mechanism for exchanging product and facility information. See

<https://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>

8. <https://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/SubstanceRegistrationSystem-UniqueIngredientIdentifierUNII/default.htm>

# Specifications for Electronic ICSRs:

## Drug Description (3)



Examples of Drug Element Format		Comment
Correct	<code>&lt;medicinalproduct&gt;TYLENOL&lt;/medicinalproduct&gt;</code> <code>&lt;activesubstancename&gt;ACETAMINOPHEN&lt;/activesubstancename&gt;</code>	The stated proprietary name in the <code>&lt;medicinalproduct&gt;</code> tag is the same as provided for structured product labeling (SPL) listing
Correct	<code>&lt;medicinalproduct&gt;MIRACLE WONDER DRUG&lt;/medicinalproduct&gt;</code> <code>&lt;activesubstancename&gt;ACETAMINOPHEN&lt;/activesubstancename&gt;</code>	The stated proprietary name is the same as provided in the product label
Incorrect	<code>&lt;medicinalproduct&gt;AMAZING DRUG OTC®&lt;/medicinalproduct&gt;</code> <code>&lt;activesubstancename&gt;ACETAMINOPHEN 500 mg&lt;/activesubstancename&gt;</code>	<p>Only the brand name and active substance should be listed in the <code>&lt;medicinalproduct&gt;</code> and <code>&lt;activesubstance&gt;</code> tags</p> <p>Any additional information should be captured in the relevant structured fields and not included as prefixes and suffixes in the drug name tags.</p>
Incorrect	<code>&lt;medicinalproduct&gt;NEW DRUG 40 mcg/mL&lt;/medicinalproduct&gt;</code> <code>&lt;activesubstancename&gt;NEWSUBSTANCE Inj &lt;/activesubstancename&gt;</code>	<p>Only the brand name and active substance should be listed in the <code>&lt;medicinalproduct&gt;</code> and <code>&lt;activesubstance&gt;</code> tags</p> <p>Any additional information should be captured in the relevant structured fields and not included as prefixes and suffixes in the drug name tags.</p>



# FAERS Product Dictionary (FPD)



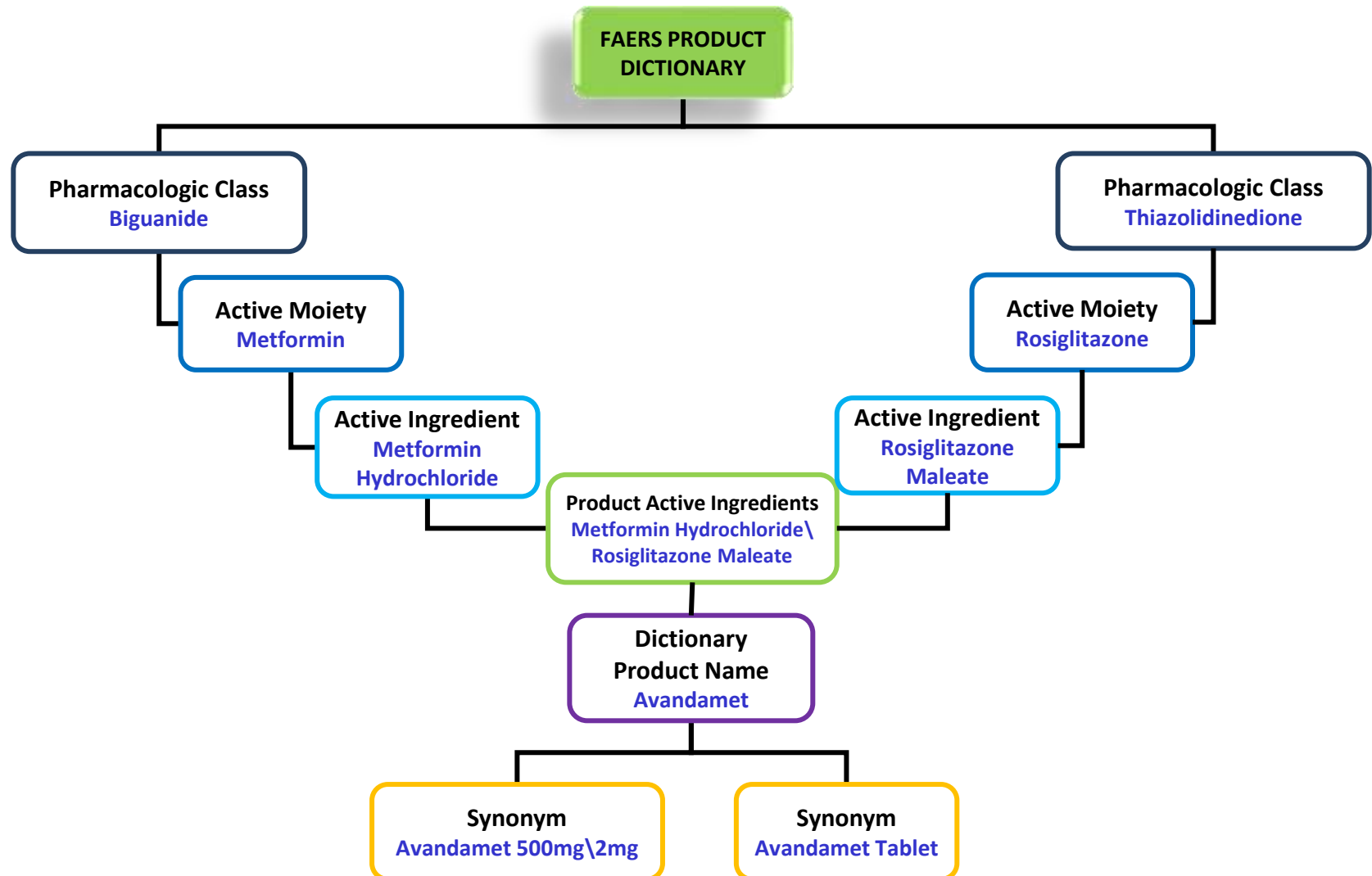
# Main Data Sources for FPD



- Substance Registration System (SRS): active ingredient(s) for all products
  - 'Preferred name' for active ingredient, active moiety
  - SRS public database (NLM):  
<https://fdasis.nlm.nih.gov/srs/>
- Structured Product Labeling (SPL): US marketed products
  - Product name with active ingredient and moiety from SRS
- Foreign product names
  - WHODrug Global for the Product name
  - SRS for the Preferred name of the active ingredient
- Other sources



# FAERS Product Dictionary Example: Multi-Ingredient Product



# Examples of Suspect Products in ICSRs Submitted to FAERS

# Issues with Reported Suspect Products

Suspect Product name contains additional product attributes/characters in the *<medicinalproduct>* field

- \*IMUREL
- GLEEVEC TAB 400MG
- SAMSCA TAB 15MG
- QUTENZA 179 MG, CUTANEOUS PATCH
- LYRICA 50 MG CAPSULE
- LYRICA 50 MG, CAPSULE
- CO-VALSARTAN SANDOZ 80/12.5
- PIOGLITAZONE 15 MG
- PREGABALIN CAPSULES 75 MG

# Issues with Reported Suspect Products

Suspect Product name in the `<medicinalproduct>` field or `<activesubstancename>` field is too vague

```
- <drug>
  <drugcharacterization>1</drugcharacterization>
  <medicinalproduct>IMMUNOGLOBULINS</medicinalproduct>
  <obtaindrugcountry>CA</obtaindrugcountry>
  <drugauthorizationcountry>CA</drugauthorizationcountry>
  <drugdosagetext>UNK</drugdosagetext>
  <drugadministrationroute>042</drugadministrationroute>
  <drugindicationmeddraversion>23.0</drugindicationmeddraversion>
  <drugindication>10070592</drugindication>
  <actiondrug>5</actiondrug>
- <activesubstance>
  <activesubstancename>IMMUNOGLOBULINS</activesubstancename>
</activesubstance>

drugcharacterization>1</drugcharacterization>
<medicinalproduct>CHEMOTHERAPY</medicinalproduct>
<drugadministrationroute>065</drugadministrationroute>
<drugstartdateformat>102</drugstartdateformat>
<drugstartdate>20140115</drugstartdate>
<actiondrug>4</actiondrug>
</drug>
- <drug>
  <drugcharacterization>1</drugcharacterization>
  <medicinalproduct>PAIN MEDICATIONS (MORPHINE AND THE LIKE)</medicinalproduct>
  <drugadministrationroute>065</drugadministrationroute>
  <actiondrug>5</actiondrug>
</drug>
- <summary>
```

# Issues with Reported Suspect Products

## Narrative and structured field(s) do not match

- Ingredient salt stated in narrative, structured field populated only with moiety
  - Issue: Products available as two different salts, or a moiety and a salt (i.e. short-acting versus long-acting) with different safety profiles
  - Example: olanzapine vs. olanzapine pamoate
- Family line of Products: “CURE ALL” and “CURE MUST” with different ingredients
  - Narrative specifies the exact product, but *<medicinalproduct>* field populated only with <CURE> and nothing provided in *<activesubstancename>*
- Inconsistency
  - Narrative: “... received magnesium sulphate”
  - Structured field: “Magnesium sulfonate”

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- <drug>
  <drugcharacterization>1</drugcharacterization>
  <medicinalproduct>Magnesium-sulfonate</medicinalproduct>
  <drugstructuredosagenumb>4</drugstructuredosagenumb>
  <drugstructuredosageunit>002</drugstructuredosageunit>
  <drugdosagetext>4 gram, UNK</drugdosagetext>
  <drugadministrationroute>040</drugadministrationroute>
  <drugindicationmeddraversion>22.0</drugindicationmeddraversion>
  <drugindication>Product used for unknown indication</drugindication>
  <actiondrug>5</actiondrug>
- <activesubstance>
  <activesubstancename>Magnesium-sulfonate</activesubstancename>
</activesubstance>
</drug>

```

# Issues with Reported Suspect Products



Separate products reported as one multi-ingredient product (which does not exist as a single formulation):

- *“NIVOLUMAB, IPILIMUMAB”*
  - *“IDELALISIB W/RITUXIMAB”*
  - *“PERTUZUMAB/TRASTUZUMAB”*
- Separate products should not be listed together and need to be split

# Issues with Reported Suspect Products

Suspect reported as a multi-ingredient of moiety and salts, or different salts (no such true product)

- Example XML Active Ingredient field:

PREDNISOLONE\PREDNISOLONE ACETATE\PREDNISOLONE BUTYLACETATE\PREDNISOLONE CAPROATE\PREDNISOLONE HEMISUCCINATE\PREDNISOLONE PIVALATE\PREDNISOLONE SODIUM PHOSPHATE\PREDNISOLONE SODIUM SUCCINATE\PREDNISOLONE SODIUM SULFOBENZO\PREDNISOLONE SODIUM TETRAHYDRO\PREDNISOLONE STEAGLATE\PREDNISOLONE VALEROACETATE

- Example Narrative:

*“was on metoprolol”*

```
<actiondrug>1</actiondrug>
- <activesubstance>
  <activesubstancename>METOPROLOL</activesubstancename>
</activesubstance>
- <activesubstance>
  <activesubstancename>METOPROLOL FUMARATE</activesubstancename>
</activesubstance>
- <activesubstance>
  <activesubstancename>METOPROLOL SUCCINATE</activesubstancename>
</activesubstance>
- <activesubstance>
  <activesubstancename>METOPROLOL TARTRATE</activesubstancename>
```



# Issues with Reported Suspect Products

Non-unique suspect product name coded as the first option displaying in WHO-Insight

- *SERENASE Indication: acute anxiety*

SERENASE	<i>Haloperidol decanoate</i>
SERENASE	<i>Haloperidol</i>
SERENASE	<i>Lorazepam</i>

SERENASE [HALOPERIDOL DECANOATE]	Serenase	depot	Haloperidol decanoate
SERENASE [HALOPERIDOL]	Serenase		Haloperidol
SERENASE [LORAZEPAM]	Serenase		Lorazepam

# Same Name/Different Ingredient Issue



Non-unique name (different drug ingredients):  
recommend to specify the ingredient as an addition  
to the reported drug name

- *CLAMOXYL [AMOXICILLIN]*
- *CLAMOXYL [AMOXICILLIN/CLAVULANATE POTASSIUM]*
- *SERENASE [LORAZEPAM]*
- *SERENASE [HALOPERIDOL]*

# Summary

- Submitted suspect *<medicinalproduct>* and *<activesubstancename>* information is reviewed for data quality and coded internally
- When available, capture the SPL Proprietary name in the *<medicinalproduct>* field, capture the SRS Preferred name active ingredient in the *<activesubstancename>* field
- Ongoing informal feedback/communication with companies

# Challenge Question #1

**Which of the following statements is true?**

- A. There are no specifications on how to report drug data in ICSRs
- B. A drug name always identifies a specific product
- C. Drug information in the narrative and in the structured fields should match
- D. It is not necessary to provide a suspect drug in an ICSR

## Challenge Question #2

**Which of the following statements is NOT true?**

- A. Suspect drug data submitted in ICSRs to FAERS is validated internally
- B. ICSR Product name should match the name in SPL
- C. ICSR Active substance name should match the Preferred term name in SRS
- D. ICSR Drug data is correct, there are no issues

## Challenge Question #2

Which of the following statements is **NOT true?** **Fast forward, future preview:**

- A. Suspect drug data submitted in ICSRs to FAERS is validated internally
- B. ICSR Product name should match the name in SPL
- C. ICSR Active substance name should match the Preferred term name in SRS
- D. ICSR Drug data is correct, there are no issues

Cannot select, all are true

