



## GS1-IHF: COLLABORATION DOCUMENT

### Background information

For a number of years the International Hospital Federation IHF and GS1 Healthcare have worked together to improve patient safety, quality and efficiency in care. GS1 Healthcare is a premier associate member of IHF and the GS1 Director Healthcare Providers is designated contactperson. An IHF-representative is member of the Global GS1 Healthcare Leadership Team (GS1 HCLT). The status of premier associate member grants GS1 Healthcare multiple benefits, including the possibility to host a session at the IHF World Hospital Congress without additional costs, to participate in IHF activities and working groups, and to have customized collaborations with the IHF CEO and its IHF Secretariat. The collaboration will bring IHF direct influence on GS1 HC strategy and decisions as the IHF representative in the GS1 HCLT has voting rights, it brings direct access to actual knowledge on global product identification and on present as well as emerging regulatory requirements. It also extends the awareness of IHF among the global GS1 network, including health care stakeholders that are not (yet) IHF-member. IHF will participate and contribute to the global GS1 HC conferences. The update of this collaboration document was agreed upon to re-align with IHF's new strategic period.

### IHF and GS1 Healthcare

IHF and GS1 Healthcare aim to intensify collaboration to improve patient safety and quality of care through global standards, beyond the benefits of global standards for the healthcare supply chain.

GS1 Healthcare will continue as premier associate member with IHF with all the associated benefits. On its side, IHF will nominate one of their members to represent IHF in the global GS1 Healthcare Leadership Team (HCLT), this in alignment with GS1. The nominated person is a voting member of the GS1 HCLT. GS1 Healthcare covers the expenses of attending global GS1 Healthcare Conferences (economy tickets plus hotel and transport expenses) as well as the annual GS1 HCLT video conferences.

The person nominated by IHF must be able to represent the hospital stakeholders, to report back to and engage the global IHF community. He/she should have interest in patient care/bedside scanning, supply chain efficiency and other optimisation of processes in hospitals where global standards can play a role. His/her organisation should be a global member of GS1 Healthcare (there is no fee for hospitals). The roles and responsibilities of the HCLT is listed in the GS1 Healthcare Governance charter: website <https://www.gs1.org/industries/healthcare/about>

To disseminate relevant outcomes of the HCLT's discussions among the IHF Community, a quarterly call will be organized between the contact person at GS1 Healthcare, the IHF and its representative in the GS1 HCLT. The briefs resulting from these calls will be shared in the IHF e-newsletter, actively sharing knowledge among the IHF community and adding exposure for GS1 Healthcare.

Additional collaborative work will be explored in areas of priorities which will benefit patient safety, quality of care and logistics in healthcare. These projects shall be in the form of a task force,



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with specific objectives and predetermined timeline. These will be developed separately but in addition to the specific contribution of IHF in participating in the GS1 HCLT. They will also be taken into account when reviewing the benefits for GS1 to be an IHF premier associate member.

The collaboration will be reviewed after two years.

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