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2020 Year in Review

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As each year draws to an end, we always take the time to reflect on the year, and this year has had some added challenges and changes to reflect upon. For this year in review, in addition to summarising some of the year's highlights, we would also like to acknowledge the amazing people we have the privilege to work with and support across the sector.

To the many individuals across our diverse group of stakeholders, we would especially like to say thank you for your time, energy and open knowledge sharing across the year. Without your input into our advisory groups, working groups, surveys, workshops and hundreds of individual discussions - as a healthcare team, we could not deliver the best support to our member community. We are always incredibly grateful for your honestly and collaboration but especially so this year when many of you were already stretched beyond capacity. It has been our pleasure to support your innovation, your work programs, and you as individuals, sharing the occasional awkward zoom fail, the laughter and frustration the year has brought and to

celebrate your successes.

The GS1 Australia healthcare team and all of our colleagues wish you all a safe, happy and healthy festive season. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with you in the coming year, whatever it may bring.

Some highlights from 2020

- Improvements to Patient Safety and Global harmonisation of healthcare were once again highlighted in the [Reference Book](#) this year with case studies from hospitals, wholesalers and manufacturers who have documented benefits from implementing standards.
- The [GS1 Healthcare Online Summit](#) replaced our face to face conferences with 582 participants representing over 80 countries.
- Updated [GTIN Allocation rules for Healthcare](#) were published.
- Regulations continue to evolve the world over, including local consultations related to [Barcoding and serialisation of Medicines](#) and exploring a potential '[UDI system](#)' for Australia.
- The TGA also published – [Better healthcare – a vision for the use of data matrix and medicines traceability](#).
- We once again saw the innovative implementation of GS1 standards in hospitals such as Royal Prince Alfred in Sydney and in assisting the [COVID tracing process](#) in several states including ACT.
- The [Implementation guideline for use of Electronic Messaging](#) to support Pharmaceutical product clinical trials was published to further support the [Application Standard for Clinical Trials](#) that was published last year.
- [Global Health Provider webinars](#) shared insights into the adoption and benefits of GS1 standards implementation to health services around the world.
- Provided support for companies re-tooling through the COVID-19 crisis to deliver [PPE to market faster](#).
- Globally and locally we 'zoomed', 'teamed' and used many other platforms for collaborations across standards development, standards implementations, industry defined services and many other projects.

Happy Holidays!

Christmas Closing

GS1 Australia will be closed for the holiday period from **Thursday 24th December 2020** and reopening on **Monday 11th January 2021.**

Have a great break and stay safe in 2021
– From everyone at GS1 Australia –

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