



UDI: Past, Present, and Future Perspective from Industry

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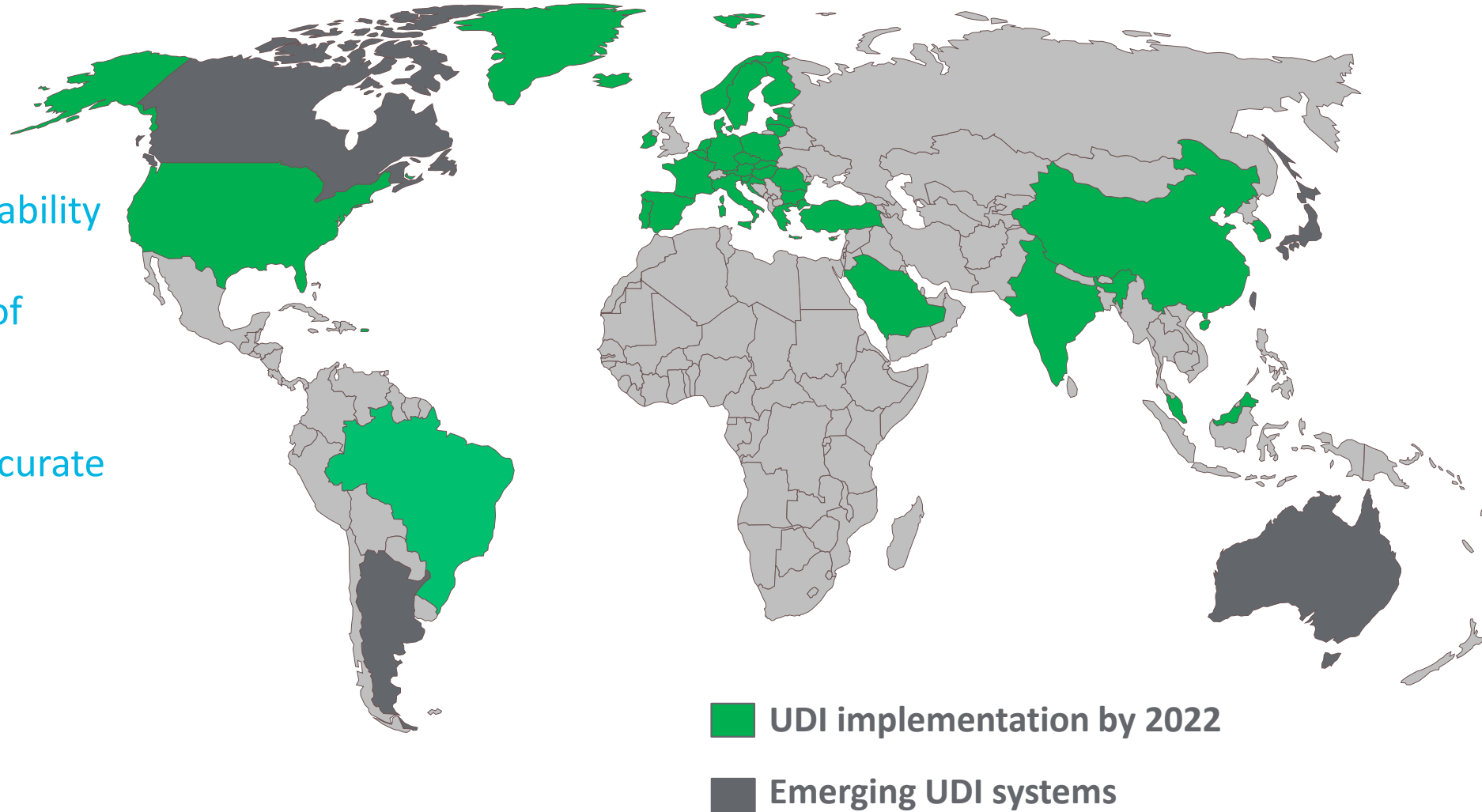
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The global UDI landscape is changing...

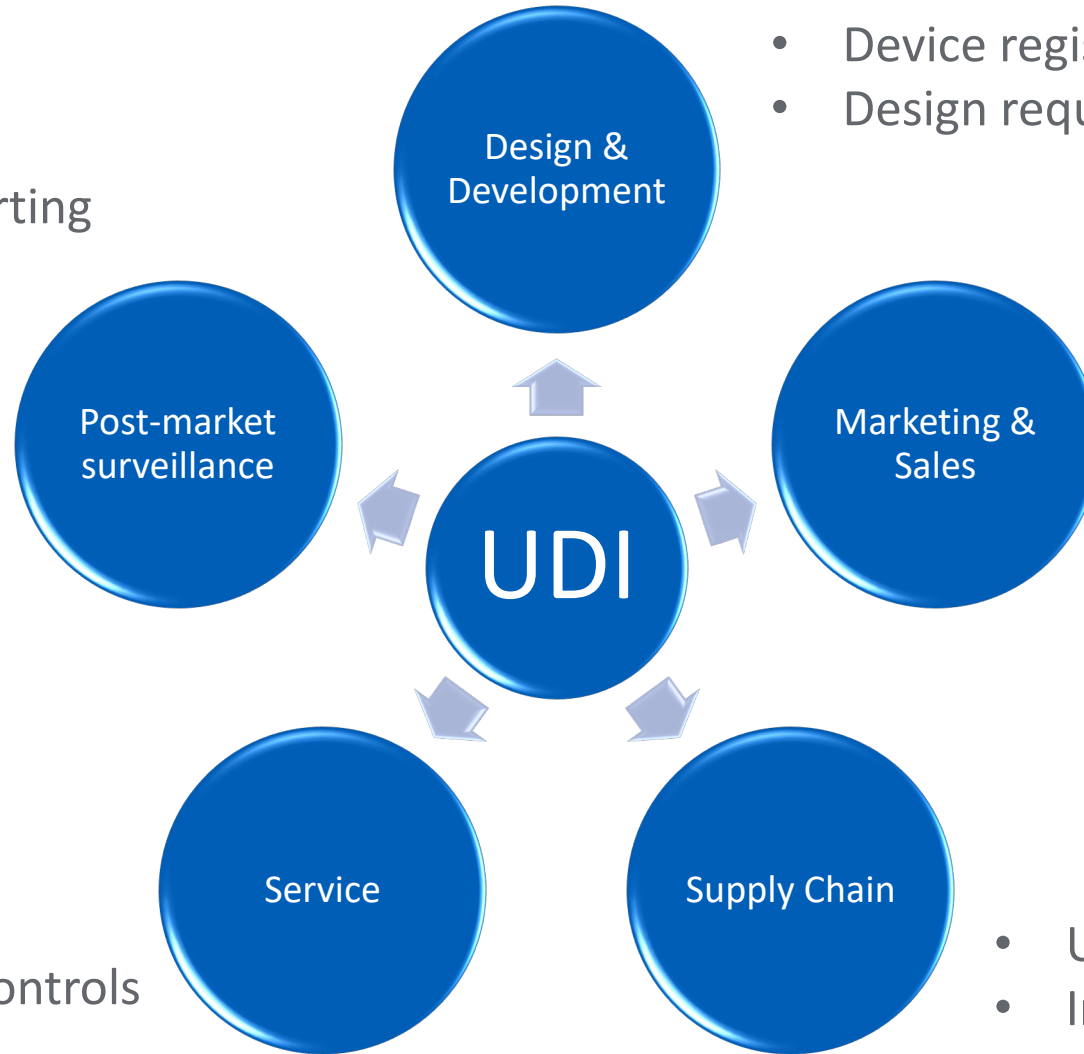
- ✓ Globally harmonized approach to UDI traceability
- ✓ Worldwide exchange of medical device data
- ✓ Better, faster, more accurate post-market trending



...The medical device industry must also change



- Event reporting
- Trending



- Device registration
- Design requirements



- Target market considerations
- Product configurations



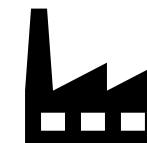
UDI system supported by:

- ✓ Cross-functional processes
- ✓ Wing-to-Wing digital infrastructure



- Install base controls
- UDI capture

- UDI marking
- Inventory controls



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An Industry View

UDI Requirements

- Consistency of UDI data elements across regulations
 - Name and definition of UDI data elements (e.g. Brand, Model)
 - Nomenclature (e.g. GMDN, EMDN, CDN)
 - Expected values and response options (e.g. sterilization mechanisms, MR safety)
- Harmonize level of data required for UDI publication
 - US FDA & EU MDR – require data associated with device models (Device Identifiers only)
 - Emerging regulations requiring Device Identifiers plus Production Identifiers



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UDI Database

- Timing required to develop digital infrastructure to connect is often 1-2 years
- Development dependent on availability of technical specifications
 - Defined data field types and formats (e.g. free text, multi-select, drop down, yes/no)
 - Specified free text character lengths, allowance of special characters, lists of values, language requirements (e.g. do submissions need to be in local language or English?)
- Allowance for different connection mechanisms – machine-to machine vs. manual input, HL7 vs xml
- Defined user requirements/accounts for database accessibility – in-country only?
- Database testing opportunities and IT help desk



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Implementation Support

- Alignment with global guidance documents
 - ❑ [IMDRF UDI System Application Guide](#)
 - ❑ [Use of UDI Data Elements across different IMDRF Jurisdictions](#)
- Regional guidance documents – publicly available with translations (if possible)
- Include plan for pilots/testing (database training, connection testing opportunities, feedback sessions)
- Support “help desk”



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...and we are ready to change with it

- ❖ Medical device traceability and continued surveillance is important
- ❖ Continue industry/regulator collaboration to help harmonize regulations and shape implementation strategies
- ❖ Help us drive compliance without disrupting availability of life-saving products required for global healthcare

Thank you!



