



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

## **GMDN** AGENCY PUBLISHES LANDMARK STUDY ON NOMENCLATURE MAPPING WITH EMDN

- **Research highlights complexities and challenges in harmonising medical device nomenclatures**
- **Results show only one in four (26%) of GMDN Terms closely correspond to an EMDN terminal term**
- **Three out of four (74%) of GMDN Terms correspond to other/various EMDN terminal terms**

The Global Medical Device Nomenclature (GMDN) Agency has released a groundbreaking research paper, marking a significant milestone in the field of medical device nomenclatures.

Led by Dr Vasileios Zampetoulas, this study delves into the feasibility of mapping GMDN to the European Medical Device Nomenclature (EMDN), uncovering intricate challenges that could impact prospects for global harmonisation. Read our press release at this [link](#). The full research paper can be read [here](#).



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## **A SINGLE GLOBALLY UTILISED NOMENCLATURE IS A PATIENT SAFETY ISSUE**

John Wilkinson, Chair of the Board of Trustees at the GMDN Agency talks about why the aim for a single medical device nomenclature is important and how fundamentally it is a patient safety issue. You can watch his video below and read his supporting blog on this vital topic [here](#).

**WHY IS THE GMDN AIM FOR  
A SINGLE GLOBAL MEDICAL  
DEVICE NOMENCLATURE  
IMPORTANT?**



Why is the GMDN Agency aim for a single global medical device nomenclature important?

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## MAXIMISING STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT: A MULTIFACETED APPROACH BY THE GMDN AGENCY

To mark his first six months at the GMDN Agency, our Senior Communications Manager, Paul Wadsworth, has written a blog highlighting how the Agency is maximising its stakeholder engagement via multiple channels.

You can read about our approach to engagement with our stakeholders [here](#):



“Having just reached my first six months in role as the Senior Communications Manager at the Global Medical Device Nomenclature (GMDN) Agency, I am excited to share how we have been strategically maximising engagement with our stakeholders through a diverse array of channels.

From our brand-new public-facing website to thought leadership blogs, workshops, and participation in international conferences, our multi-channel approach is ensuring that our stakeholders remain informed, empowered, and connected like never before.”

- Paul Wadsworth, Senior Communications Manager at the GMDN Agency

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## **GMDN AGENCY ATTENDS NPAG CLINICAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE 2023**

Our colleagues Vasileios Zampetoulas and Edward Glenn from the GMDN Agency Nomenclature Development Team attended the NHS NPAG (National Performance Advisory Group) Clinical Engineering Conference 2023.

Talking to attendees about the different roles the GMDN can play in supporting Clinical Engineers, Healthcare Workers and the NHS.



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## GMDN UPDATE

In August, there were 94 new or amended Terms added to the GMDN.

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



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