Glossary of fields in the Medical Devices System (MDS) database incident extract

Field	Description
Code Type	Used to separate the codes assigned to incidents into categories such as patient problems, device problems, as well as the evaluation methods, results, and conclusions from final industry reports.
Company ID	The unique number assigned to a company.
Company Name	The name by which the company is identified.
Device ID	The unique device identification number assigned by Health Canada.
Device Identifier	A unique series of letters or numbers or any combination of these or a bar code that is assigned to a medical device by the manufacturer and that identifies it and distinguishes it from similar devices. Examples of an identifier for a device are a catalogue, model or part number.
Hazard Severity Code	A code assigned after assessment of the incident to indicate the type of outcome reported.
Incident Awareness Date	The date on which the reporter became aware of the incident.
Incident Date	The date of the incident. This field is new, and thus is only populated from 2018 on.
Incident ID	The internal reference number unique to an incident.
Incident Type	This field captures the type(s) of report(s) that was(were) received related to an incident.
Mandatory Report Type	Indicates if the incident required submission within 10 days or 30 days for domestic mandatory reports by industry. For other reports this is left as 0.
Patient or Device Code	A selection from a list of code terms specifying a device or patient problem. As of 2018 this can also be used to record evaluation methods, evaluation results, and evaluation conclusions. The type of code term is captured in the field
Preferred Name Code	A five character alpha-numeric code (2 numeric and 3 alpha) which represents a medical device group. The three letters represent the specific medical device group and the two numbers represent the medical specialty in which it is routinely, but not necessarily exclusively, used. These codes are harmonized with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as much as is feasible. A medical device keyword index can be found online at: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/medical-devices/application-information/guidance-documents/guidance-industry-keyword-assist-manufacturers-class-medical-devices.html
Receipt Date	The date on which the first report for an incident was received.
Reported Company Role	The manner in which the company is related to the incident – if they are the reporter, importer, or distributor of any devices associated with the incident.
Risk Class	Medical devices are classified into one of Classes I to IV by means of the classification rules set out in Schedule 1, where Class I represents the lowest risk and Class IV represents the highest risk.
Source of Recall	A field recording the region in which an incident occurred.
Submitter Flag	Flag indicating that this company has submitted one or more reports regarding the incident.
Trade Name	The name associated with the Device ID
Usage Code	The usage code represents the medical specialty in which the device is routinely, but not necessarily exclusively, used.