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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/TS 20451:2017 [\[1\]](#)), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- alignment with the changes done in the first revision of ISO 11616 [\[2\]](#);
- addition of the concept for global PhPID (gPhPID).

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### Introduction

This document provides guidelines and requirements for implementing ISO 11616 [2], one of the five ISO standards on the identification of medicinal products (IDMP)<sup>1)</sup>. The five ISO standards on IDMP and the corresponding four ISO Technical Specifications, when used together, provide the basis for exchanging data elements that will support the unique and unambiguous identification of medicinal products. The primary purpose of this document is to provide technical guidance to software implementers; short descriptions of business rationale are also included, where relevant, to provide context. Thus, this document focuses on business and technical considerations for implementation that will construct and parse well-formed, transmittable IDMP messages. Following transmission of required data elements, unique identifiers are to be produced in conformance with the standards to support applications where it is necessary to reliably identify and trace regulated biopharmaceutical products. However, this document does not include extensive information on creation or maintenance of identifier repositories. Reference is made to either regional guidance or implementation guides to support practical implementation within either a region or a jurisdiction. ISO/TR 14872 [7] describes the general core principles and proposed service delivery model for supporting implementation and ongoing maintenance of IDMP terminologies.

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1) ISO 11615 [3], ISO 11616 [2], ISO 11238 [4], ISO 11239 [5], ISO 11240 [6].

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## 1 Scope

This document provides requirements and recommendations related to the concepts required to associate pharmaceutical products or groups of pharmaceutical products with an appropriate set of PhPID(s) in accordance with ISO 11616 [2].

Pharmaceutical product identifiers and the related elements are intended to represent pharmaceutical products as defined within a medicinal product by a medicines regulatory authority. While the ISO standards on IDMP can be applied to off-label usage of medicinal products, such applications are currently outside of the scope of this document.

Reference to ISO 11238 [4], ISO 11239 [5], ISO 11240 [6], ISO 11615 [3], HL7 V3 messaging standards (HL7 Reference Information Model (RIM) [8], HL7 Common Product Model (CPM) [9] and HL7 V3 Structured Product Labelling (SPL) [10], and HL7 FHIR [11] can be applied for pharmaceutical product information in the context of this document.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 11238, *Health informatics — Identification of medicinal products — Data elements and structures for the unique identification and exchange of regulated information on substances*

ISO 11239, *Health informatics — Identification of medicinal products — Data elements and structures for the unique identification and exchange of regulated information on pharmaceutical dose forms, units of presentation, routes of administration and packaging*

ISO 11240, *Health informatics — Identification of medicinal products — Data elements and structures for the unique identification and exchange of units of measurement*

ISO 11615, *Health informatics — Identification of medicinal products — Data elements and structures for the unique identification and exchange of regulated medicinal product information*

ISO 11616, *Health informatics — Identification of medicinal products — Data elements and structures for unique identification and exchange of regulated pharmaceutical product information*

ISO/TS 19844, *Health informatics — Identification of medicinal products (IDMP) — Implementation guidelines for ISO 11238 for data elements and structures for the unique identification and exchange of regulated information on substances*

ISO/TS 20440, *Health informatics — Identification of medicinal products — Implementation guidelines for ISO 11239 data elements and structures for the unique identification and exchange of regulated information on pharmaceutical dose forms, units of presentation, routes of administration and packaging*

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ISO/TS 20443, *Health informatics — Identification of medicinal products — Implementation guidelines for ISO 11615 data elements and structures for the unique identification and exchange of regulated medicinal product information*

ISO 21090, *Health informatics — Harmonized data types for information interchange*

### 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 4 Conformance

- **Mandatory:** Defining elements necessary for the unique identification of Medicinal Products per the ISO IDMP standards and technical specifications.
- **Conditional:** Applies to the “within category” data elements, as applicable, when there are alternative data sources for a given data element(s) to identify medicinal and pharmaceutical products. Regional implementation of the ISO IDMP standards and technical specifications may elevate the conditional conformance categories to “mandatory” per regional requirements.
- **Optional:** When listed at the category level (e.g. specified substance), optional corresponds to ISO categories or data elements that are not absolutely necessary for the unique identification of medicinal or pharmaceutical products according to the ISO IDMP standards and technical specifications. Regional implementation of the ISO IDMP standards and technical specifications may elevate the optional conformance categories to “mandatory” or “conditional” per regional requirements.

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### 5 Concepts required for the unique identification of pharmaceutical products

#### 5.1 General considerations for elements required for the unique identification of pharmaceutical products

[Clause 5](#), along with [Annex A](#) and [Annex B](#), describes the elements and messaging required to uniquely identify and characterize a pharmaceutical product. It provides the requirements to support pharmaceutical product identification. Examples are given in [Annex C](#).

The information modelling in this document uses the Unified Modelling Language (UML)<sup>2)</sup>, which is maintained by OMG (Object Management Group)<sup>3)</sup>.

[Figure 1](#) shows the pharmaceutical product identification (PhPID) detailed model.

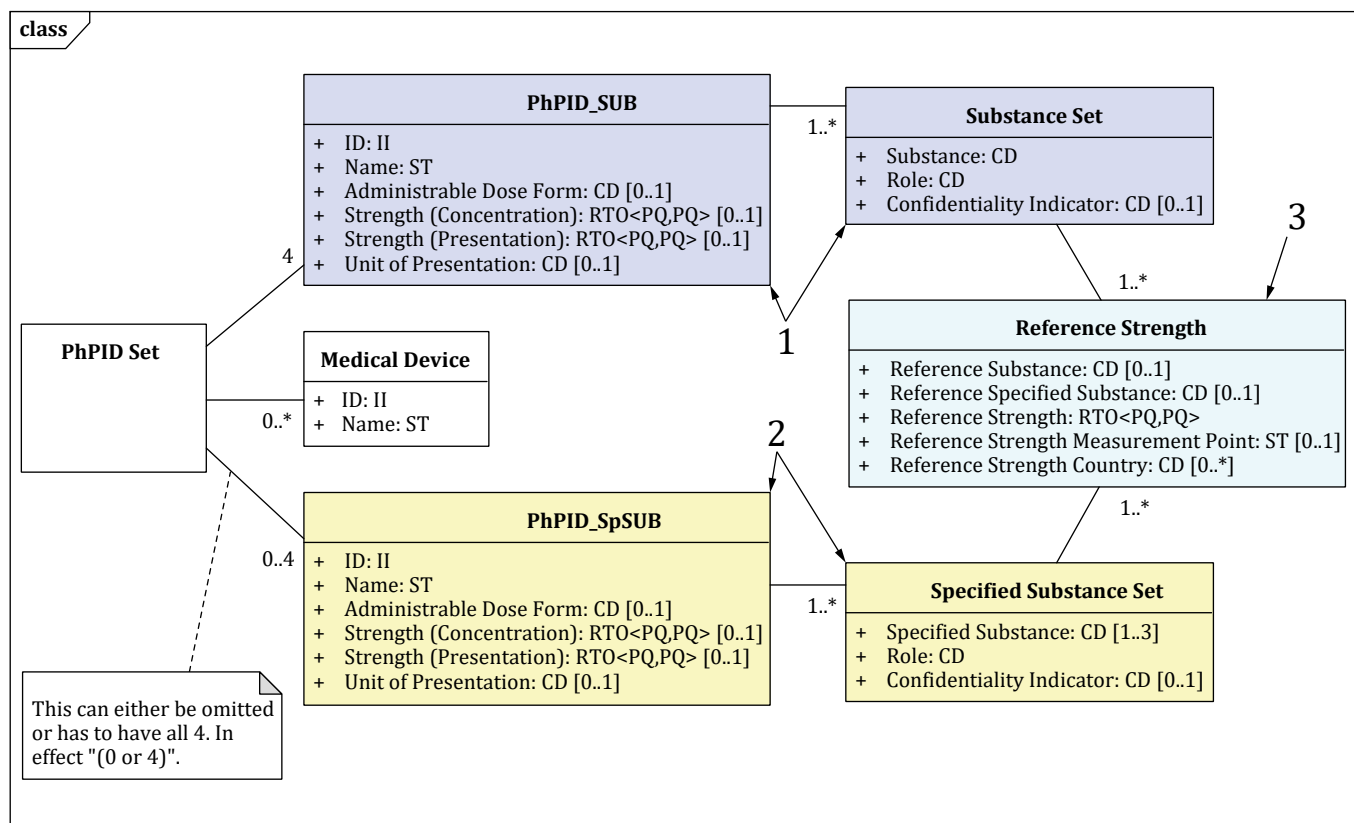
Pharmaceutical product identification (PhPID) shall be based on the following subset of elements that describe the pharmaceutical product.

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2) <https://www.uml.org/>

3) <https://www.omg.org/about/omg-standards-introduction.htm>

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## Key

- 1 substance stratum
- 2 specified substance stratum
- 3 strengths

Figure 1 — Pharmaceutical product identification (PhPID) detailed model

- a) active substance(s) or specified substance(s);

NOTE The substance(s) within the ingredient role “active” and “adjuvant” are utilised to define PhPID.

- b) strength(s), strength units (units of measurement or unit of presentation, or both);
- c) reference strength(s) includes reference substance(s) (i.e. active moiety and its corresponding strength);
- d) administrable dose form;
- e) medical device, when it is a component of a Medicinal Product.

## 5.2 Principles required for the unique identification of a pharmaceutical product

The following principles for the unique identification of a pharmaceutical product shall apply:

- a) a medicinal product may relate to one or more pharmaceutical products as part of a treatment regime [e.g. a kit, which might be a combination pack containing vaginal tablets (500 mg) and an external vaginal cream (10 %)];
- b) the characterization of the pharmaceutical product(s) based on the active substance(s) or specified substance(s), the (reference) strength thereof, the administrable dose form(s), and the medical device (e.g. a scaffolding for cell-based products) being part of the Medicinal Product (e.g. drug-device combination);