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GMDN AGENCY SIGNS COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH KAZAKHSTAN MEDICAL DEVICE AUTHORITY

Representatives of the GMDN Agency and the National Center for Expertise of Medicines and Medical Devices of the Republic of Kazakhstan signed an agreement in London on Friday 5 June 2026, marking a new phase of cooperation to support the use of the Global Medical Device Nomenclature (GMDN) in Kazakhstan.

Mr. Dauren Dikhanbayev, General Director and Chairman of the Board of the National Center for Expertise of Medicines and Medical Devices of Kazakhstan, said: “We welcome the opportunity to establish ongoing cooperation with GMDN experts in areas such as data harmonisation, categorisation and the coding of new medical devices. We are also pleased to take part in relevant initiatives and discussions as this work develops.”

Read the full article at this [link](#).



GMDN AGENCY LAUNCHES SURVEY FOR BASIC MEMBERS

The GMDN Agency has launched a short 2 minute survey for our members that have a Basic (free) membership, to better understand how we can serve their needs.

You can access the survey and help us improve our service at this [link](#).



INSIDE THE GMDN: HOW WE CREATE NEW TERMS AND MANAGE CHANGES

By Chinaniso Majoni, Nomenclature Operations & Quality Lead at the GMDN Agency

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GMDN AGENCY WELCOMES NEW TRUSTEE

The GMDN Agency is pleased to announce that Melissa Torres has joined the GMDN Agency Board of Trustees as its newest Board member.

Melissa brings over 20 years of leadership in FDA and international regulatory policy. Most recently, she served as Associate Director for International Affairs at the FDA’s Centre for Devices and Radiological Health and is widely recognised for her strategic work supporting global regulatory collaboration for medical devices.

Melissa said: “I’m honoured to join the GMDN Agency Board of Trustees. The GMDN plays a vital role in enabling clear, consistent communication about medical devices across health systems and regulatory frameworks worldwide. I look forward to working with the Board and the team to support the continued development and global use of the nomenclature in the interests of patient safety and innovation.”

Melissa Torres is also Executive Vice President of Technology and Regulatory Affairs for AdvaMed® – a trade association that leads the effort to advance medical technology in order to achieve healthier lives and healthier economies around the world.



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