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# Our world has changed irrevocably...



...and healthcare has never been more important to everybody than it is right now!



# Never has a GLOBAL, secure and efficient supply chain been more important

The COVID-19 pandemic exponentially increased demand for **personal protection** and **hygiene** products which resulted in many counterfeit items such as surgical masks and even '**coronavirus medicine**'.



GS1 standards are an important enabler and can play a key role in overcoming the current pandemic and improve healthcare processes for a better future

- The global pandemic has shown us **the need for cooperation and interoperability.**
- **Trust** into an **efficient and safe** supply chain is needed.
- Our supply chains are **global** and across borders.

# And for medical device identification



Countries where requirements for medical device identification is currently being implemented or is expected ...

# Lessons learned



- The identification and barcoding requirements must be **aligned with the IMRDF global framework and the UDI Issuing Agencies' specifications** to ensure efficient implementation.
- **Flexibility in barcode choice** is needed as the scope of medical devices includes many different products.
- The UDI Database is managed by the regulator and data requirements are focused on **minimum legal requirements**.
- **Data quality validation rules** are included in the UDI Database functional specifications.
- **Machine-to-machine data submission** is possible to enable submission of large data volumes while ensuring data quality.
- The **healthcare stakeholders** are consulted and informed as feedback from users is important to improve the UDI system.
- Guidance for **specific types of devices** is needed to drive consistent implementation: e.g. kits, combination products, software

# We can learn from others



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## GS1 Healthcare Reference Book 2021-2022

Stories of successful implementations of GS1 standards



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pandemic related case studies

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