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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.



FREE EVENT: The Magic of RFID - Turning fiction into fact and tech expo

We are thrilled to announce that registrations are now open for the RFID Coalition and Tech Expo, where the book of knowledge will be opened to you.

Join us in our enchanting kingdom of RFID alchemy to hear from expert storytellers: Viscount Reuse, Lowes Manhattan Pty Ltd, and Cleanaway Daniels who will share the chapters in their RFID journey and network with specialised Solution Providers at the Tech Expo. Register for this free in-person event to ensure your place.

[Learn more & Register](#)



Therapeutic Goods Administration Unique Device Identification Update

The [UDI hub](#) on the TGA website has been updated to provide the most current and accurate information on UDI in Australia. This includes:

- Information for sponsors and manufacturers
- Information for healthcare
- Information for consumers
- Resources and technical documents.

The article on UDI, mandatory reporting of medical device adverse events and recall reforms, is available in the May edition of the Health Advocate article [here](#).

Implementation Timeframes

Changes to the Therapeutic Goods (Medical Devices) Regulations 2002 are still being finalised and must be authorised by the Australian Government before the regulations take effect however it is expected UDI will commence before 1 January 2025.

To prepare for UDI, you can attend a complimentary GS1 UDI webinar and participate in testing the Pre-Production version of the TGA Australian UDI Database (AusUDID) by emailing UDI@health.gov.au.

[Register for webinar](#)



Taking a National approach to Scanning across Scotland

In case you missed our GS1 Healthcare Webinar where Simon White, NHS Scotland National Programme Director, provided an overview of the NHS Scotland [Scan for Safety](#) Programme as it progresses into its third year you can watch the replay.

[Watch recording](#)



Product Recalls Using GS1 Standards

The ability to identify products to the batch or serial number using GS1 standards facilitates more efficient, accurate and targeted recalls. Understand how Global standards can significantly improve patient safety by making recalls more efficient.

[Watch video](#)



When was the last time you had your barcodes checked?

If it has been over 12 months, it's time to book it in! Routine testing of your barcodes (a tiny yet crucial part of your business) is often overlooked as a key way to improve operating efficiency and customer satisfaction.

The GS1 Australia Barcode Check service isn't just about checking the quality of barcodes, we test the validity and integrity of the number, standards compliance, positioning and more.

[Watch video](#)



GS1 Basics for Healthcare Webinars

Our series of complimentary webinars are designed to support the Australian healthcare sector in its understanding and implementation of GS1 standards. Topics include UDI, Pharmaceutical Labelling and Scanning Accuracy with more topics and unique events to come.

[Find out more](#)



Understand GS1 services that support the healthcare sector

GS1 Australia provides several services that have been created in conjunction with the Australian healthcare sector. To find out more background before you subscribe, we host regular information sessions via webinar.

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