



# Healthcare industry news

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### Standards in action across healthcare

Our focus is to work collaboratively with industry to support improvements to safety and quality in Healthcare through the implementation of GS1 standards.

This newsletter highlights some of the initiatives within the local and global community where GS1 standards play a role in improving Healthcare.



### Registrations are now open – GS1 Healthcare 3rd Online Summit

Don't miss your chance to join us and be a part of the next Summit. With the theme Global standards for Global Health, the event takes us around the world to hear from

health providers, manufacturers, distributors and regulators as they continue to tackle the challenges faced in healthcare across the globe.

As always, a portion of the \$50USD registration fee will be donated to UNICEF.

[Find out more about the event](#)



## Healthcare migration to National Location Registry is complete

With the upgrade from Locatenet to the National Location Registry (NLR) now live, all healthcare users have either migrated or registered for the new platform to ensure they can share their location data with trading partners and transport companies.

If you have not already registered, you can still do so or you can attend a webinar to find out more about it.

[Register for a webinar](#)

[Join the NLR community](#)



## EU Commission – EUDAMED Updates

As the EU Commission takes further steps towards all EUDAMED modules being available for use, the Devices Registration, Notified Bodies and Certificates modules have been successfully deployed. New Q&A related to Notified Bodies has also been released.

[Access the public link](#)

[Read the latest Q&A](#)

Guidance for classification of medical devices



## **Unique Device Identification (UDI) – Stay in touch with the TGA plans**

With the proposed introduction of a UDI system for Australia, they are working to inform and engage with stakeholders from across healthcare. As part of their engagement with stakeholders, the TGA is hosting monthly webinars to help to support the development of the future UDI system for Australia.

You can find the latest information, access the recordings of previous webinars and register for the next ones via the links below.

[Visit the TGA UDI Hub](#)

[UDI Webinars](#)



## **UDI – Opportunities for health providers because of the proposed changes**

We recently published an article in Australian Hospital & Healthcare Bulletin (Oct 2021) discussing some of the potential benefits of UDI for health providers. Though often thought to only impact manufacturers or

sponsors, this could not be further from the truth as our health systems look to digitise, ensure traceability of medical devices and continue to improve processes across the supply chain.

[Read the article](#)



National  
Product  
Catalogue

## Update: National Product Catalogue improvements

The National Product Catalogue has long been an important part of the infrastructure that was designed to improve Australian healthcare product data. We recently completed a review of the data requirements with the assistance of the Healthcare sector advisory group and have also added a new page to highlight the recipients within the sector to make it easier for the user community to get started and understand where they could benefit.

[Updated dataset](#)

[Data Recipients listing](#)



## Getting data foundations right remains critical for Australian healthcare

In another of our recent articles in Australian Hospital and Healthcare Bulletin (Sept 2021), we highlight some of the issues created by bad product master data and why it is critical in a post-pandemic world we get serious about data to ensure a safe and efficient healthcare system in Australia.

[Read the article](#)



## Labels – Data coding and Serialisation for TGO106 webinar

Join the TGA, leading manufacturers and our own Healthcare Sector lead Catherine Koetz, for this upcoming webinar hosted by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute on November 11th.

[To find out more](#)



## NHS UK release Digital Clinical Safety Strategy

Building on the NHS Patient Safety strategy, this latest strategy aims to improve the safety of digital technologies in healthcare and care, and to identify and promote the use of digital technologies as solutions to patient safety challenges.

Some great food for thought as you are preparing for your submission to the National Digital Health Strategy.

[Access the NHS Strategy](#)

Have your say in Australia's National Digital Health Strategy



## Join our GS1 Basics for Healthcare Webinars

As part of supporting the healthcare industry in implementing GS1 standards to meet

regulatory and trading partner needs, we offer a series of complimentary webinars covering UDI, Pharmaceutical labelling, Scanning Accuracy and Standards in Hospitals.

[Find out more](#)



### **Healthcare Identification and Barcodes training – next date October 26th**

Designed specifically for healthcare, this session provides fundamental information on the practical application of the GS1 standards for all healthcare products: pharmaceutical, medical devices and consumables.

[Register here](#)



### **EDI training for future implementers – next date October 20th**

This non-technical training is aimed at educating those who are looking to implement EDI in the future. The session explains what EDI is and explains the potential benefits and operational considerations.

[Register here](#)

## **Training and events**

Don't miss the specific training GS1 provides to support healthcare implementation of standards.

Online:

- [Barcode Basics for your Business](#)
- [Barcode Basics for Healthcare](#)
- [National Product Catalogue user training](#)
- [EDI – Complexity simplified](#)

## Need help?

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