Nothing is more difficult to undertake, more perilous to conduct or more uncertain in its outcome, than to take the lead in introducing a new order of things. For the innovator has for enemies all those who have done well under the old and lukewarm defenders amongst those who may do well under the new.

Niccolo Machiavelli (1523)

The Development of FDA's Unique Device Identification System

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National Drug Code (NDC)

- Developed to identify drugs for reimbursement
- Identifies the manufacturer, product and package size
- FDA took over in 1972 (The Drug Listing Act)
- Pharmaceutical barcode rule – NDC in linear barcode
- Ubiquitous use has facilitated…
  - Analysis of claims in a large database
  - Retrospective chart review
  - Drug interaction checking and decision support
  - Identifying inappropriate prescribing and dispensing
  - Avoiding confusion with look/sound-alike drugs
  - Reporting adverse events

Limitations of the NDC

- US only system – each country/regulator has own
- Limited use for global supply chain applications
- Does not currently capture lot/serial numbers or expiration dates
- No rules for assigning identifiers to higher levels of packaging
- No rules for assigning identifiers to unit of use
- Requires/limits AIDC to linear barcode
- No national/global catalogue of all NDC numbers

Qualities of a UDI System

Develop a system to identify medical devices, which is:

- Consistent
- Unambiguous (differentiates among all dimensions)
- Standardized
- Unique at all levels of packaging
- Harmonized internationally

And facilitates the:

- **Storage,**
- **Exchange, and**
- **Integration of data and systems**

Public Health Benefits

UDID provides global visibility and supports:

- Medical device recalls
- Adverse event reporting
- Tracking and tracing
- Supply chain security
- Anti-counterfeiting/diversion
- Disaster/terror preparation
- Shortages/substitutions
- Reduction of medical errors (e.g., bedside scanning)
- An easily accessible source of device information for patients and clinicians

UDI can also support…

- Device identification in registries
- Comparative effectiveness
- Documenting medical device use in patient's EHR/PHR, hospital information systems, and claims data
- Sentinel Initiative and other postmarket surveillance activities

- FDA Public Workshop on the Use of UDI for Postmarket Surveillance and Compliance – see www.fda.gov/udi

FDA Amendments Act of 2007

September 27, 2007, the FDAAA signed into law:

The Secretary shall promulgate regulations establishing a unique device identification system for medical devices requiring the label of devices to bear a unique identifier, unless the Secretary requires an alternative placement or provides an exception for a particular device or type of device. The unique identifier shall adequately identify the device through distribution and use, and may include information on the lot or serial number.

GHTF UDI ADWG

- Formed October 2008; EC Chair (Laurent Selles)
- Members US (FDA, AdvaMed), Europe (EC, Eucomed, EDMA), Japan, Canada – and AHWP
- Washington April 2010; Brussels June 2010; Ottawa September 2010; May 2011
- Draft Guidance submitted to Nov 2010 SC meeting; released for public comments
- Final guidance approved September 2011
- At http://www.ghtf.org/ahwg/ahwg-final.html

The Road to the Proposed Rule

The development consists of a number of steps:

1. Development of regulatory text (the legal language)
2. Development of preamble (the how and why)
3. Development of economic impact analysis
4. Approval by CDRH, FDA and then HHS
5. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget
6. Publication of proposed rule…

And then the Final Rule

And then the fun begins…

1. 90 day comment period
2. Possible public meetings
3. Review and analysis of comments
4. Response to comments
5. Development of final rule (with responses)
6. Then complete review again
7. And finally publication of the final rule

Establishing a UDI System

Combination of 4 distinct steps:

1. Develop a standardized system to develop the unique device identifiers (UDI)
2. Place the UDI in human readable and/or AutoID on a device, its label, or both
3. Create and maintain the UDI Database
4. Adoption and Implementation

1st – Developing the UDI

- Develop UDI code according to ISO 15459 [GS1, HIBCC]
- Created and maintained by the manufacturer
- Concatenating Device and Production Identifier
- Device Identifier (DI): [static] Manufacturer, make, model [i.e., each catalogue number]
- Production Identifier (PI): [dynamic] however product is currently controlled – serial, lot number; expiration, manufacturing date

2nd – UDI Application

- Unique UDI applied to all levels of packaging, down to the lowest level (patient use/unit of use)
- Human readable and/or encoded in a form of automatic identification technology
- No specific technology would be identified (technology neutral)
- Identify a series of standards (linear barcode, 2-dimensional barcode, RFID)
- Direct Part Marking (DPM) for some devices

Risk-based Approach

- Production identifier reflects current control (label) – not requiring serialization.
- Granularity of marking based on risk of device - UDI for some devices on multi-packs or higher levels of packaging
- Not all devices require production identifiers
- Take into account realities of retail environment
- Robust alternative placement and exception processes

UDI Application Example

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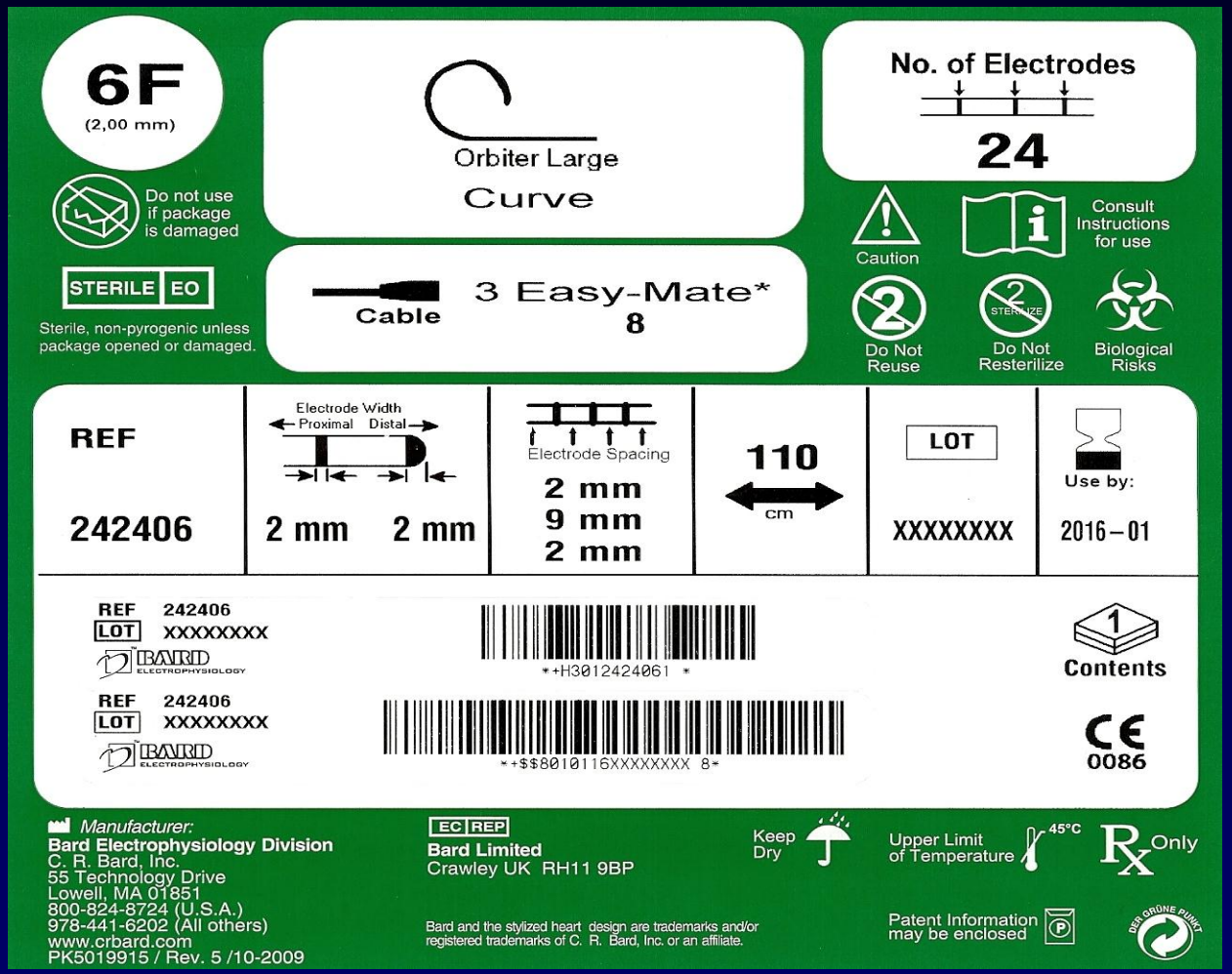


Combination Products and Kits

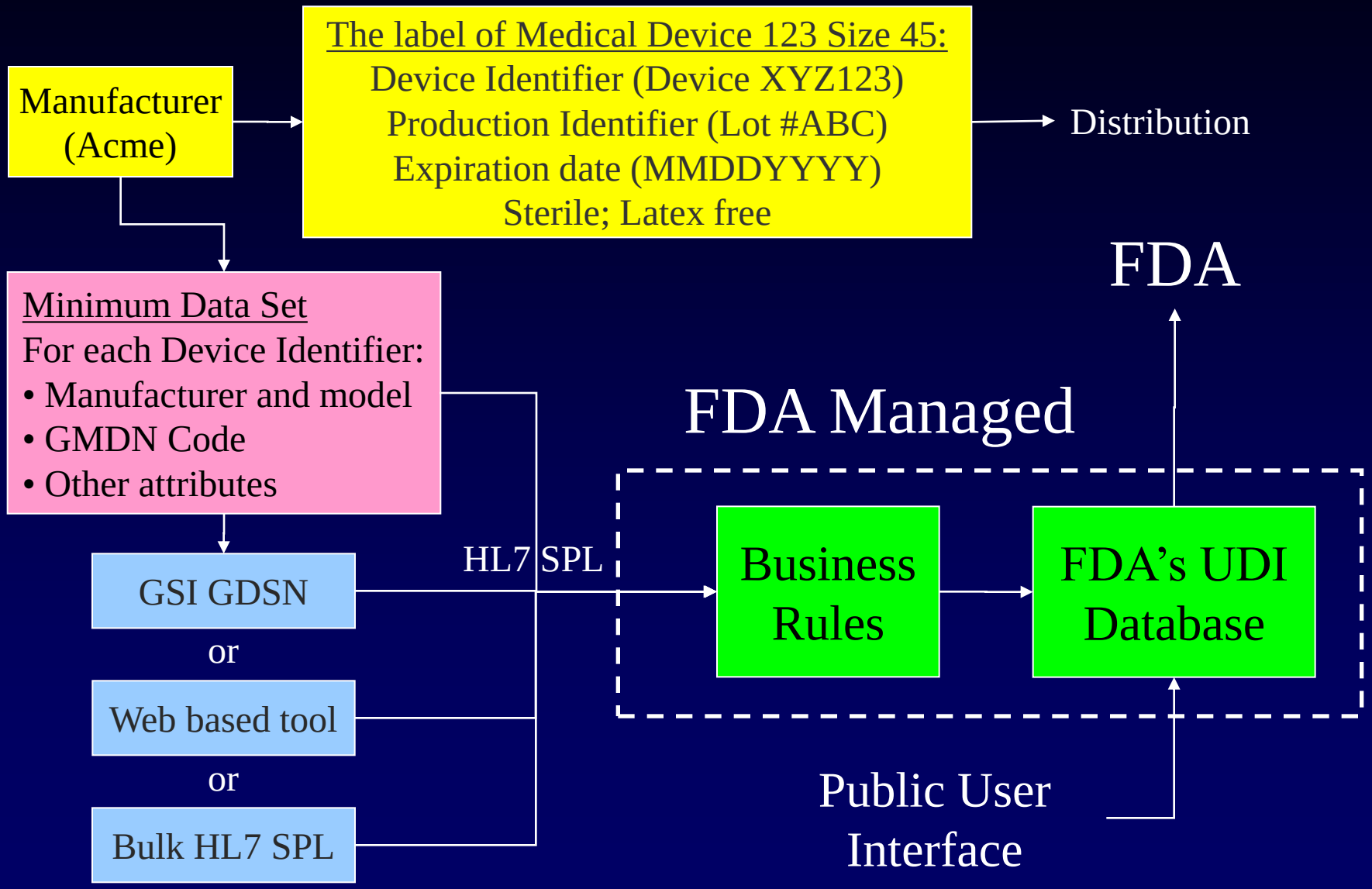
Like other devices – intended to facilitate identification:

- Combination product (device) has its own UDI; each device should have its own UDI.
- Each kit (devices only) has its own UDI; each device in a kit should also have its own UDI.

3rd – Global UDI Database

- Device Identifier Type/Code [GTIN, HIBCC]
- Make/model; Brand/Trade Name; Size; Description
- Device model number (or reference number)
- Unit of Measure/Packaging level/quantity
- Controlled by – Lot and/or Serial Number; Exp. Date
- Contact name, phone, email
- GMDN Classification code/term
- Storage condition; Single Use; Sterility
- Contains known, labeled allergen (e.g., latex)
- FDA premarket authorization (510k, PMA)

FDA's UDI Database



4th – Implementation

- Based on premarket risk class:
  - class III – 12 months after final rule (implants)
  - class II – 36 months after final rule (equipment)
  - class I – 60 months after final rule (disposables)
- Allows stakeholders to jointly learn and for mid-course corrections
- Phase out national numbering system (NDC/NHRIC)
- Robust alternate placement and exception process

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