

The Healthcare supply chain is changing
Patient safety, traceability, eHealth, cost pressure...
Be prepared and, even better, see and shape the future!

Did you know?

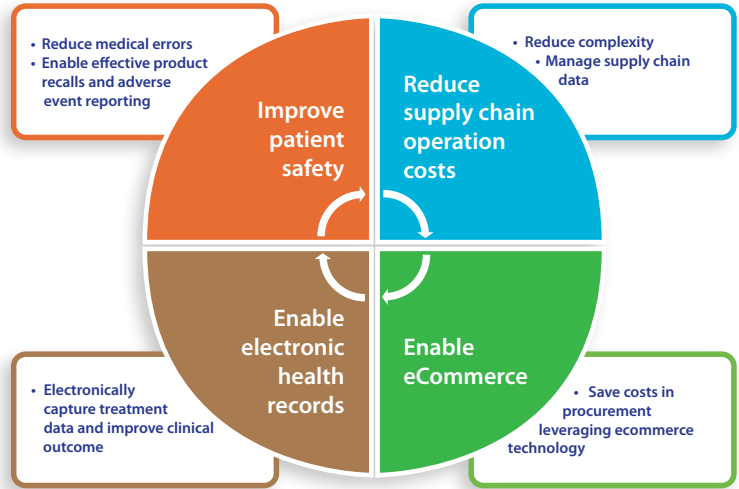
Of the eight million admissions to hospital in England each year, about 850,000 result in patient safety incidents which cost the NHS about £2 billion in extra hospital days. (Source: Department of Health)

Did you know?

The average Healthcare provider is spending over 30% of its annual operating budget to support the supply chain (Source: University of Arkansas)

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GS1 Healthcare membership for Healthcare providers is **free of charge** and enables providers to collaborate and share best practices with their peers and suppliers to address the challenges of today and tomorrow's supply chain.



Do you know the main benefits of GS1 Healthcare membership?

- **Benchmark your supply chain solutions and share best practices with other Healthcare providers worldwide.** As a global member, you will be able to participate in regular conference calls with the Healthcare Providers Advisory Council, consisting of thought leaders and early adopters of GS1 Standards from the global clinical provider environment and identifying projects that support patient safety and supply chain efficiency improvements.
- **Influence the standards development process and raise your specific requirements in various work groups.** Healthcare providers have the same 'weight' in that process as any other stakeholder.
- **Work with your suppliers and service providers and understand each other's opportunities and challenges to implement process improvements and standards.** Since its formation in 2005, the global Healthcare user group has engaged stakeholders from all sides of the Healthcare supply chain worldwide. This international reach is vital considering the cross-border trade in Healthcare and all related challenges.

Your challenge: Improve internal supply processes to ensure patient safety and reduce supply chain costs

Address sector challenges

- Increasing attention to patient safety concerns, including medical errors and product recalls
- Increasing pressure to save costs in supply chain operations, including ordering, invoicing, receiving and inventory management

Manage supply chain information

- Leverage automatic identification technologies to efficiently and effectively capture product and patient data for traceability purposes and electronic health records
- Leverage e-commerce technology to get products at the right price and electronic product catalogues for comprehensive, up-to-date product information

GS1's solution: A neutral, international forum advancing global standards

Prepare for the future

- Get timely information on important, international supply chain developments through a global network

Empower collaboration

- Align with other Healthcare providers and your suppliers and service providers
- Align with industry associations and other leading standards development organisations
- Leverage the network of over 100 GS1 Member Organisations (MOs) and their 1.2 million members, across many business sectors, world wide

Advance global industry standards

- Steer the direction of standards development
- Provide input to regulators and other stakeholders across the world as a neutral and trusted source