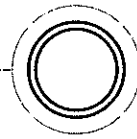


# UDI Systems



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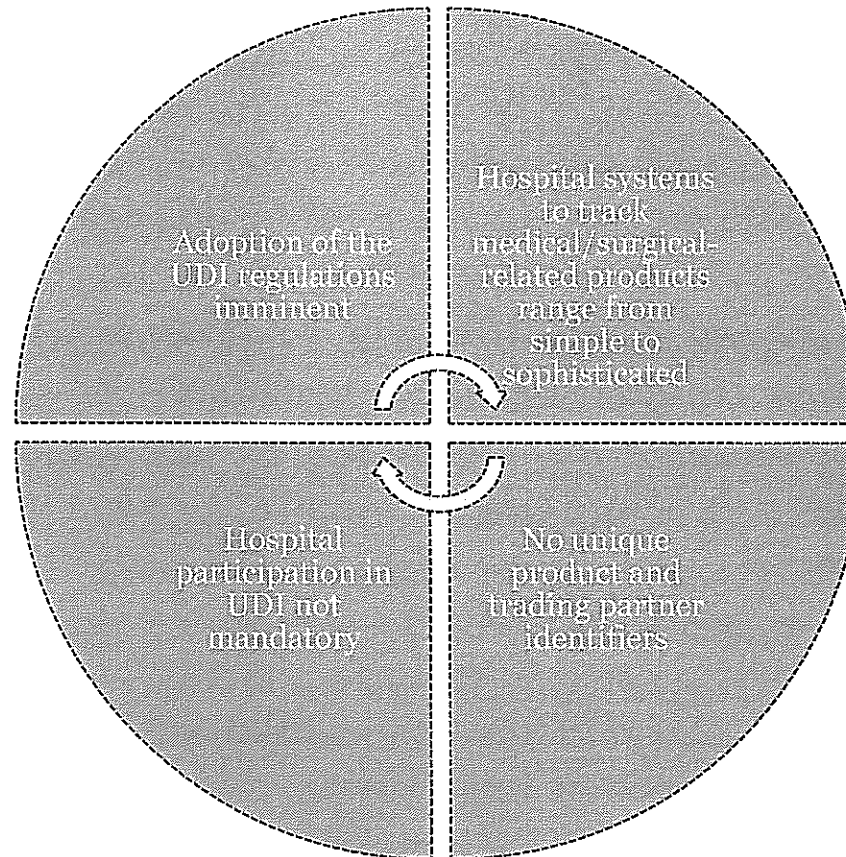
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# Reasons for the Proactive Stance

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**TWO MAIN GOALS:**

## **Patient Safety and Welfare**

~ Although no current mandate, best practices should dictate

## **Risk Management**

~ Curtailment of litigation costs

~ Control of administrative costs

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# *AHA Viewpoint*

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**“We urge  
the U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
(FDA) to accelerate the timing of the complete  
roll-out for the UDI across all medical devices  
from the proposed seven years to  
three years . . .we see no compelling reason to wait  
an additional seven years.”**

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# *AHA Commentary*

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Hospitals are using inefficient systems to track devices

Retail exception removes devices from UDI system and could limit safety benefits of UDI

AHA recommends accelerated roll-out, limitation of exceptions to the regulatory requirements and enhanced information in the GUDID

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# Benefits

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Delivery of  
better patient  
care

Improved risk  
management

Increased  
control of  
administrative  
costs

More effective  
inventory  
management

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# Plan

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**Develop a plan with timeline**

**Consultants evaluate system**

- Make recommendations on the most efficient ways to receive, store, manage and use product data from the GUDID and GDSN

**Obtain appropriate consultation**

- Understand where and how hospitals obtain product data
- Seek to eliminate duplication

**UDI** offers the first real opportunity to have unique product and trading partner identifiers

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