

National Product Catalogue

Suppliers (Data Providers)



The industry created solution to enable quality product data for Australian Healthcare

The management of product master data can be resource intensive, with incorrect or inaccurate product data having significant business impacts ranging from lost business opportunities to negative health impacts on patients. Although often unseen, product data is provided every day across the Australian healthcare sector in uncontrolled ways and a myriad of formats. Accurate product data is foundational to reducing the need for manual intervention to resolve business process issues affecting things like processing of orders, automated invoice processing or management of inventory. By providing accurate, up-to-date product master data, the National Product Catalogue helps suppliers enhance their trading relationships by reducing friction within supply chain processes, whilst at the same time ensuring that the data provided across all areas of trading relationships is consistent.

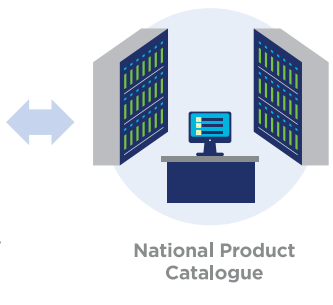
Eliminating the need to provide multiple individual spreadsheets to meet their requirements allows suppliers to streamline the management of product master data and ensure that all trading partners have the information they need to purchase products and then manage them within their own supply chains – all the way to patient care. The National Product Catalogue focusses on leveraging a standardised approach to deliver scaled benefits as, for suppliers the item master data is managed once and shared to many, delivering standardised master data to underpin operational efficiency and improved patient safety.

Benefits of the National Product Catalogue to Suppliers

Offering organisations involved in Australian healthcare a single point of connectivity, a common set of attributes, one common format, and the potential for an automated approach to assist in the management of product data, the NPC is all about efficiency for the sector and its stakeholders.

As a highly efficient automated process for keeping product information reliable, properly formatted, and up to date, the NPC lays the foundation for improved data quality, traceability, efficiency, and effectiveness to help drive costs out of the supply chain and enhance patient safety.

- Based on global and industry defined standards, the core of the NPC is to provide a single process sharing consistent item data for use across all trading partners and processes. The elimination of duplication of processes lies at its core with the goal to enable greater quality controls and ensure that the data used within healthcare comes directly from the supplier, not via crowd sourcing, third parties, easily manipulated spreadsheets or from people who should be focussed on providing care to patients.
- Supportive of enhanced business processes and automation by enabling more timely and therefore most accurate data to be available for use within business processes.
- Increased efficiency within data management processes by removing repetitive and non- value adding tasks of recreating data, whilst at the same time supporting greater controls.



- Ability to control data creation and align to internal data management processes ensures quality data to support improved processes across a wide variety of use cases. The documented use cases are available for further reference.
- As the NPC has been developed for and with the Australian healthcare sector, with stakeholders from across the sector providing a governance advisory layer, this collaborative environment ensures benefits to all users and a balanced approach to data requirements that are more easily managed by suppliers.
- Option for centralised management of Unique Device Identification (UDI) data requirements provides additional benefits to Medical Device manufacturers supplying products into various countries.
- A single process for sharing data related to financial management processes within trading partners (e.g. Reimbursement codes) with the potential to also provide One-to-One pricing data to trading partners.
- Ability to share links to trusted documentation related to products within the product data file (eg: Safety Data Sheets, Instructions for Use) to support the ongoing need to provide additional information related to your products. Providing the validated links ensures the right reference documents are used but also supports the transformation of industry to remove unnecessary printed documentation.
- Ability to share links to product images or instructional videos related to helping buyers within health services choose your products and those who are using them to use them correctly.

Use Cases

Standardised product data in Australian Healthcare

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