



Australian Healthcare Update – February 2007 Berlin HUG Meeting

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National Product Catalogue

- The National E-Health Transition Authority (NEHTA), in association with GS1 Australia, is rolling out a National Product Catalogue (NPC). Endorsed by all State, Territory and Federal Health Departments, the NPC will become 'the' source of item master data for public health institutions seeking to purchase medicines, medical devices and other necessary healthcare items.



National Product Catalogue



- **NPC:** The National Product Catalogue is a single repository of product, pricing and medicines data for all Health Industry Product Categories (including medical devices, catering, office needs, etc) for data synchronisation purposes. The NPC is hosted on EANnet.
- **EANnet:** GS1 Australia's data synchronisation service for all industry sectors including Health, Grocery, General Merchandise, Liquor and Hardware. EANnet enables the secure sharing of supply chain data including product identifiers, product dimensions, pallet configuration, images and pricing data.
- **ACOM:** An extension of EANnet, the Australian Catalogue of Medicines provides standardised and accurate medical data for prescriptions and non-prescription medicines, including complementary health care products.

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HEALTH THE STATE OF OUR HOSPITALS

29 deaths connected to clinical mistakes

By **CAROL NADER**
HEALTH REPORTER

A PATIENT given the wrong dose of a sedative was among 29 people who died because of errors in hospitals that were reported to authorities last financial year.

The nurse administering the drug was unfamiliar with it and was not being supervised, according to State Government documents. When the medication error was identified, there was a delay in contacting medical staff. The patient, who had a history of respiratory and cardiac illness, later died.

There were 29 deaths in which the error involved the wrong dose of body part and instruments or material being left inside patients, requiring more surgery to remove them. Medication errors led to the deaths of two patients. Seven medication errors did not result in deaths.

Alison McMillan, director of the Department of Human Services quality and safety branch attributed the decline, in part, to a big reduction in patient falls reported by hospitals — from 20 in 2004-05 to five in 2005-06.

Communication failures, staff allocation, training, supervision

- 29 Deaths among 91 serious medical errors that Victorian Hospitals reported in 2005-2006
- 25 Cases reported which a procedure reported a wrong patient or body part
- 6 cases of instruments or other material being left inside patients



Why have a local HUG in Australia/New Zealand?

- To ensure that the Australian and New Zealand Healthcare Community becomes a standards maker not a standards taker.
- The HUG Australasia will provide:
 - A local voice
 - Local experience
 - Local influence



Mission and Vision of HUG Australasia

- Aligned with HUG Mission and Vision

Mission

- To lead the healthcare industry to the effective development and utilisation of global standards to improve healthcare supply chains and patient safety.

Vision

- To achieve widespread adoption of the GS1 System in the healthcare sector for the benefit of all stakeholders.



HUG AU/NZ Status To Date.....

- October 2006
 - Launch of HUG Australasia: Rich Hollander, Pfizer Guest Speaker representing HUG.
 - 30 plus attendees from Pharma, Med Device, Regulatory, Hospitals and Government
 - Commitment to part



**Back Row L-R Ken Nobbs
(NEHTA, Bruce Anderson, MOH
NZ, Sue Schmid, GS1 Australia**

**Front Row L-R: Gary Hartley, GS1
New Zealand, Rich Hollander,
Pfizer**



Status to date.....cont.

- December 2006
 - 2nd Meeting to review HUG Australasia Charter, Work Groups etc
 - Appointed Industry chair Ged Halstead, CIO, CH2, (Pharmacy Wholesaler)
 - Significant discussion on Charter
 - Attendance by 20 organisations, cross sector with 50 plus on distribution list of communications.
 - Engaging members to participate in HUG working group activities
 - GTIN Allocation Rules – read by some parties feedback great.
 - Hospital Survey – Contributions from Sydney South West Area health service (2x) and Central Hospital Network



Way forward.....

- Next meetings
 - 5th Feb Telecon
 - 7th March F2F Melbourne
- Engagement with HUG Work Groups
 - AIDC
 - Serialisation
 - GTIN Allocation Rules
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Be a part of history.....

“You accomplish victory
step by step, not by
leaps and bounds.”

--Lyn St. James, race car driver





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