



Introduction to the global Healthcare User Group (HUG)

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GS1 Healthcare User Group (HUG)

Introduction to GS1

- **Mission:**

- To lead the design and implementation of global standards to improve the supply and demand chain

- **Roles:**

- Develop global, open, multi-sectorial standards
- Train and educate on the standards
- Promote and help to implement standards, thus facilitating best business solutions

- **Ultimate Objective:**

- To be the number One Standards Organisation in the world for the management of supply and demand chains

GS1

GS1 was formerly known as EAN International.

In 2002 the Uniform Code Council (UCC) and the Electronic Commerce Council of Canada (ECCC) became members of GS1.

GS1 is...

- A “not-for-profit” organisation
- Neutral from the business partners
- User driven and user governed
- Committed to serve all companies, both multinationals and SMEs
- A platform for collaborative agreements between business partners

The four pillars of GS1



The Global Language of Business

OVERALL BENEFITS:

Improving efficiency & visibility in supply and demand chains



Global standards for
automatic identification

RAPID AND ACCURATE
ITEM, ASSET OR
LOCATION IDENTIFICATION



Global standards for
electronic business
Messaging

RAPID, EFFICIENT &
ACCURATE BUSINESS
DATA EXCHANGE



The environment for
global data
Synchronisation

STANDARDISED, RELIABLE
DATA FOR EFFECTIVE
BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS



Global Standards for
RFID-based
Identification

MORE ACCURATE, IMMEDIATE
AND COST EFFICIENT
VISIBILITY OF INFORMATION



Global Healthcare User Group (HUG)

- Established end of May 2005
- **Mission:** Lead the healthcare industry to the effective utilization and development of global standards with the primary focus on automatic identification to improve patient safety
- **Vision:** Become the single source for regulatory agencies and trade organizations (manufacturer, wholesaler, hospital and pharmacy) to seek input and direction for global standards in the healthcare industry.

HUG- Charter

- Work with key partners in the healthcare supply chain to develop and optimise the use of global standards.
- Facilitate awareness in the healthcare sector of new technologies and methods of doing e-business.
- Provide advice and recommendations on GS1 on issues and opportunities in the healthcare sector.
- Promote the implementation of GS1 voluntary, global business standards throughout the healthcare sector.

HUG and BAG

- GS1 global Healthcare User Group HUG addresses non-EPC GS1 standards and technology requirements for global pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers
- EPCglobal Healthcare and Life Sciences Business Action Group BAG addresses EPC-specific requirements and standards for broadly defined Health Care and life sciences industry

Agenda

13th September:

- Introduction to the HUG and progress made since the inauguration
- Presentation by work team leaders on objectives, status and planning

14th September:

- Regulatory bodies and their view and requirements with regards to patient safety
- Overview of GS1 activities in Europe, US and Japan

15th September:

- Moving ahead in work teams:
 - Standards Implementation
 - Standards Development
 - Regulatory Affairs
- Discussion and next steps