



Healthcare 2021 Year in Review



As another year draws to an end, like many we always like to take the time to reflect on the year. Once again, 2021 has had some added challenges to reflect upon for many of us. Before we review the year and share a few highlights and milestones, we would also like to acknowledge the amazing people we have the privilege to work with and support across the sector.

To the many individuals across our diverse group of stakeholders, we would especially like to say thank you for your time, energy and open knowledge sharing once again across the year. Without your inputs into our advisory groups, working groups, surveys, workshops and hundreds of individual discussions as a healthcare team we cannot deliver the best support to our member community. We are always incredibly grateful for your honesty and collaboration but especially so this year with so many other challenges continuing to provide added pressure to you all. It has been our pleasure to support your innovation, your work programs, and you as individuals, sharing the occasional laughter and frustration the year has brought and to celebrate your successes.

As we close the door on 2021, the GS1 Australia healthcare team and all our colleagues wish you all a safe, happy and healthy festive season. We look forward to continuing to support you and your successes once again in the coming year.

Some highlights and milestones from 2021

- Improvements to Patient Safety and Global harmonisation of healthcare were once again highlighted in the [Reference Book](#) this year with case-studies from hospitals, wholesalers and manufacturers who have documented benefits from implementing standards
- Amongst the many case studies featured in the reference book this year is one from the team at [ACT Health](#)
- GS1 hosted two [GS1 Healthcare Online Summit](#) events replacing our face-to-face Global conferences bringing together thousands of delegates from across over ninety countries across the events
- In partnership with Deloitte, GS1 hosted three '[Executive Dialogues](#)' focussed on Securing Trust in the global covid-19 supply chain and bringing together experts on the topic
- As part of the Joint Initiative Council (JIC), GS1 helped to deliver 3 Open Forums to help support discussions around interoperability across healthcare. The [final session on December 9th](#) focusses on the International Patient Summary standard
- Australian healthcare successfully migrated from Locatenet which was created for the sector as a piece of infrastructure for the Australian Healthcare supply chain to the next generation [National Location Registry](#) which delivers even greater value by adding greater utilisation by freight partners and transport thanks to investment under the [National Freight Data Hub](#) and related initiatives from the Department of Infrastructure.
- Following on from the publishing of [Better healthcare – a vision for the use of data matrix and medicines traceability](#), the TGA released a new regulatory standard TGO106 in March and the consultation for a [National Medicines Traceability Framework](#) (NMTF) was released in November (and is open until February 2022).
- The TGA started the development of a Unique Device Identification (UDI) system for Australia with several webinars [including one from GS1](#), working groups and many discussions across the sector and internationally. Involvement in these discussions as the development progresses is encouraged, with more information available [here](#).
- Globally work commenced developing guidelines for the Identification of Repackaged medicines. The public consultation to assist in finalising this stage of the work will be out shortly, if you would like to receive the information please [contact our healthcare team](#).
- With assistance from over 80 representatives across the local healthcare sector, we completed the launch of a [new simplified dataset](#) and a detailed review process to 'reimagine' the NPC for Healthcare. The review, which took several months, has just been completed and is planned to deliver significant improvements in the year ahead for all users. More information on this to come.
- [Global Health Provider webinars](#) shared insights into the adoption and benefits of GS1 standards implementation to health services around the world.
- The dedicated GS1 Australia healthcare team expanded to include Margo Fraser and Nigel Fuller to enable us to provide even more support to the sector

Locally several hundred of you joined our '[GS1 Basics for Healthcare](#)' webinars and we have more planned to support our community in 2022.

- We joined and presented at many conferences, developed lots of new tools for the sector and wrote several articles that were published.
- Globally and locally we once again 'zoomed', 'teamed', 'webexed' and used many other tech platforms for our collaborations across standards development, standards implementations, industry defined services, partnerships and many other projects. We hope to do some more of this in the year ahead and to also return to some face-to-face collaborations too.

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