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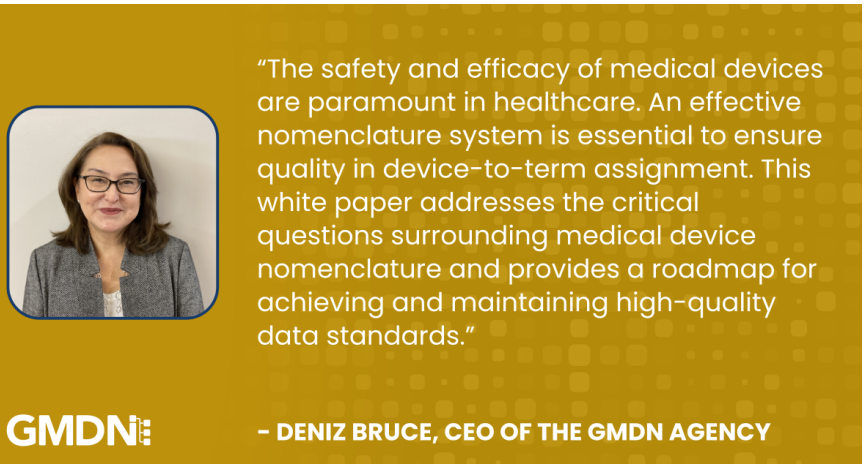
GMDN AGENCY PUBLISHES WHITE PAPER ON THE FUTURE OF MEDICAL DEVICE NOMENCLATURE

The GMDN Agency have published our latest white paper titled “Medical Device Nomenclature – What Next Globally?”

This comprehensive document delves into the critical need for a standardised medical device nomenclature system to address the rapidly expanding global market for medical devices.

You can find out more and download the white paper at this **link.**



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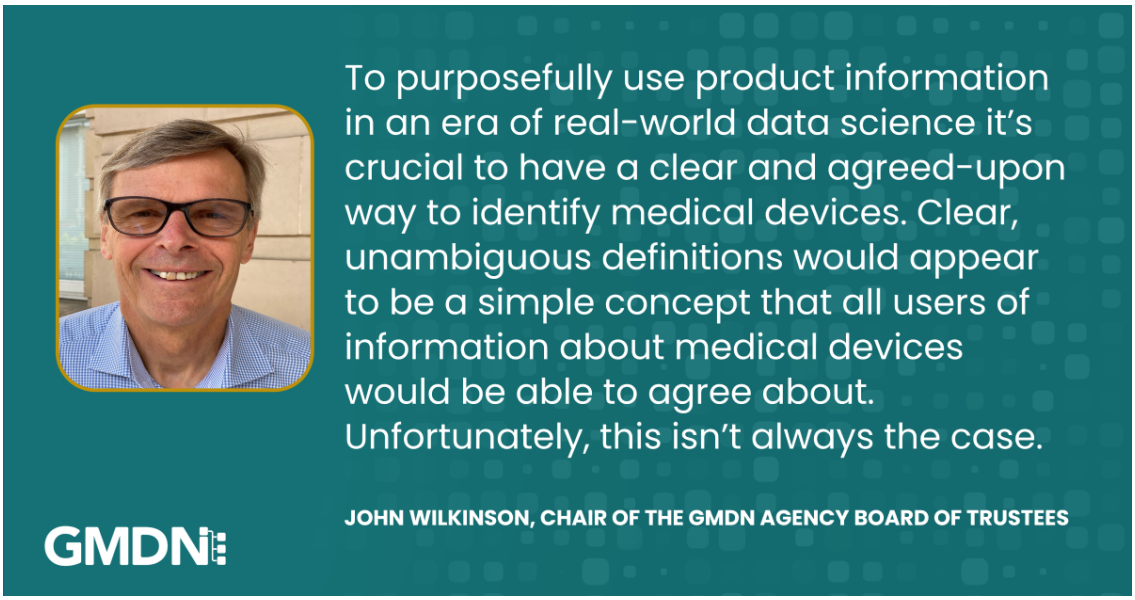
THE IMPORTANCE OF A UNIVERSAL DEFINITION FOR MEDICAL DEVICES

John Wilkinson, Chair of the GMDN Agency Board of Trustees, has written an insightful blog on the importance of a universal definition for medical devices.

You can read the blog at this **link**.



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NATIONAL WOUND CARE STRATEGY PROGAMME: ENHANCING CONSISTENCY WITH GMDN FOR WOUND MANAGEMENT PRODUCTS

a guest blog by the National Wound Care Strategy Programme (NWCSP) that explains how they have been using GMDN Codes, Terms and Definitions to align groups of wound management products, leading to higher standards of care and safety.

Dr Barry Daniels, Senior Clinical Lead at the GMDN Agency has been leading the GMDN implementation on the NWCSP.

He said: "Our involvement with the NWCSP is very important as it is one of the first clinically orientated implementations of the categorisation functionality

in the Global Medical Device Nomenclature, applied to data captured from multiple sources including Regulatory and Health Service. The GMDN is seen as an internationally-accepted standard that can be used as a basis for a more granular clinically-relevant level of classification. The ongoing collaboration is providing very useful feedback into the GMDN Term development process to improve the utility and effectiveness of the Global Medical Device Nomenclature."

You can read the full blog **here**.

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GMDN AGENCY'S
"FAQ OF THE MONTH"

Q: Can Basic UDI-DI replace medical device nomenclature?

A: Basic UDI-DI cannot replace nomenclature because they serve fundamentally different purposes. Basic UDI-DI is about unique identification at the product family level, while nomenclature is about providing standardised names and classifications. Instead of replacing nomenclature, Basic UDI-DI can complement it. For instance, a Basic UDI-DI can be linked to a specific nomenclature code to provide both unique identification and a standardised description of the device. Basic UDI-DI and nomenclature are both critical components in the regulatory and operational landscape of medical devices. They are complementary rather than interchangeable, with each serving distinct but interrelated purposes.

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