GS1 Healthcare Update
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Merging HLS and HUG

Healthcare and Life Sciences Action Group

One User Group
One Roadmap
One Voice
Why merging HLS and HUG?

- Single source
  - One group for members to be engaged in
  - A single source for regulatory bodies and associations seeking input and direction for global standards in healthcare

- Joining forces
  - Leverage existing resources throughout both communities
  - Working towards one commonly agreed roadmap

- Optimise standards development process
  - GS1 Healthcare Work Teams define use cases and business requirements
  - Fed into the GSMP and EPCglobal processes
What is GS1 Healthcare?

GS1 Healthcare is a voluntary, global user community bringing together all healthcare stakeholders

- Pharmaceutical and medical devices manufacturer
- Wholesalers and distributors, group purchasing organisations
- Hospitals and pharmacy retailers
- Logistics providers
- Governmental and regulatory bodies
- Associations
A task force consisting of representatives from HLS and HUG has developed a Governance Charter for this new global user group, including:

- Mission & Vision
- Membership
- Organisational Leadership
- Conferences
- Document development process
- Communication
- Code of Conduct

A final draft of the GS1 Healthcare Governance Charter has been developed.
Our Mission

To lead the healthcare sector to the successful development and implementation of global standards by bringing together experts in healthcare to enhance patient safety and supply chain efficiencies.

Our Vision

To become the recognised, open and neutral source for regulatory agencies, trade organisations and other similar stakeholders seeking input and direction for global standards in healthcare for patient safety, supply chain security & efficiency, traceability and accurate data synchronisation.
In the meantime …

… business as usual
Recent accomplishments

• Accomplishments of GS1, the user community, and GS1 Member Organisations since the GS1 Healthcare Conference in Orlando (June 2007)

• GTIN Allocation Rules for Healthcare approved

• In the US, the Healthcare Supply Chain Standards Coalition endorses GS1 Standards
  • “To aggressively move the industry toward adoption, the Standards Coalition is actively working with GS1 to enhance its standards to meet healthcare’s needs.”

• In Canada, GS1 Canada and CareNET Services Inc. announce strategic alliance
Recent accomplishments (continued)

- In Kenya, GS1 hosts «Afrihealth 2007 - Advancing ICT for Patient Safety in Healthcare in Africa» in Nairobi

- In Australia, Australian Public Health eProcurement to use GS1 XML (NEHTA)

- In New Zealand, the Ministry of Health announces Medication Safety Project

- In the UK, 50 NHS hospitals have registered with GS1 UK
Recent accomplishments (continued)

- Eucomed recommends the adoption of GS1 standards

- Cooperation with ICCBBA (ISBT)
  - to ensure interoperability of standards
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