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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.

Join our GS1 Basics for Healthcare Webinars

As we welcome you back to 2022 our series of complimentary webinars to support the healthcare sector implementation of GS1 standards recommence in February. Topics include UDI, Pharmaceutical labelling and Scanning Accuracy and more topics will be added as the year progresses

Find out more

National Medicines Traceability Framework – consultation open

In late November the ‘Towards a National Medicines Traceability Framework’ consultation was released to comment. The consultation looks for input from across the health sector to help determine the best approach to a future traceability model for the whole of Australian healthcare. The consultation closes February 22nd 2022

Access the consultation documents

Public Review – Repackaged Medicinal Products standards in development

When medicinal products are repackaged for dispensing purposes or to create patient-specific doses we often lose the consistency of identification, traceability and linkage to terminology. To help address this we are in process of some standards development and invite your input as part of a public review process. The public consultation closes on January 22nd, 2022.

Further information

New paper – Product Identification & 2D Barcodes in Healthcare

2D barcodes are an important part of the healthcare landscape to enable product identification, traceability & linkages to important electronic product information. This paper provides guidance regarding which barcode should be used for what purpose

Read the paper

Biological Samples – New standards under development

An interoperable standard for the identification & management of biological samples is critical. To help ensure the standard will cater to all the needs of this complex process, we invite you to join this important new standards development group.

Find out more

Latest updates from the European Union for Medical Devices

The European Commission has once again been busy updating and publishing new guidance for those who need to comply with the Medical Devices regulations and time frames. Some of the latest updates are linked below.

MDCG 2021-28 Substantial modification of clinical investigation under Medical Device Regulation

MDCG 2021-27 Questions and Answers on Articles 13 & 14 of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 and Regulation (EU) 2017/746

Case study - Traceability standards enabling a safer covid vaccine roll-

out

Like many countries across the globe, Ireland had to quickly respond to the need to ensure a safe, secure and visible supply chain for COVID vaccines. The Health Service Executive National Immunisation office recently published a case study and video to explain how they utilised global standards to build a world-leading solution.

Access the Case study and Video

GS1 Health Reference Book 2021-2022

With another set of inspiring projects and success stories, this latest reference book includes interesting case studies from around the world and covers a wide variety of topics.

Access the book

Found a barcode that does not scan – let us know!

As we increase the number of barcodes we are scanning in Australian healthcare, we are likely to find barcodes that do not scan properly. We are here to help – so let us know if you find an issue.

Provide details here

Training and events

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

standards. New dates will be announced soon.

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