

## **Statement of Commitment: GS1, PEPPOL and GDSN Standards**

Smith & Nephew is fully committed to the adoption of GS1 standards in the United Kingdom and the United States to align with guidance from the UK Department of Health and the Healthcare Transformation Group (HTG). Our alignment supports Pan-European Public Procurement Online (PEPPOL) and Global Data Synchronisation Network (GDSN) in the fulfillment of all compliance timelines for Medical Devices and the completion of the Supplier Self Declaration twice-yearly until full implementation is achieved.

To support this commitment, Smith & Nephew has taken the following actions:

1. Smith & Nephew has engaged the expertise of GHX as our partner in the Global Data Synchronisation Network (GDSN) Data Pool to leverage their long-standing relationship with GS1. Our registration in the GDSN Data Pool was completed by 31 March 2017.
2. Smith & Nephew has registered with a PEPPOL Access Point provided by GHX and fully supports the use of electronic trading through PEPPOL. Smith & Nephew aims to always be agile and responsive to our customers, delivering excellence in customer service. As a result, we recognise the importance and benefits of electronic trading through PEPPOL.
3. Smith & Nephew has launched a Unique Device Identifier (UDI) programme and established a dedicated UDI website for customers: [www.smith-nephew.com/udi-home](http://www.smith-nephew.com/udi-home). During 2014 and 2015, we began the transition from the Health Industry Bar Code (HIBC) Standard to standard GS1-128 compliant bar codes on all global Orthopaedic Reconstruction, Trauma & Extremities and Sports Medicine products in order to meet the UDI regulation. During 2016, we began the move to GS1-128 compliant bar codes on our global wound products in order to meet the UDI regulations for US markets, many of which are also sold in Europe, and we will comply with the expected EU compliance requirements. We have also adopted the Global Trade Identification Number (GTIN) identifiers to serve as a foundation for achieving GS1 compliance.

Along with the adoption of GTIN product identifiers, we are currently in the planning stages for implementing the remaining elements of GS1 standards, including:

- Establishing additional Global Location Numbers (GLNs) to identify our physical locations and legal entities, which will enable efficiency and accuracy in communicating and sharing location information with our customers.
- Adding our location and Class III product data to the GS1 GDSN Data Pool during our first phase in order to deliver on NHS requirements in the United Kingdom by 30 September 2017.
- Publishing our data to meet requirements for the United States and Canada by year-end 2017.
- Extending our EDI capabilities to facilitate PEPPOL and to meet requirements from other customers globally. This will include ensuring our ability to transact with assigned GTINs using 850/855/856/810 standards and additional EDI transactions.

Smith & Nephew recognises that GS1 requirements will likely continue to evolve, and we are fully committed to ensuring that we deliver quality data, maintain ongoing compliance and provide effective communication with customers and regulators.