

GRID and EMDIS IP15

Technical Guidance Note for all EMDIS Listing Organisations

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Step C1 of the GRID implementation timetable comes in to effect on April 29th. From this date, organisations providing blood stem cells must ensure their registry IT system issues a GRID for each donor in order that they are able to interact with external applications such as EMDIS and the Search & Match Service. EMDIS IP15 – which incorporates changes to support the new GRID - will also come into effect on April 29th.

As well as providing the new GRID from April 29th, registries must continue to also use the old donor ID (until at least December 17th, 2019) to provide continuity and to allow all listing organisations to ensure successful transition of donors across their systems and operations. More information about the GRID implementation timetable can be found here: <https://share.wmda.info/x/awCKC>

Whilst over 92% of all global donors now have a GRID we are still working to support a small number of organisations to help finalise their GRID implementation. It is highly likely that not all registries will have successfully implemented GRID by April 29th.

Rather than delay the Step C1 milestone, the EMDIS Technical Group together with the GRID Task Force has decided to keep to the agreed timetable. However, this does mean that all EMDIS user organisations should be aware that the following EMDIS users are unlikely to be able to submit GRIDs from April 29th:

- Against Leukaemia Foundation MDR (ALF) – ION 3918
(EMDIS node: WB)
- Bone Marrow and Cord Blood Bank Registry Hadassah University Hospital – ION 5239
(EMDIS node EL)

In order to avoid unnecessary technical and operational issues and to ensure that you are able to continue to exchange EMDIS messages successfully with all your EMDIS partners, we recommend the following guidance:

- If your registry utilises EMDIS connections to either of the organisations listed above, ensure that your system/implementation is able to handle EMDIS messages without GRIDs from this partner, although this violates the EMDIS semantics after April 29th.
- If you are unable to communicate via EMDIS with a registry that is not yet using GRIDs, then you may:
 - o Make an exception in your system for this registry and keep the EMDIS connection.

- Limit the EMDIS connection and keep only the donor searches for the patients of the other registry. This means you would not use this EMDIS connection for your patients anymore.
- Shut down the EMDIS connection to this registry completely.

When you limit or shut down the EMDIS connection, you should be aware of open requests on both sides and coordinate their follow up via different communication channels. In any case we recommend contacting the partner directly to clarify the further procedure for your existing active EMDIS connection.

- Ensure that you are transmitting GRIDs not only in the DONOR_CB messages but in all EMDIS messages containing a GRID (requests, results, reminders, ...).
- Ensure that you have a procedure to send out the GRIDs for your donors. This can be done via bulk updates after the repeat search, by exchanging cross reference lists with your partners or having your EMDIS partners requesting new search reports for their patients.

If you have any queries or require further guidance please contact us via GRID@WMDA.INFO

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