# Global Medical Device Nomenclature (GMDN)

GMDN – A Requirement for UDI

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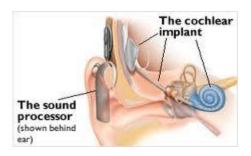
## What we will be discussing

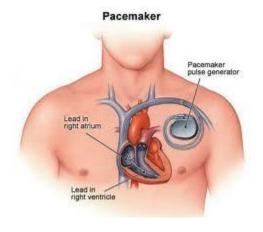
- Why is the GMDN needed
- GMDN data structure
- How to find GMDN terms
- Unique Device Identification
- UDI & GMDN Relationship
- Examples of GMDN in use
- Questions?

## Why the need for Device names?

### Large variety of devices!









## Why is consistent naming important?

- Medical Devices are traded internationally
- Regulators need to approve devices efficiently by identifying the product group and the related hazards / risks
- Regulators need to identify 'systematic' failures of medical devices
- Hospitals can identify the products they need and manage their inventory

## Why was the GMDN needed?

### Existing nomenclatures:

- 'National' systems (not suitable for international harmonisation) & Single language
- Unstructured / un-standardised
- Too vague / poor definitions
- Too rigid difficult to include new technology
- Can't keep up with volume of innovation
- Too many duplicates / overlaps
- Uncontrolled no update method for users

### Not meeting Regulator needs



### What is the GMDN?

### Global Medical Device Nomenclature (GMDN)

- The international standard (ISO 15225) for naming Medical Devices
- Used by 65 national Medical Device Regulators - Backed by IMDRF
- Over 4000 Manufacturers worldwide
- Translated into 25 languages
- 22,000 Preferred Terms with Definitions
- Controlled distribution and updating
- International acceptance

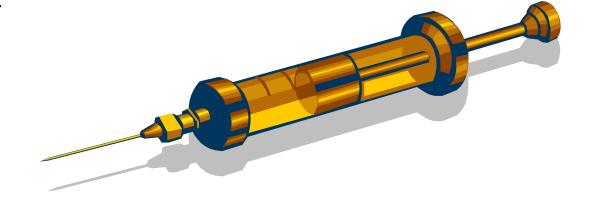
# Global acceptance?

- □ GHTF (now IMDRF) proposes GMDN for UDI
- □ EC proposes GMDN for the EUDAMED (market surveillance database)
- EUCOMED supports the use of GMDN in meeting the needs of European manufacturers
- EC has translated the GMDN into 20 languages
- WHO & MSF use GMDN in guidance for developing countries
- Collaboration Agreement with IHTSDO (Snomed CT)
- US FDA are using GMDN in the first national implementation of UDI

### **GMDN Term Structure**

Each GMDN Term consists of 3 parts:

- □ Term Name: General-purpose syringe
- Definition: A sterile device that consists of a calibrated hollow barrel (cylinder) and a moveable plunger intended to be used to inject fluids (e.g., medication) into, and/or withdraw fluids/gas from, the body or a medical device for various medical
- □ **Code**: 47017



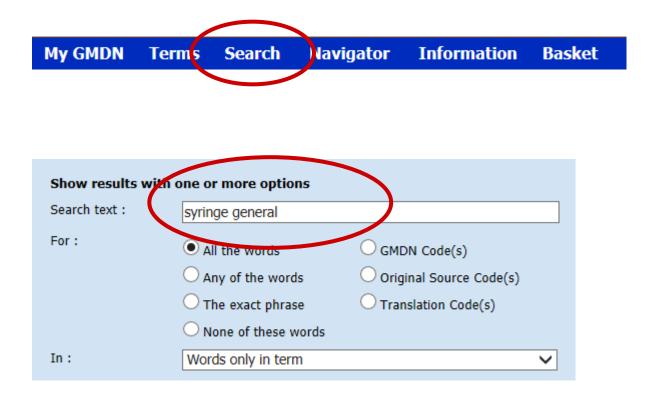
## How can you find GMDN Codes?

### www.gmdnagency.org



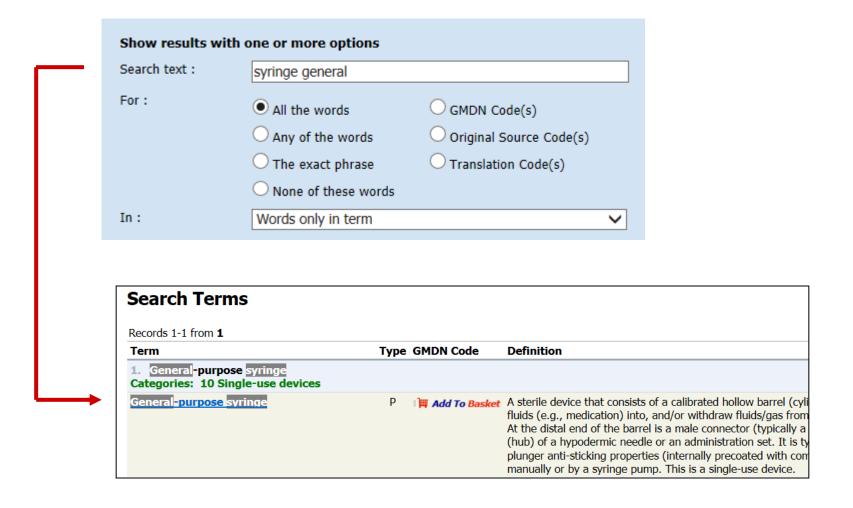


# Searching for GMDN Terms



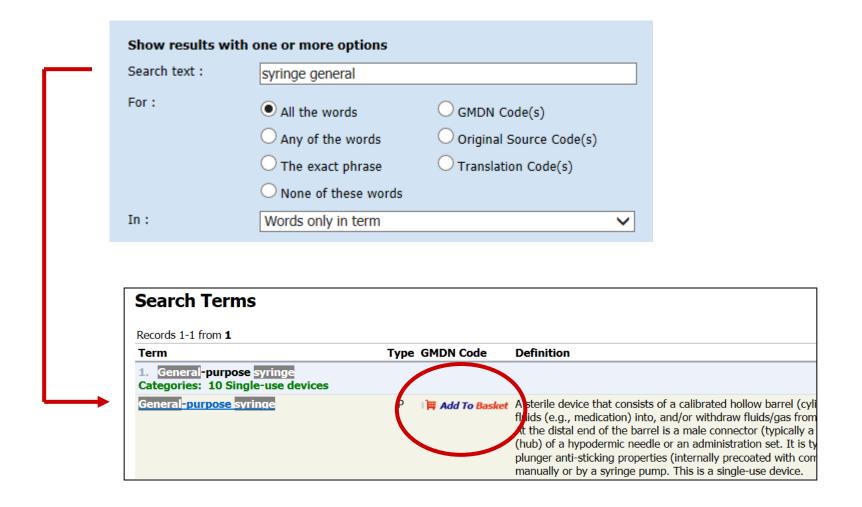


### Review the Results





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### More detail

#### **Term Details**

Product Identifier Created 21/06/2007 14:08:18 Modified 11/02/2013 22:45:31

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#### Categories

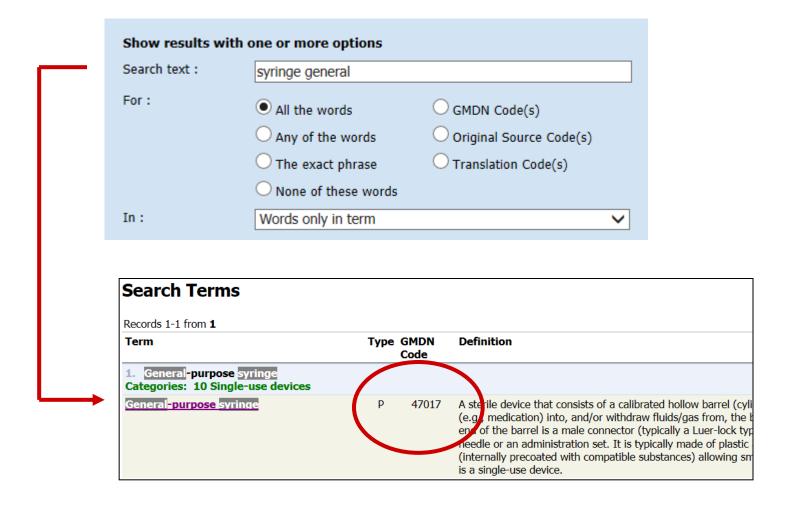
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#### **Collective Terms**

- CT233 Surgical
- Device Materials
  - CT979 Inorganic materials
    - CT201 Synthetic polymers
      - CT179 Plastics
      - CT212 Silicone
      - CT180 Synthetic rubber
- Device Power/Operation
  - CT326 Manually powered/operated
- Device Sterility
  - CT336 Sterile
- Device Use Frequency
  - CT981 Single use
- High-Level Device Groups
  - CT309 Syringes/Injectors and associated devices
    - CT1943 Syringes



### Reveal the GMDN Code





### Collective Terms

### GMDN uses **Collective Terms** to provide:

- Better navigation with variable hierarchies
- Compare common features:
  - Materials (Inert, Latex, Animal)
  - Invasiveness (Internal / External)
  - Sterility (Supplied Sterile / non-sterile)
  - Use Frequency (Single Use / Reusable)
  - Powered by (mains, battery, air, etc.)
- □ Flexible to meet future needs

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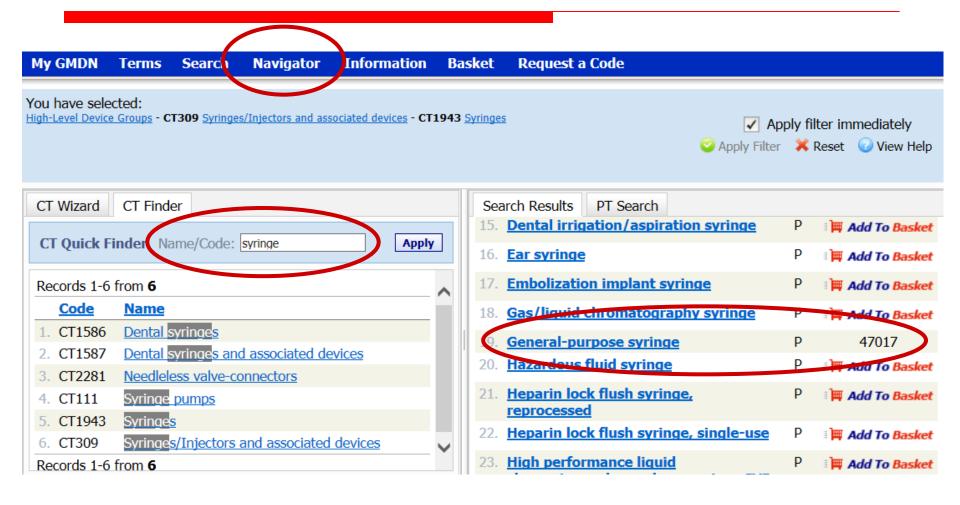
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## Using Collective Terms to search



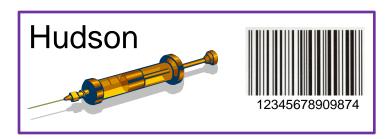


# What's the process?

- Identify the GMDN Code for all of your products, from the GMDN database
- Provide the GMDN Code to your Customers / Distributors / Data Pools
- Use the GMDN Code to register your products with your MD Regulator
- Use with Unique Device Identification (UDI)

# Unique Device Identification

- Pack / product marking of 'unique' identifier
- Marking also includes production identifiers (e.g. Batch No., Expiry Date, Serial No...)
- Machine readable (e.g. bar code) and human readable
- Linked to other product data in a database (e.g. make, model, etc.)



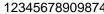
### **UDI** Database

- The GMDN code is one of the 25 mandatory core data elements identified in the IMDRF 'UDI System for Medical Devices' draft Guidance Document.
- Data for each device is provided by the manufacturer to the **UDI Database** (UDID).
- □ The UDID data could be distributed by:
  - Public access website
  - Bulk data download (e.g. Hospitals)

## **UDI** requires a Carrier & Hardware

- Product Label (Carrier)
  - Linear Bar Code
  - 2D Bar Code (more data)
  - RFID Radio Frequency Identification (non-contact)
- Hardware to read labels
  - Bar code Reader
  - Image Scanner
  - RFID Scanner









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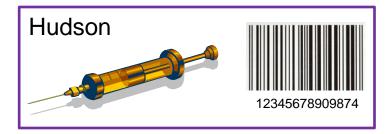




## GMDN and UDI Relationship

Pack / Device – Unique Device Identifier

(e.g. 12345678909874)



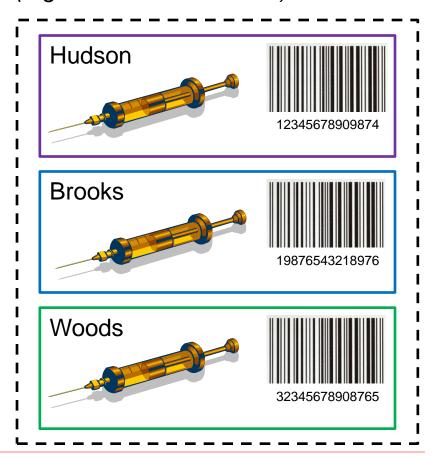
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Generic Device Group - GMDN Term (e.g. GMDN Code 47071)



# When you can't find a Term?

If you can't find a GMDN Term for your product:

- 1. Ask us for assistance
- 2. Apply for a new Term:
  - On-line Request Application
  - Attach your product datasheet / pictures
  - We discuss the draft Term with you
  - Two week public comment period
  - Database updated daily

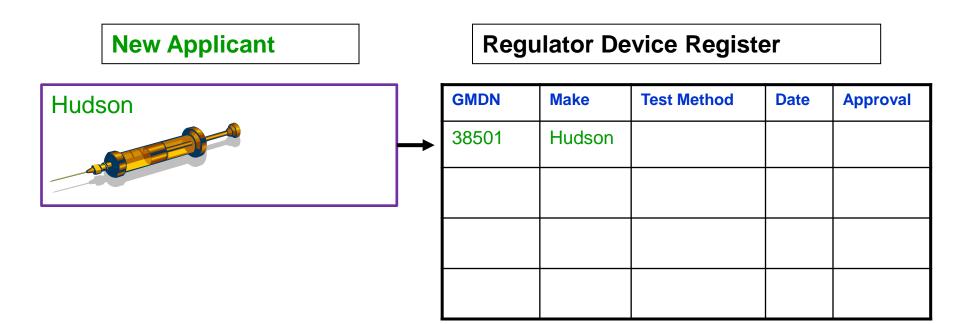
# Modifying or Obsoleting Terms?

- We modify existing Terms
  - To increase the scope
  - Improve the definitions
- Make Terms Obsolete
  - To remove inadequate Terms
  - Reducing over time
- Notifications by email to Members

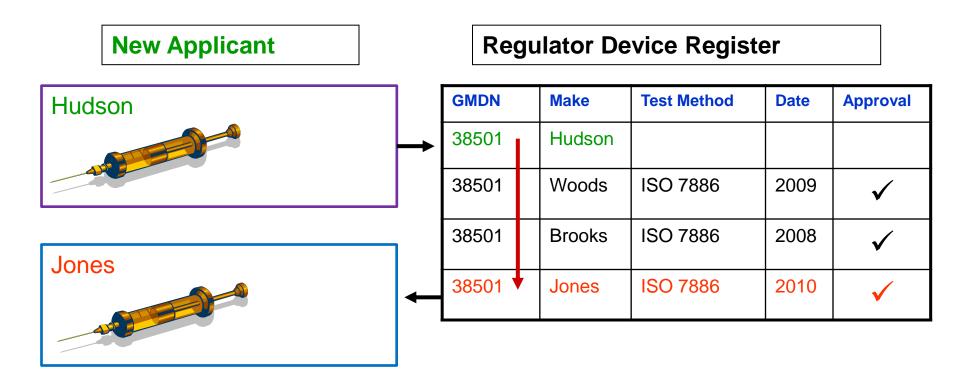
## Example of GMDN & UDI for Regulation

- □ Post Market surveillance
  - Identify systematic (generic) product failure
  - Support rapid product recall
- Better Regulation
  - Speed up Pre-market approval
  - Identify products quickly
  - Detailed information on imports and exports
  - Quickly identify trends about new equipment use and problems

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**Previously Approved Device** 

## GMDN speeding up product recall

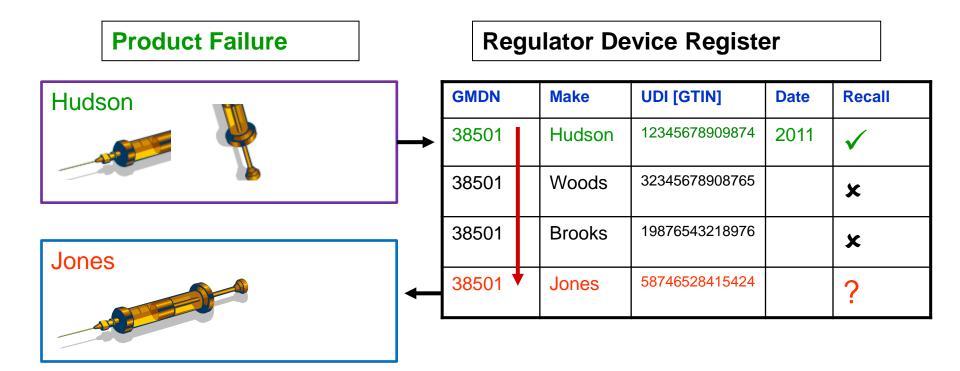


### **Regulator Device Register**



GMDN	Make	UDI [GTIN]	Date	Recall
38501	Hudson	12345678909874	2011	✓

# GMDN speeding up product recall

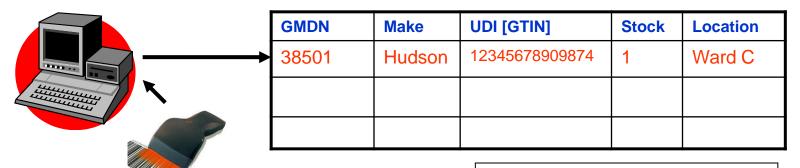


Investigate this product too?

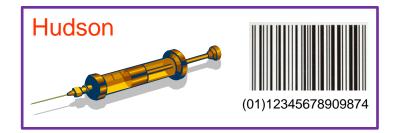
## Example of GMDN & UDI in Hospitals

- Asset Management
  - Support equipment commissioning
  - Help identify equipment location
  - Support maintenance programmes
- Inventory Control
  - Reduce wastage
  - Translate product labels with poor descriptions
  - Improve stock control

## Use the GMDN to find missing stock



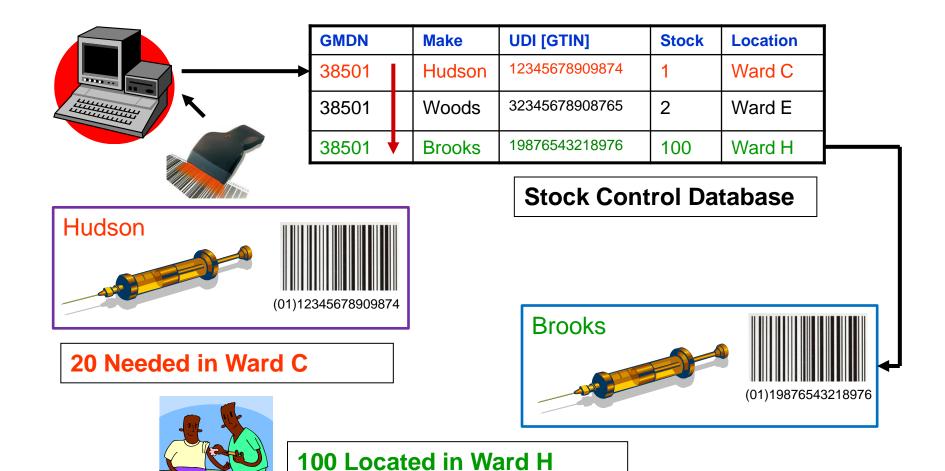
**Stock Control Database** 



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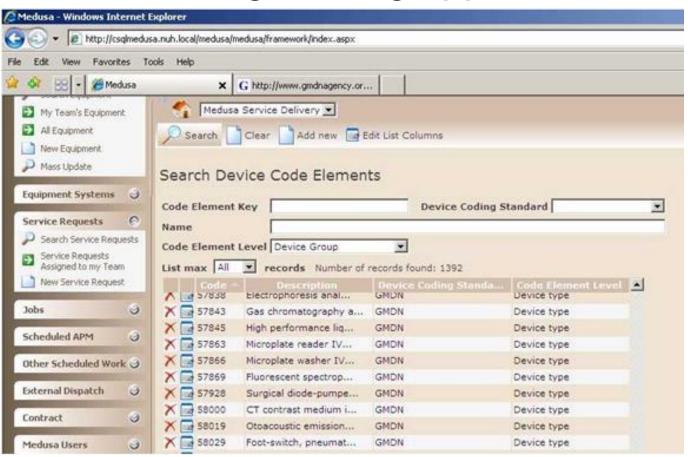
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Clinical Engineering application





## Thank you for listening

Any questions?

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