

L 520 - Medical, Psychological, and Disability Category

BACKGROUND: *Terms in the Medical, Psychological, and Disability category refer to the medical or psychological condition, or the physical or mental disability, of the group members (e.g., alcoholics; breast cancer patients; people with learning disabilities). In MARC authority records for established medical, psychological, and disability terms, the category is represented by the three-letter code **mpd**.*

This instruction sheet provides specific guidelines on assigning terms from the Medical, Psychological, and Disability category to bibliographic records and to authority records for works, as well as guidelines on establishing new terms in the category. For examples of MARC 21 records to which demographic group terms have been assigned, see

- *L 550 - MARC Coding for Audience in Bibliographic and Work Authority Records*
- *L 555 - MARC Coding for Creators in Bibliographic and Work Authority Records*
- *L 560 - MARC Coding for Entity Attributes in Personal Name Authority Records*

For examples of MARC 21 authority records for LC demographic group terms, see L 545 - MARC Authority Records for LCDGT.

1. Assigning terms in bibliographic records and in authority records for works or persons. There are no special provisions for assigning terms from the Medical, Psychological, and Disability category. Assign terms in accordance with the following instruction sheets.

- L 480 - Assignment of Terms: Audience Characteristics
- L 485 - Assignment of Terms: Creator Characteristics
- L 490 - Assignment of Terms: Entity Attributes for Persons

2. Proposing terms. There are no special provisions for proposing new demographic group terms in the Medical, Psychological, and Disability category. Propose new terms according to the guidelines in L 435-L 465.