e-Labelling SAAPI Conference 2002

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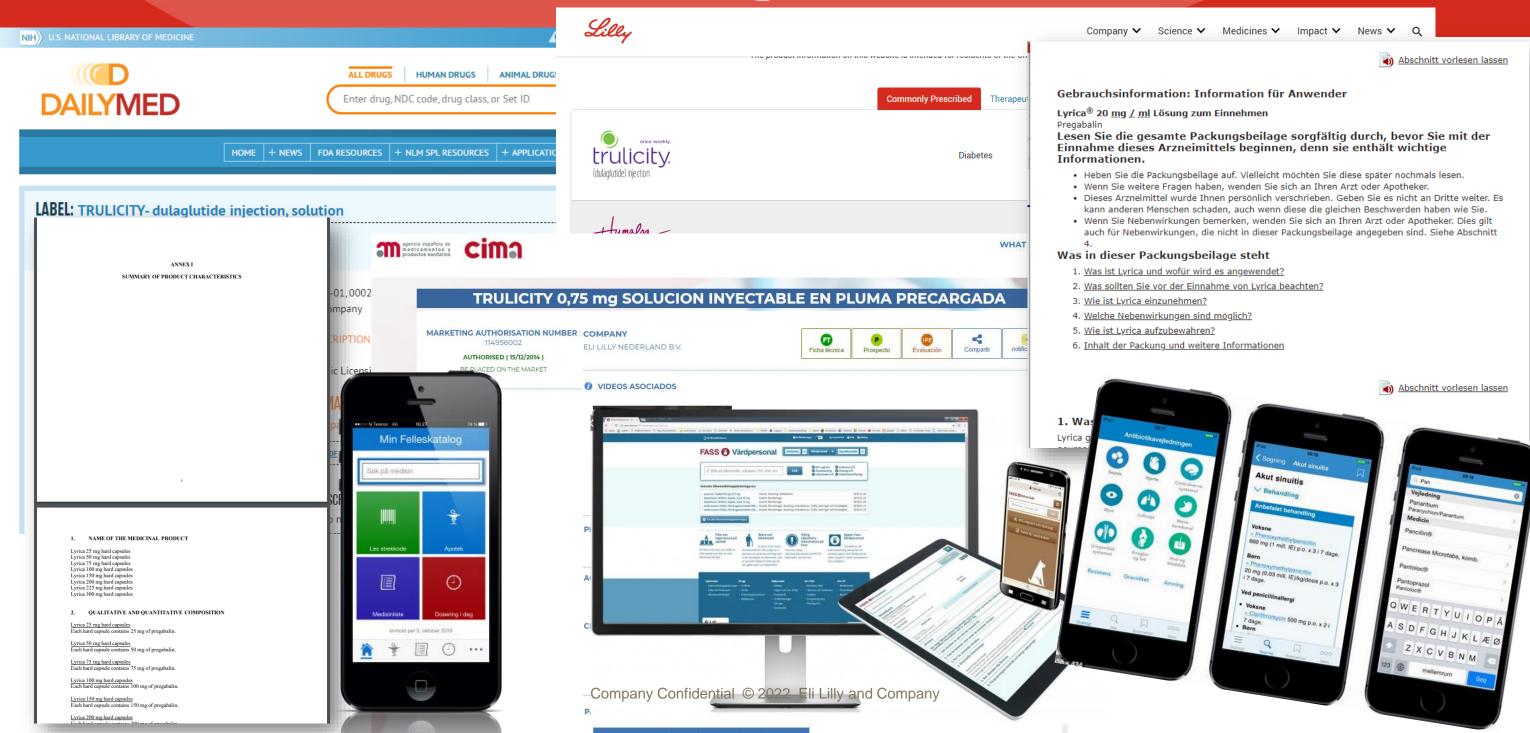


Current challenges with labelling

- The approval process for label updates involves compiling information, review and approval by Health Authorities and implementing the changes in print.
- It is a long process that can take up to 1.5
 years from data availability to approval and
 updated label accessible to patients.
- General health literacy is poor. Many users do not read or understand the label.
- Constant label revisions may impact stocks (stock-out or destruction), and hence may hinder patient access to medicines.



What is e-Labelling?



A Definition of eLabelling (or ePI)



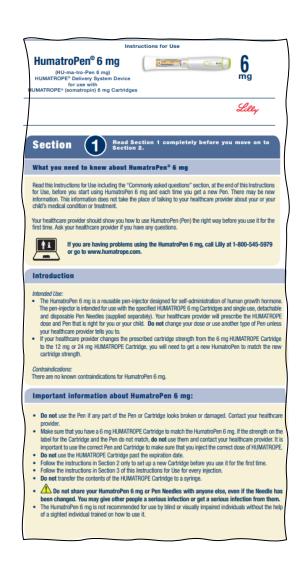
ePI is authorised, statutory product information for medicines ... in a semi-structured format.

ePI is adapted for electronic handling and allows dissemination via the world wide web, e-platforms and print.

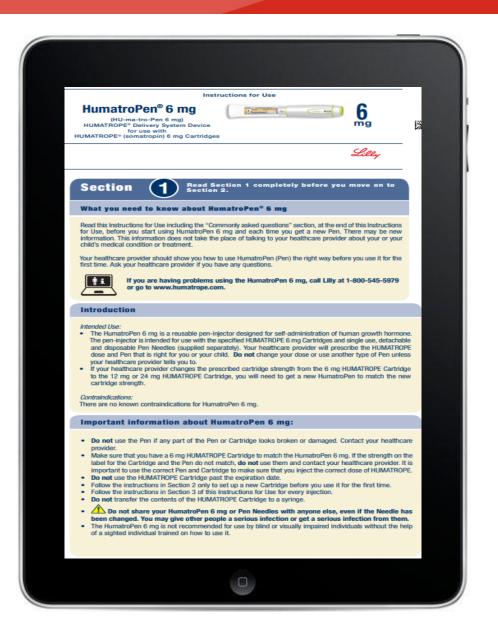
Unstructured formats such as PDF, Word or other free text files <u>are not</u> considered to be ePI

Electronic product information for human medicines in the EU: Key principles

The simple approach (unstructured)



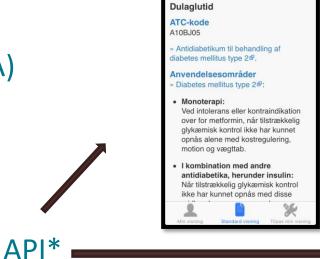
From print to printed paper online



The smart approach (semi-structured)

Structured Content Authoring (SCA)





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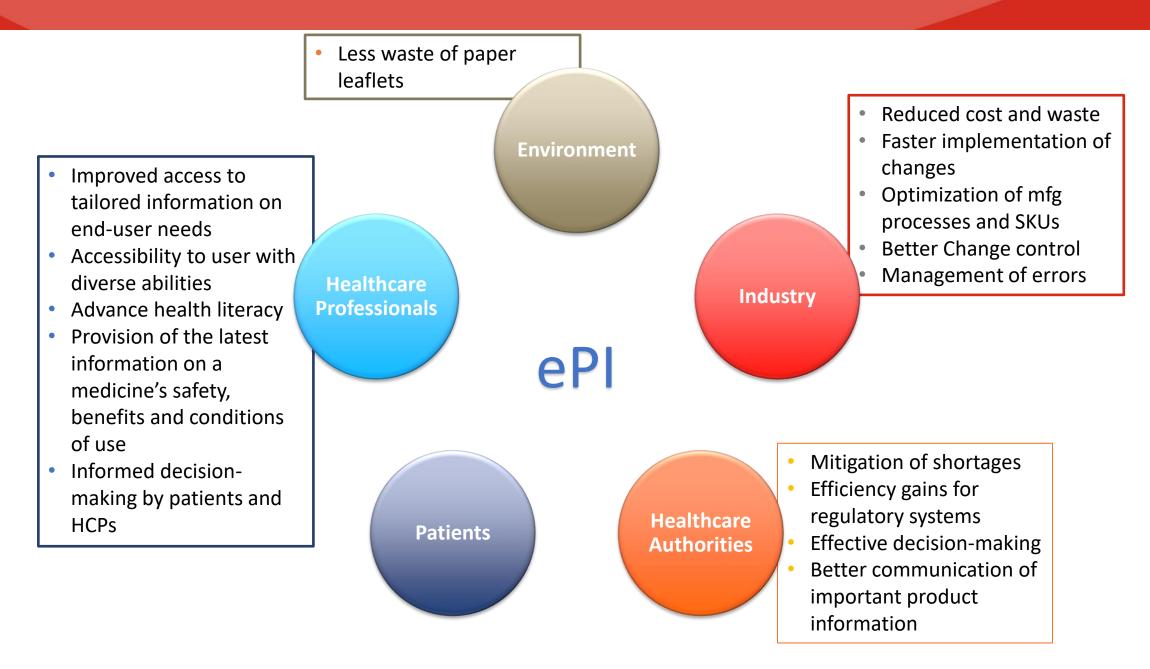


Semi-Structured Content (XML, HTML etc):

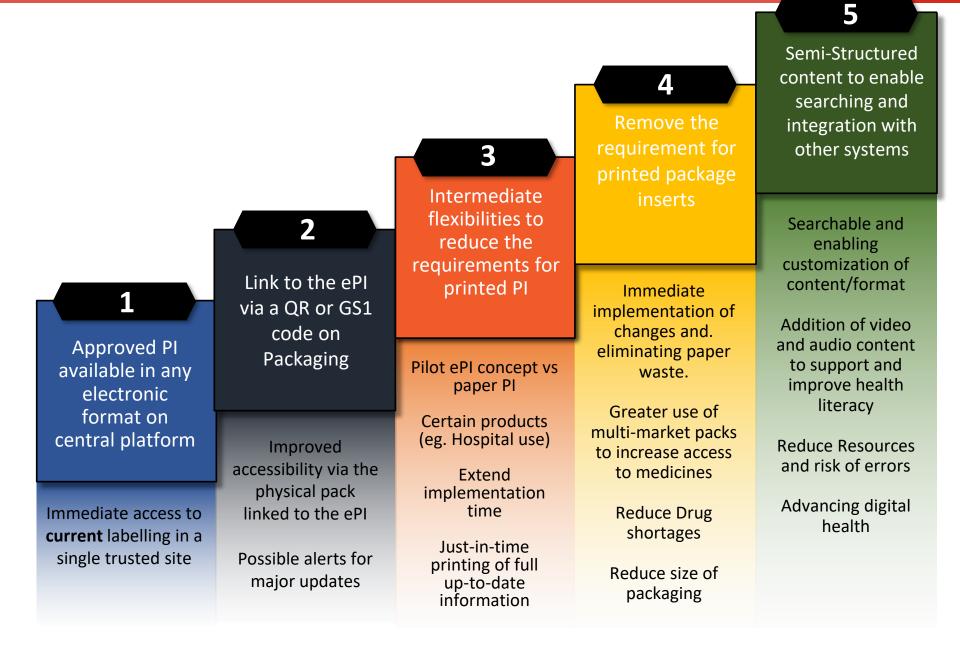
- It defines relationships between content.
- It provides a hierarchy to content and enforces a specific order.
- It makes the content portable and accessible because it is a standard that can be read by many different hardware and software platforms.
- It allows the content to be published to many different channels

API*: Application Programming Interface

Key Benefits of e-Labelling



Illustrative Roadmap Towards eLabelling



Regulatory Landscape

HCA:

Product Monograph transition to XML (HL7 standard) pilot ongoing

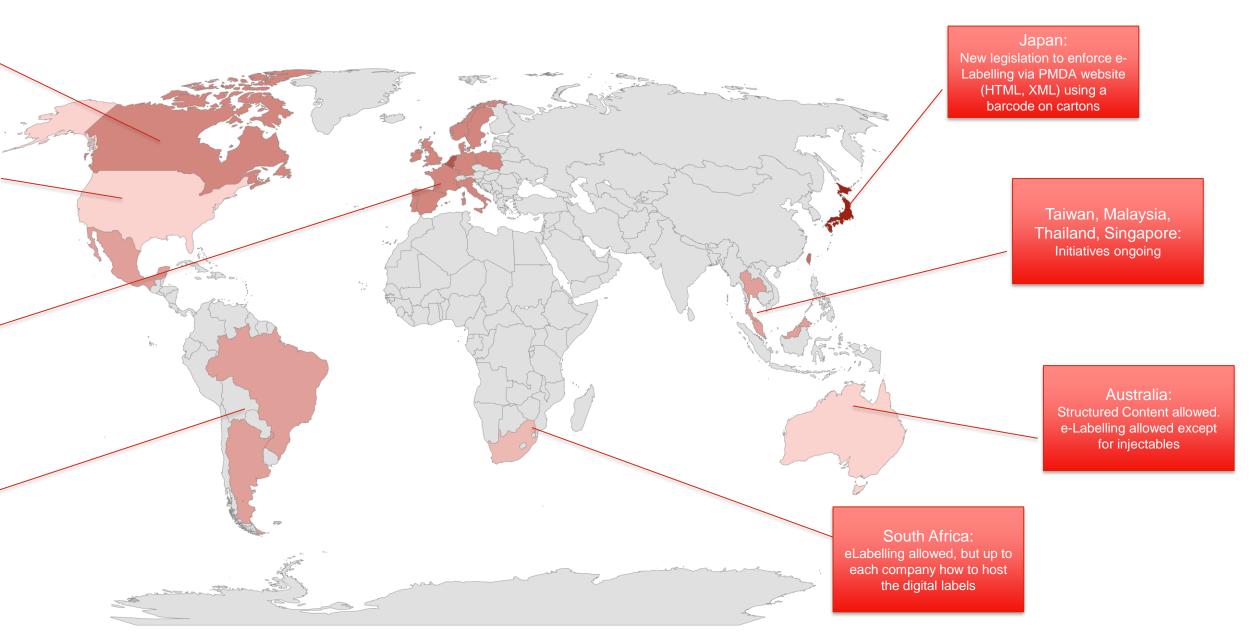
Structured labelling implemented, but regulations require paper PI

Europe:

EMA position paper Multiple industry and NCA pilots and initiatives ongoing

LATAM:

Initiative ongoing to supplement PPM with e-labelling



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Challenges with eLabelling

Regulators:

- Decide on infrastructure, format and technical standards as well as ambitions:
 Integrated digital health platforms and mobile applications
- Does regulation allow the removal of paper package inserts?
- Develop/identify platform to host <u>up-to-date</u> labelling
- Harmonise requirements with other countries to enable sharing of packs?

Industry:

- Openness to take part in pilots
- Engage in facilitating harmonized standards. Many current initiatives are using the Health Level Seven/Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (HL7 FHIR)
- Ability to host labelling if there is no government platform
- Identify and enable means of getting paper leaflets to patients who don't have electronic means

Conclusion

eLabelling can

- Allow faster sharing of new information
- Enable digital transformation to e-prescribing and e-health records to deliver integrated healthcare solutions and tailored patient care
- Increase Patient Health Literacy
- Alleviate Drug Shortages
- Decrease use of paper
- Reduce package sizes

Further reading:

Electronic product information: From principles to actions; AESGP, EFPIA and Medicines for Europe reflections on EMA-HMA-EC Key principles for electronic product information

IFPMA Position Paper on: Improving Patient Safety and Health Systems Resilience Through the use of Electronic Labeling