



Welcome to your April 2024 edition of GMDN Focus.

CEO BLOG - THE VITAL ROLE OF A DYNAMIC MEDICAL DEVICE NOMENCLATURE

This month we published a new blog by our CEO Deniz Bruce on the importance of having a dynamic medical device nomenclature.

In the ever-evolving landscape of healthcare, medical devices play a crucial role in patient diagnosis, treatment, and management. From simple syringes to complex imaging technologies, these devices impact millions of lives worldwide. Ensuring effective communication, safety, and regulatory compliance of these medical devices, requires a standardised nomenclature system.

In this blog post, we delve into why an up-to-date and dynamic nomenclature such as the GMDN matters, and how it benefits patients, healthcare providers, manufacturers, and regulatory bodies.

To read the full blog click [here](#).



“An up-to-date and dynamic nomenclature isn’t just a technicality; it’s a lifeline for healthcare systems and patients. As we continue to innovate and improve medical devices, let’s ensure that our language keeps pace.

By doing so, we empower healthcare professionals to enhance patient safety and contribute to a healthier world.”

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- DENIZ BRUCE, CEO OF THE GMDN AGENCY

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TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP HOLDS FIRST MEETING TO SUPPORT GMDN GOVERNANCE

Earlier this year, the GMDN Agency established the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) committee, which represents medical device Regulators and Manufacturers that use the GMDN.

The TAG has invitees from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Kenya, South Africa the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

The TAG recently held its first meeting which provided valuable feedback, covering topics such as GMDN Term obsolescence management, systems & components, personalised medical devices, combination products and an update on sterility within the GMDN.

You can read more [here](#).



“Our inaugural Technical Advisory Group meeting was a real success and a great opportunity to involve different stakeholders from across the medical device sector into one collaborative group in regard to the GMDN.”

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– Dr Barry Daniels, GMDN Agency Senior Clinical Lead

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We are looking for organisations to share their experiences of using the GMDN. This could include use in regulatory affairs, procurement and tendering, inventory management, post market surveillance and safety signal detection.

If you be interested in sharing your experience and use cases please contact Paul Wadsworth, Senior Communications Manager at the GMDN Agency, at communications@gmdnagency.org.

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GMDN AGENCY'S "FAQ OF THE MONTH"

Q: Do we need to have a GMDN account in every country we operate?

A: If you are part of an international group of companies, we recommend you only have one GMDN account and therefore can be globally consistent in your selection of GMDN Terms for your entire product range. Please contact us for assistance and to work out the best membership and account use option for your organisation.

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

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GMDN UPDATE

In March, there were 76 new or amended Terms added to the GMDN.

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