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The Use of Automated Identification and Data Capture (AIDC) Standards for Canadian Pharmaceutical Product Identification and Documentation

November 18, 2010. The Canadian Medical and Biological Engineering Society (CMBES) supports advancements in the theory and practice of medical device technology. As such, the members of our Society are involved in the acquisition and practice integration of technologies which improve the safety and efficiencies of healthcare processes.

Our Society endorses the Canadian Pharmaceutical Bar Code Project, a pan-Canadian multi-sector initiative to adopt national Automated Identification and Data Capture (AIDC) standards for the accurate identification and documentation of pharmaceutical products in healthcare practices. We support the selection of the global GS1 AIDC standards as a basis for establishing this national strategy.

CMBES also recognizes the need for industry to develop aligned software and technical systems that will assist all health practitioners in scanning, patient and product identification, and related quality documentation while performing important patient care activities.

We therefore encourage technology providers, health organizations and practitioners alike to actively support these collaborative efforts to improve medication and patient safety for Canadians.