

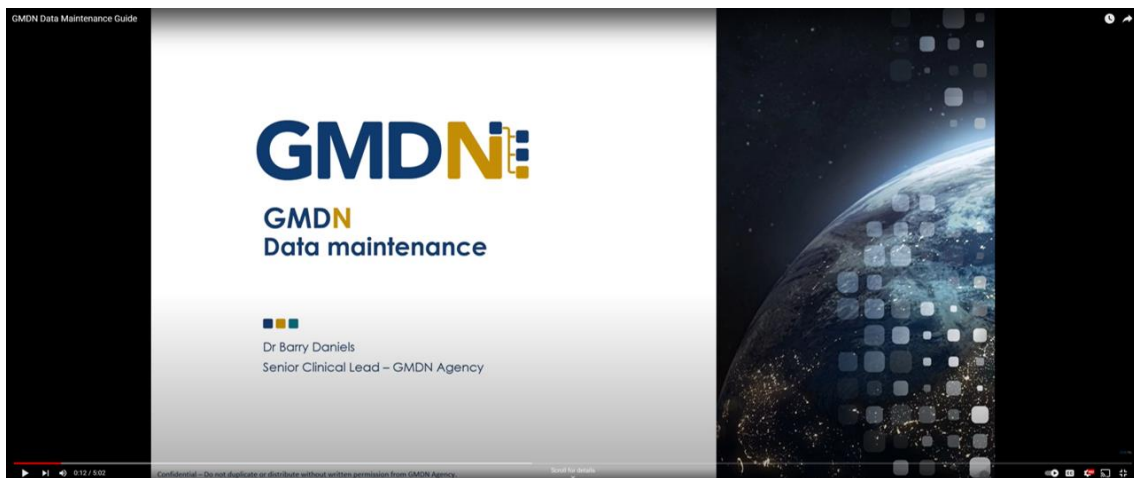
Welcome to your November 2023 edition of GMDN Focus.

## GMDN RELEASES DATA MAINTENANCE VIDEO

Our Senior Clinical Lead, Dr Barry Daniels, presents a new video which outlines why and how the GMDN evolves to meet user requirements.

Within the Data Maintenance Guide video he describes the types of changes made to the Terms and Nomenclature by the GMDN Agency Term Development Team and how those changes are communicated to users of the GMDN Database.

You can view the video [here](#).



## **GMDN AGENCY PARTNERS WITH OPENCAST FOR DIGITAL UPGRADE**

The GMDN Agency has joined forces with tech consultancy Opencast for a major upgrade of its user platform and digital offering.

Its new partnership with Opencast will see it migrate the GMDN database to a new system that offers greater support and security, bringing its software and user experience capabilities to modernise the agency's technology and scale its software development capabilities.

Deniz Bruce, CEO at the GMDN Agency, said: "It is an exciting time at the GMDN Agency as we continue our mission to be the global leader in naming, describing and unambiguously identifying medical devices for the protection of patients. The partnership with Opencast will strengthen our user experience and digital offering for our members and users for years to come as we continue to meet the evolving needs of all our stakeholders."

You can read more about the project [here](#).

The logo for Opencast, featuring the word "Opencast" in a sans-serif font followed by a circular icon consisting of three concentric circles with a small gap on the right side.

## **GMDN** GUIDANCE FOR FINDING ALTERNATIVE TERMS FOR OBSOLETE TERMS

The GMDN Agency have released guidance on how to easily identify Alternative Terms for Obsolete Terms within the GMDN Database. The instructions can be accessed at this [link](#).



### **ANVISA RECEIVES GMDN** TRAINING

GMDN Agency colleagues from our Term Development Team, Luís Carraça and Chinaniso Majoni, recently delivered training to the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency, Anvisa.

Augusto Geyer, General Manager of Healthcare Product Technology at Anvisa, said: “The GMDN staff provided excellent training for Anvisa’s technical team, allowing an in-depth understanding of all the logic adopted in this essential source of information that has been adopted by several regulators globally. This knowledge will be fundamental for the development of a series of Anvisa actions, especially the implementation of the Unique Device Identification (UDI) in Brazil.”



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FAQ OF THE MONTH

“HOW DOES THE  
GMDN DATABASE  
EVOLVE?”

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## GMDN AGENCY'S "FAQ OF THE MONTH"

**Q:** How does the GMDN Database evolve?

**A:** The GMDN Database is a dynamic database that reflects the dynamic nature of the medical devices sector. New Terms are added regularly to keep the nomenclature up to date with current medical technology.

The GMDN Database is updated daily, and members are notified via email if a Term in their "[My Terms](#)" list is modified or made obsolete. New Terms are added to prevent overlap or duplication of Terms and are necessary to fit new products into the nomenclature. Terms are also expanded to cover slight variations of products, and wording changes are made to ensure consistency.

You can see our full list of **Frequently Asked Questions** at this [link](#).

## GMDN UPDATE

In October, there were 147 new or amended Terms added to the GMDN.

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

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