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| **NEST Coordinating Center** [www.nestcc.org](http://www.nestcc.org)  |
| Posting Date: 10 September 2020Due Date: 29 October 2020 |

National Evaluation System for health Technology Coordinating Center (NESTcc)

**Public Call for**

**Experts for Advisory Working Group on Unique Device Identifiers (UDIs)**

**Background**

In 2016, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) awarded a grant to establish [The National Evaluation System for health Technology Coordinating Center (NESTcc)](https://nestcc.org/) to the Medical Device Innovation Consortium (MDIC). NESTcc’s mission is to accelerate the development and translation of new and safe health technologies, leveraging real-world evidence (RWE) and innovative research. Review the [NESTcc Charter](https://nestcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/NESTcc-Charter_v3-approved.pdf) here.

In September 2019, NEST was named by the FDA’s Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) as one of the first Collaborative Communities. The NEST Collaborative Community’s aim is to provide an ongoing forum for stakeholders from across the medical device ecosystem to address shared challenges by leveraging their collective voice.

Aligned with the FDA’s [Collaborative Communities Toolkit](https://www.fda.gov/media/116467/download), the NEST Collaborative Community ensures that the perspectives of its diverse stakeholders contribute equally to each initiative, and the collective focus is supported by a model of distributed leadership.

**NEST Collaborative Community: Focus on UDI**

NESTcc has selected unique device identifiers (UDIs) as a key area of focus for 2021. Beginning in November 2020, the Collaborative Community will kick off a research project, “Evaluation of Uptake of UDIs by Health Systems and Health Plans” (or the UDI Adoption & Application study), with the primary objective of characterizing UDI adoption and use by health systems, including the facilitators and barriers associated with their implementation. Output from the project will provide core concepts and recommendations on which the Collaborative Community will develop and pursue specific initiatives to steer or advance UDI adoption.

**To guide and support its efforts, the Collaborative Community will convene a small working group of UDI experts from candidates identified via a public call for nominations. Nomination information is outlined below on Page 2.**

**Intent of Public Call for UDI Working Group Members**

NESTcc is seeking nominations for the UDI Working Group to provide perspectives and feedback on the UDI Adoption & Application study, and to help shape the response to its findings.

*Who should apply?* Practitioners, researchers, experts, leaders, and policy makers across stakeholder groups with an interest in UDI:

* Clinicians
* Health system operations / administration
* Medical device manufacturers
* Medical researchers
* Patient organization representatives
* Payers – public or private sector
* Regulatory agency or public health representatives
* Software and IT/data management vendors

NESTcc will select up to fifteen (15) members to support the research team conducting the UDI Adoption & Application study.

## Key Dates

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| Opportunity Posted | 10 September 2020 |
| Nominations Due | 29 October 2020 |
| Applicants Notified | 16 November 2020 |

## Instructions

*Please provide the following information, attach a resume or CV and forward* ***to*** ***nestcc@mdic.org*** ***by 29 October 2020, 5:00 p.m. ET.***

## **Applicant Information**

*Please include the required applicant information. If necessary, you may add fields to the table to provide additional information.*

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| **Required Field** | **Applicant Information** |
| Name of individual (first and last) |  |
| Professional degree(s) |  |
| Current title  |  |
| Primary organizational affiliation | * Medical device manufacturers
* Software and IT/Data management vendors
* Patient organization representatives
* Health system operations / administration
* Clinicians
* Payers – public or private sector
* Regulatory agency or Public health representatives
* Other
* Medical researchers
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## Overview of UDI Expertise, Working Group Experience, Mission Alignment

*Your responses to sections A – C should not exceed two pages. You are not required to use the full two pages.*

1. **Prior Experience with Unique Device Identifiers (UDIs)**
* *Describe any relevant prior experience you have with UDIs.*
* *Describe any participation in similar advisory roles or collaborative efforts.*
1. **Stakeholder Perspective**
* *Describe the primary stakeholder perspective you would represent on the UDI Advisory Working Group.*
* *Describe the value of this stakeholder perspective for the success of the UDI Advisory Working Group.*