



GS1 Healthcare User Group (HUG) Australasia

Working together to improve patient safety

GS1 Healthcare

GS1 Healthcare is a voluntary, global healthcare user group bringing together all related Healthcare stakeholders: pharmaceutical and medical devices manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors, group purchasing organisations, hospitals, pharmacies, logistics providers, governmental and regulatory bodies, and associations.

Its mission is to improve supply chain efficiency for pharmaceuticals and medical devices through the collaborative development and implementation of the GS1 standards in the healthcare supply chain.

Areas of focus:

1. Prevention of Medical Errors
2. Product Authentication
3. Track and Trace
4. Increase Total Supply Track and Trace Efficiency
5. Global Standards

Further details about GS1 Healthcare can be found at www.gs1.org/healthcare

Healthcare Local/Regional Teams

Working closely with the global Healthcare Group and GS1 Member Organisations, local or regional groups have been formed to provide local/regional education, drive implementation and provide input about specific requirements relevant to the development of the global GS1 standards. One of these groups is the **Healthcare User Group (HUG) Australasia**.



Australia



New Zealand

“As a member of GS1 Healthcare I have enjoyed unprecedented access to Healthcare professionals who gather regularly to share experiences in meeting the challenges of Healthcare supply chain. Our meetings are a relaxed place to have subject matter experts share learnings, answer questions and have a healthy debate about approach and progress of change within the sector. It is truly a unique opportunity to gather partners together in a neutral setting and provide the reminder that we are all in this together when it comes to our common quest to improve Patient Safety.”

Ged Halstead

CIO, Clifford Hallam Healthcare

“As a member of GS1 Healthcare Leadership Team I enjoy meeting with people from differing spectrums within the healthcare industry. We meet regularly in an informal atmosphere that fosters great opportunities to share learnings, offer suggestions and experiences to assist us with the ongoing industry challenges. Our partnering between these Healthcare Industry professionals offers us ways to provide assistance and highlight experiences that will assist everyone to enhance and improve their current processes to move into the evolving industry where Patient Safety is the end goal for us all.”

Yvonne Bell

National Business Support Manager, Terumo Corporation
Australian Branch

HUG Australasia

HUG Australasia is an industry group comprising representatives from all parts of the Australian and New Zealand healthcare supply chain and is open to all GS1 Australia and GS1 New Zealand members operating in the healthcare sector.

HUG Australasia holds one day meetings at least twice per annum. These meetings aim to help industry participants learn from each other’s global and local experiences. Information from HUG Australasia meetings, including past meeting agendas and presentations, are loaded to our web site at: www.gs1au.org/hug_australasia

By becoming involved with the HUG Australasia, your company will be connected with a large local and international community of manufactures, distributors, regulators and health care facilities. This network provides implementation support, guidance relating to industry best practice and networking opportunities. The objective of the HUG Australasia is to provide Australian and New Zealand companies with a source of information, guidance and support to implement the GS1 standards for organisational benefit, thus improving patient safety and enabling supply chain reform. The result is process efficiency and accuracy, as well as supply chain visibility.

HUG Australasia members are encouraged to participate in the global GS1 Healthcare workgroups. This includes participation in weekly GS1 Healthcare work group teleconferences and the review of GS1 Healthcare work.

How to Participate with HUG Australasia

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Common Healthcare Terms

There are many acronyms used when discussing the GS1 System in healthcare. Below are some of the key terms listed for industry reference.

Acronym Decoding

AI	Application Identifier	GRAI	Global Returnable Asset Identifier
AIDC	Automatic Identification and Data Capture	GS1 XML	EDI standards recommended for use in Healthcare
CR/WR	Change Request/Work Request	GSRN	Global Service Relationship Number
EDI	Electronic Data Interchange	GTIN	Global Trade Item Number
EHR	Electronic Health Record	GTSH	Global Traceability Standard for Healthcare
EMR	Electronic Medical Record	HC LT	GS1 Healthcare Global Leadership Team
EPC	Electronic Product Code	HL7	Health Level 7
EPCIS	Electronic Product Code Information System	ICCBBA	Standards Organisation Managing ISBT 128 (blood)
GDSN	Global Data Synchronisation Network	ISO	International Standards Organisation
GDTI	Global Document Type Identifier	MO	GS1 Member Organisation
GHTF	Global Harmonisation Task Force	NEHTA	National eHealth Transition Authority
GIAI	Global Individual Asset Identifier	NPC	National Product Catalogue (GS1net)
GLN	Global Location Number	RFID	Radio Frequency Identification
GS1 GO	GS1 Global Office	SP	Solution Provider
GPO	Group Purchasing Organisation	SSCC	Serial Shipping Container Code
		TGA	Therapeutic Goods Administration
		UDI	Unique Device Identification



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