Healthcare Transformation Group

Position Statement

Single Source of Truth for UDI Information

HTG believes that all products should be easily identifiable from the time they enter the healthcare supply chain to the point in time they are used on a patient. This identification is vital to removing risk associated with using products for our patients and providing the healthcare industry clear product traceability and post market surveillance. To this end, HTG fully supports the adoption of GS1 standards and the leveraging of the UDI throughout the healthcare supply chain down to the point of usage capture. HTG would like suppliers, solution providers, GPOs, and distributors to adopt the use of GS1 standards and the UDI (where applicable) through all of their transactions, applications and interactions.

Position:

With the ever increasing complexity of data sharing within supply chains, HTG strongly supports the establishment of a single source of truth for all health care product attributes. The ability to point to one database and know that the information within is being utilized by all supply chain parties will reduces efforts in; the order to pay process for the suppliers/distributors and the receipt to consume for the providers, as well as providing accurate information to our patients within the EHRs and billing processes.

Requirements:

- Readily accessible database of Healthcare product attributes to enhance the procurement/ordering processes across supply chain.
- Database cannot duplicate Active GTINs
- Fed by Industry sources such as GDSN, GUDID, etc.
- "trusted" status for data is a process requiring publication and authentication of the data attribution
    - Data including but not exclusive
        - Active GTIN at each packaging level including historical changes
        - Unit conversion factor of each GTIN packaging level (UOM validated)
        - True packaging levels for all products including conversion rates
        - Item Identifier for all packaging levels, Vendor catalog (Manufacturing product number) and FDA required IDs
        - Product description
        - Manufacturer name and GLN
        - Product images
- Product information retrieved on demand
    - Interfaced (standardized interface language)
    - Download
    - Punch-out with scanning application

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- Would include a minimum of all FDA regulated medical devices with capability to expand to other categories i.e. Instrumentation and Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
- Supplier as source of truth for key attributes for their products including image
- Note: This is not a price benchmarking tool

Benefits:

- Accurate/trusted product data timely and standardized
- Trusted understanding of all packaging levels for a product
- Keeping up with product updated information
- Reduced Labor Cost for all of supply chain
- Reduced PO and invoice discrepancies
- Improved accuracy of the EHR
- Patient safety, right product, right patient, right time, right unit.
- Trusted classification will enable analytical and reporting capabilities
- This source will benefit Suppliers, Distributers, Providers, Patients, and Regulators