

## Nomenclature Standards

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### PURPOSE

Nomenclature Standards apply to all NSW Health organisations that manage and maintain medical and/or building and facilities assets.

The [Medical Asset Nomenclature Standard \(MANS\)](#) identifying and classifying medical assets and the [Building and Facilities Asset Information Nomenclature Standard \(BFAINS\)](#) for identifying and classifying building and facilities assets.

### KEY INFORMATION

Nomenclature Standards have been established to improve consistency in asset data, specifically in the identification and classification of assets.

The Medical Asset Nomenclature Standard and Building and Facilities Asset Information Nomenclature Standard are intended to support Health organisations with adoption and transition to the state-wide asset management database (AFM Online) for the management of medical and building and facilities assets.

These Nomenclature Standards do not preclude Health organisations from locally applying other nomenclature models in parallel with the Medical Asset Nomenclature Standard and the Building and Facilities Asset Information Nomenclature Standard.

Health organisations must transition their current asset data to conform with the newly developed Medical Asset Nomenclature Standard and Building and Facilities Asset Information Nomenclature Standard.

Health Infrastructure NSW will be developing tools to support the transitioning of medical and building and facilities asset data from local asset registers to the state-wide asset management database (AFM Online).

The Asset Register Optimisation Project led by the Master Data Management Team within Health Infrastructure NSW will support alignment with the new Nomenclature Standards by improving the quality and consistency and asset specification data in AFM Online.

The data elements referenced in the Medical Asset Nomenclature Standard are fundamentally based on data that is explicitly labelled on the device, for identification, and the application of classifications from the Universal Medical Device Nomenclature System (UMDNS).

Health Infrastructure NSW will be establishing a Medical Asset Data Governance Group, to provide advice on, and support with continuous improvement of Medical Asset Nomenclature Standard to maintain relevance with industry trends.

The Virtual Buildings Information System (VBIS) is a classification system that that will be implemented across NSW Health and will be used to classify all building and facilities



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equipment in accordance with the Building and Facilities Asset Information Nomenclature Standard.