

 You replied on 4/6/2006 7:36 AM.

Alred, Steve (NIH/NCI) [C]

From: Warzel, Denise (NIH/NCI) [E] **Sent:** Thu 4/6/2006 2:17 AM
To: Alred, Steve (NIH/NCI) [C]; 'Robert Harding'
Cc:
Subject: FW: New SIW
Attachments:

Where should we document rules like this so that people who pick up the caDSR open source will know about them?

Denise

From: Thomas, Nicole (NIH/NCI) [C]
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2006 12:00 PM
To: Ludet, Christophe (NIH/NCI) [C]
Subject: RE: New SIW

yes

From: Ludet, Christophe (NIH/NCI) [C]
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2006 12:02 PM
To: Thomas, Nicole (NIH/NCI) [C]
Subject: Re: New SIW

ok, tell me if the following is correct as to how the search must work:

1. If a concept has a definition, use it. Ignore all ALT_DEFs
2. If a concept does not have a definition, look at ALT_DEFs
 - 2.1 If there is an NCI_GLOSS ALT_DEF, use that
 - 2.2 If there is no NCI_GLOSS ALT_DEF, use the any other ALT_DEF

Christophe

Thomas, Nicole (NIH/NCI) [C] wrote:

[A concept may have more than one ALT_DEFINITION.](#)

"Clinical Trial Protocol" has an NCI-GLOSS ALT_DEFINITION but no other definition.

"Abdominal Pain" has an ALT_DEFINITION (not NCI_GLOSS) but no other definition.

"Actin Filament" has an ALT_DEFINITION (not NCI_GLOSS) and an NCI DEFINITION.

"Acupuncture" has an NCI-GLOSS ALT_DEFINITION and an NCI DEFINITION.

Nicole

From: Ludet, Christophe (NIH/NCI) [C]
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2006 11:19 AM
To: Thomas, Nicole (NIH/NCI) [C]
Subject: Re: New SIW

Nicole,

Could you give an example or 2 showing a concept with and without ALT_DEFINITION.

Can there be only one ALT_DEF?

Thanks,
Christophe

Thomas, Nicole (NIH/NCI) [C] wrote:

Hi,

We made a fairly recent change to the NCI Thesaurus so that the "Official NCI Definition" is distinct from any other definitions that may exist for the concept. To do this all other definitions are now found in a new property called "ALT_DEFINITION. Apparently due to this change, the new version of SIW fails to pull a definition when a concept lacks an NCI definition but has a valid ALT_DEFINITION. In this situation the NCI-GLOSS ALT_DEFINITION should be used. All other ALT_DEFINITION sources can be ignored.

Nicole

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