EDITORIAL POLICY

Micromedex policy on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) for content development

Background

Generative AI tools are able to produce many different forms of content. While generative AI offers the capabilities to support or enhance the work of content creation, there are risks associated with the use of currently available generative AI tools. Content natively created by generative AI is assembled based on statistical word patterns rather than fact and can contain inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or biased information. The underlying source of the generated content may be unavailable or unattributed, which adds further concern for reliability and introduces the potential for plagiarism or copyright infringement.

Policy

The following refers only to the Micromedex content development process, and not to the use of AI tools to analyze or draw insights from data as part of the background research process. In alignment with Merative's Responsible AI Principles., Micromedex supports the responsible use of generative AI tools that have been rigorously tested, approved for internal use by Merative and respect high standards of data security, confidentiality, and copyright protection. Only tools that have been vetted and approved for use by Merative may be used. To ensure clinical safety, accuracy, and validity of the content, Micromedex believes that the use of generative AI and AI-assisted technology during the editorial process should be solely for the purpose of idea generation, literature classification, or as an editorial assistant for the purpose of improving the readability, organization and wording of content. It should not be used to generate de novo evidence or clinical recommendations. To address copyright and intellectual property protection, Micromedex will not load files or content into publicly accessible generative AI tools. Nor will copyrighted material be used to train large language models without explicit permission from publishers.

Human oversight and review of all AI-generated or revised text is required in addition to existing peer review processes. Micromedex is ultimately responsible and accountable for all of its published content. Peer review is a core element of the Micromedex evidence-based approach to content creation. Expert review of professional clinical and patient-centered information implies responsibilities that are uniquely attributed to humans. Generative AI or AI-assisted

technologies are not a substitute for critical thinking and assessment skills needed for peer review. Reviewers are responsible and accountable for completion and outcome of the review process.

We believe that disclosure of the use of generative AI and AI-assisted technologies during the editorial process is important, and supports transparency and helps build trust. For clarity, this policy does not apply to the use of basic automated tools, such as those used to check grammar and spelling or insert references.

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