

Survey - Questions for NGOs

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WHO thanks you very much for your participation in the meeting to discuss the standardization of medical devices nomenclature, as mandated by WHA74.

Please find below the survey for the NGOs, as mentioned during our meeting. Please provide all the evidence required for every statement provided (for example, website screenshots, links to your website or attach the documents required).

1. Is your organization currently using one or more Medical Device Nomenclatures? If yes, please indicate:					
a. which one(s) do you use?					
EMDN	Planning to start using it				
GMDN	Yes				
UMDNS	/				
UNSPSC /					
none					
Other, specify:					
Developed by your organization: Yes: the MSF nomenclature is based on GMDN terms, No:					

b. In which language(s) is your nomenclature available?		
English	x	
Spanish	x	
French	x	
Russian		
Chinese		
Arabic		

c. Please provide a copy of your license agreement including any subscription or other costs associated with the use of your nomenclature

Collaboration agreement with GMDN giving us a licence free of charge (see copy of agreement)

d.	Is the subscription free? For each level and in what conditions?
fre	ee

e. What are the limitation(s) of the nomenclature(s) used?					
Limitations / Nomenclature	EMDN	GMDN	UMDNS	UNSPSC	Other
Language	Only				
	English				
	for now				
Definitions	??				
Terms					
Hierarchy		X			
Codes					
Structure					
Continuous updating	x	X			
Economical resources		Not for			
		MSF			
Other (specify)	Duplicates	MSF uses			
	in the	its own			
	structure	hierarchy			
		& coding			
		system			

2. Does your NGO see the need for using a standardized nomenclature? Please elaborate.

Yes

MSF is working in many different countries and there is a need to have a common nomenclature "cross-country".

All actors in the supply chain use the same terms: manufacturer/supplier/end-user... avoiding misunderstandings or mistakes, avoiding duplication, improving the articles description.

Maintain consistency in the choice of medical articles between MSF sections in order to improve MSF interventions.

Streamline supply chain processes.

Publish a yearly MSF catalogue of medical articles for the field missions. Enable product quality and visibility for better quality of care, enables assortment management, improves supply chain performance and increases overall interoperability whilst reducing duplications of effort, costs, losses and time.

3.	Please describe the reasons your NGO uses the Nomenclature	
a.	Planning and evaluation	Χ
b.	Budget and financing	Χ
c.	Procurement, supply	Χ
d.	Maintenance (CMMS)	Χ
e.	Medical Technologies quality assurance and surveillance	X
f.	Medical Technologies Assessment	Х
g.	Complete follow up to supply chain for medical devices	Х
h.	Other (specify):	

4. Please describe how codes / nomenclature are used by your final users (beneficiaries)?

MSF is publishing a yearly catalogue of products, where the terms need to be understood by all users in the countries world-wide

5. How do you reconcile when your final users use different nomenclature than the NGO is using?

We refer to an 'internationally recognized' nomenclature like GMDN. We ask the GMDN code to the manufacturer /supplier or we have a look on Access GUDID which is mentioning the GMDN term...

6. Do you map nomenclatures? If yes, how do you map them?

In the MSF master data system we match the MSF codes/nomenclature with the GMDN codes/nomenclature. We are planning to do the same with the EMDN nomenclature. In the MSF catalogues we mention the GMDN code and term

PERISTOMAL DRESSING, ring

SCTDBACODR1- STD PERISTOMAL DRESSING RING, 98 x 2.3mm (16.5g)

Thermosensitive: CT3+ Medical Device Class: I Justification Code: P

DEFINITION

A non-sterile material in the shape of a ring. It is applied to peristomal and/or periwound skin in order to protect it from body effluent (e.g., faeces, urine, wound exudate) and/or to help secure the seal of a stomal appliance or wound drainage pouch. After application, this device cannot be reused.

GMDN: Peristomal/periwound dressing (46207)

Synonym: Stomahesive paste, ostomy paste



7. Have you had any experience working with Unique Device Identifiers? If so, please describe any nomenclature-related work in this area.

Starting to work with UDI at Supply center level... but still in implementation phase.

Please send this questionnaire, one per NGO before 26th of August to medicaldevices@who.int
Thank you!