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GMDN LAUNCHES NEW CAPABILITIES TO ENHANCE USER EXPERIENCE

Over the last two weeks, colleagues at the **GMDN AGENCY (Global Medical Device Nomenclature Agency)** have been busy launching several new capabilities designed to improve our user experience and functionality on GMDN accounts for our members. These enhancements come in response to valuable feedback from our stakeholders and amongst other benefits, they aim to streamline the search and categorisation processes for the medical device nomenclature.

One of the key updates is the introduction of an **Advanced Search** function, which replaces the previous Explorer page. This new feature retains the ability to search GMDN Categories for GMDN Terms while adding new filter options.

Another notable innovation is the **Custom Categories** function, available to Regulator, Healthcare Provider, and Conformity Assessment Body GMDN members. This function enables organisations to create their own Custom Categories, populated with GMDN Terms of their choosing. This feature is expected to be particularly beneficial for Regulators, who can now tailor categories to better meet their specific needs.

The GMDN Agency has also introduced the **My Categories** function, which allows users to add full GMDN Categories to their individual accounts.

Important: To access the Custom Categories and My Categories function your GMDN member account manager will need to add the permissions to your User account. If you have any queries please contact orders@gmdnagency.org

User guides and training videos on the new functionalities are available **here** and for more in-depth news about the upgraded user experience read our news article **here**.

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HOW THE GMD**N** COMPLEMENTS UDI IMPLEMENTATION

Senior Nomenclature Developer at the GMDN Agency, Edward Glenn, has penned an insightful blog post on a crucial topic for the medical device industry. In his latest article, Edward delves into how the Global Medical Device Nomenclature (GMDN) can play a pivotal role in complementing and supporting the implementation of Unique Device Identification (UDI) by medical device regulators. This comprehensive blog highlights the importance of standardised nomenclature in enhancing regulatory compliance and improving patient safety.
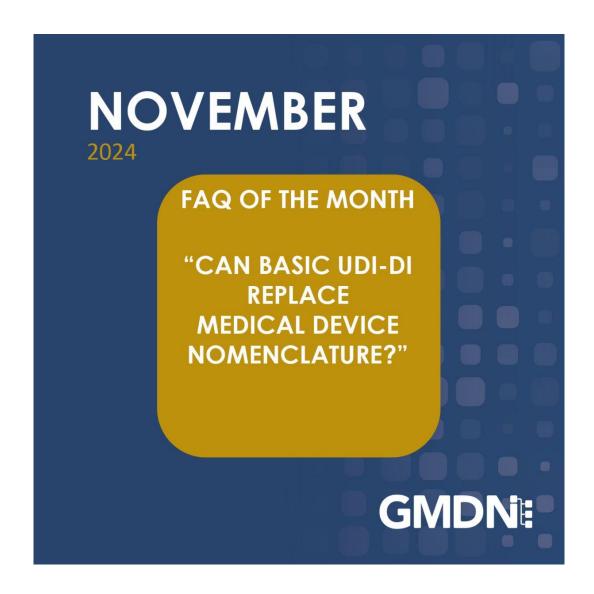
You can read his blog at this **link**.

"In the ever-evolving landscape of medical devices, ensuring patient safety and effective device management is paramount. One of the key systems aiding in this endeavour is the Global Medical Device Nomenclature. This standardised system plays a crucial role in the implementation of Unique Device Identification, a regulatory requirement designed to enhance the traceability and safety of medical devices."

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– EDWARD GLENN, SENIOR NOMENCLATURE DEVELOPER

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GMDN AGENCY'S
"FAQ OF THE MONTH"

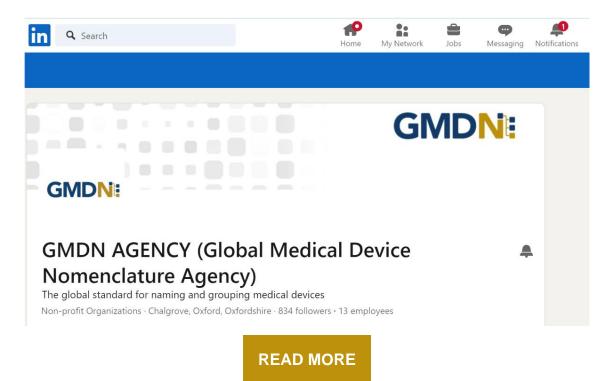**Q: Can Basic UDI-DI replace medical device nomenclature?**

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.

You can see our full list of **Frequently Asked Questions** at this **link**.

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Paul Wadsworth, Senior Communications Manager at the GMDN Agency, said: "Our LinkedIn page is a fantastic resource that we use to keep our professional stakeholders with GMDN Agency informed with all of our news and updates. It is also a great way for us to see the amazing things that people and organisations in our network are doing."

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