



Welcome to your April 2023 edition of **GMDN Focus**.

WHAT YOU NEED FROM A MEDICAL DEVICE NOMENCLATURE

Our Senior Nomenclature Developer and Business Development Lead, Edward Glenn, has written an article on the requirements of a medical device nomenclature and the importance of a globally harmonised nomenclature.

You can read his full article [here](#).



“As we enter a world of medical device big data, the healthcare community is realising the importance of a well-structured and maintained nomenclature to make sense of all this information. The idea of nomenclature harmonisation is a tremendously exciting prospect, facilitating analysis across borders and between different types of stakeholders.

A harmonised nomenclature can only serve to drive improvements in patient safety and efficiency, and support regulation in the developing world.”

- EDWARD GLENN, SENIOR NOMENCLATURE DEVELOPER & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT LEAD

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We have several licensing agreements with many Governmental Regulators, including the United States of America's FDA, the UK's MHRA and Australia's TGA, to publish the GMDN to support patient safety.

You can read the top five reasons as to why data integrity of the GMDN is important to all of our stakeholders [here](#).



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GMDN AGENCY ATTENDED THE IMDRF STAKEHOLDER FORUM AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Our CEO, Deniz Bruce, and our Senior Clinical Lead, Dr Barry Daniels, attended the IMDRF (International Medical Device Regulators Forum) Management Committee Meeting in Brussels, Belgium from 27th – 30th March 2023.

At the meeting they highlighted to attendees and Regulators that the Global

Medical Device Nomenclature (GMDN) is the leading global standard for the naming, classification and categorisation of medical devices and has active users in more than 145 countries around the world.

Deniz Bruce, CEO of the GMDN Agency, said: “Having a single common language enables safer and more effective patient care, fosters innovation and collaboration in the medical device industry, and supports global harmonisation of regulatory requirements. The GMDN provides that single common language. The GMDN Agency is committed to supporting the IMDRF in its aim to accelerate international medical device regulatory harmonisation and convergence.”



REGISTER FOR GMDN STRATEGY WORKSHOPS FOR REGULATORS AND MANUFACTURERS

As part of our commitment to improve our engagement with stakeholders and increase global collaboration between Regulators and Manufacturers across the medical device sector, our next round of Strategy Workshops will be held in June 2023.

We will announce the full agendas in May but topics for Regulators will include AI & software as medical devices and user-defined categorisation.

For Manufacturers topics will include the GMDN code of good practice, the benefits of membership and the results of our stakeholder survey and the future of GMDN services.

If you would like to attend, please e-mail communications@gmdnagency.org



STRATEGY WORKSHOPS

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GMDN UPDATE

In March, there were 104 new or amended Terms to the GMDN.

[Find out why Terms need amending and how we update the GMDN.](#)

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