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- Template terms have been removed as the hierarchy within the GMDN is now managed with the use of 'collective terms'.
- 'Device category' has been removed as this provides no benefit for navigation and its value has now been superseded by the use of 'collective terms'.
- The prefix 'preferred' has been removed from term in the document and the word 'term' now denotes the primary identifier for generic device groups of medical devices.
- 'Collective terms' can now be used by medical device regulators and other users to select larger groups of medical devices and analyse larger sets of data. 'Terms' however remain the only way to identify generic device groups of medical devices.
- 'Device type' data specification has been removed as it is outside the scope of the GMDN dataset, but remains a concept to which GMDN data are linked.