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GMDN AGENCY PUBLISH GMDN TERM ASSIGNMENT RULES

The **GMDN Agency** have recently published a one page guidance on GMDN Term assignment rules. These are to support our stakeholders in correctly assigning GMDN Terms to medical devices.

You can download the GMDN Term Assignment Rules pdf at this [link](#).



The Same Code. Across the Entire Ecosystem.

Once a GMDN Code enters a registration system, it doesn't stay there. The same GMDN Term travels through procurement, clinical use, post-market surveillance, inventory management and registries, connecting data that was previously siloed.

One Product, One Term – Only assign a single Term to your product. All GMDN Terms are mutually exclusive. Multipurpose devices should be assigned to a Term describing a multipurpose device. Kits should be assigned to the appropriate kit Term. For implants, a set containing the implant is typically covered by the Term describing the implant. The definitions will indicate this.

Accurate Product Representation – Make sure the GMDN Term name and definition accurately represent your device. If key intended uses of your device are not mentioned in the definition, it may not be the appropriate Term.

Be Component Specific – A component of a system should be assigned to a Term that describes that component, not assigned to the Term for the overall system. Likewise, a component/accessory of a parent device should be assigned to a Term that describes that component/accessory, not assigned to the Term for the Parent device.

GMDN AGENCY ATTENDING GLOBAL GS1 HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE 2026 IN BOSTON

Dennis Black, GMDN Agency Board of Trustees member and Deniz Bruce, CEO of the GMDN Agency, will be attending the Global GS1 Healthcare Conference 2026, on the 2nd - 5th November in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

The conference will explore how global standards are accelerating the digitalisation of healthcare, supporting the global harmonisation of regulation, and enabling the future of data sharing across the healthcare ecosystem.

Combining strategic discussions, real-world implementation stories and exclusive guided site visits to leading healthcare and health-tech organisations, the conference will provide practical insights into how global healthcare stakeholders are delivering measurable outcomes and driving systemic impact across healthcare ecosystems.



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Using GMDN Advanced Search



How to manage your GMDN account

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