



Healthcare industry news

2022 Year in Review



As another year draws to a close, we always like to take the time to reflect on the year we have shared, 2022 – wow what a year! So many of our members have embarked upon transformation programs in their supply chains, have been working feverishly on digitalisation of their clinical processes or have been focussed on the many regulatory changes around the world. Patient safety, supply chain surety and clinically integrated supply chains have been key themes.

Once again, 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. Not only have you allowed us to help you, many of you have also shared your time and knowledge with us to help us improve how we work with 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 input 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. It has been our pleasure to support your innovation, your work programs, and you as individuals, sharing the occasional laughter and celebrating your successes.

As 2023 peaks over the horizon, 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 and your successes once again in the coming year.

Some highlights and milestones from 2022

- 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 [Aspen Australia](#), sharing their journey to implement serialisation and traceability solutions.
 - Discussions around traceability of medicines continued with the release of the [results from initial survey into a National Medicines Traceability Framework](#). The 'new dimension in traceability' webinar featuring the Department of Health (federal), Clinical Excellence Queensland and Aspen also helped to stimulate some more important conversations in the sector.
 - Suppliers on medicines into Australia started planning for the impact of [TGO106 – Standard for Serialisation and Datamatrix codes on medicines](#) which will become compulsory January 1, 2023. The TGA continued the work with a wide variety of stakeholders to
 - finalise the development of a 'Unique Device Identification (UDI) system' for Australia. Working groups and [webinars](#) were hosted across the year and the final [formal consultation](#) closed in October ahead of the regulation being finalised in early 2023. This will provide a significant foundation for the digital transformation of the sector and improvements for patient safety.
- Further regulatory changes also occurred locally throughout 2022
- including the need for many [medical devices to update their registration on the ARTG as a result of changes from the EU MDD to the EU MDR](#).

- We were lucky enough to speak at and participate in a number of conferences throughout the year, including our sister organisations [GS1 UK Healthcare conference](#) which showcased the latest Scan4Safety implementations and ongoing benefits amongst the valuable discussions. With the announcement in October by the NHS that they are relaunching the Scan4Safety initiative in England it will be a continued source of inspiration for the Australian health provider community.
- [GS1 Global Healthcare conferences](#) returned in November in a hybrid format, bringing together over 700 people from across 85 countries to focus on driving improvements to healthcare supply chains and patient safety.
- As part of the Joint Initiative Council (JIC), GS1 helped to deliver three [Open Forums](#) to help support discussions around the importance of standards in enabling interoperability across healthcare. Recordings from all three are available online.
- Australian healthcare continued to focus on laying foundations for traceability and efficient business processes by sharing location data and identification via the [National Location Registry](#).
- Globally work commenced on enhancements to the use of GS1 identification within clinical processes, with more to come in 2023 – so watch our newsletter for more information.
- The National Product Catalogue (NPC) 'Reimagining' project provided the first deliverables to ensure it is supporting the needs of the healthcare sector into the future. Keep track of the latest via the [NPC in Healthcare webpage](#) and NPC Alerts.
- [Global Health Provider webinars](#) shared insights into the adoption and benefits of GS1 standards implementation to health services around the world. Whilst locally several hundred of you joined our
- 'GS1 Basics for Healthcare' webinars and even more joined the new online training courses.
- 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 – whilst also finally getting to see many of you in real life.



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