

# THE MEDSUN PROJECT AND ITS SUBNETWORKS

MedSun is a network of 350 hospitals, nursing homes, and home health care facilities that work with the FDA to identify, understand, and share information on problems with the use of medical devices, and tissues and cells. Within the general MedSun program, there are six subnetworks for health care staff who work in specific areas of patient care. The goal of these efforts is for FDA to learn more about the types of medical products encountered in these health care venues. Trained MedSun Representatives come from Risk Management, Patient Safety, Quality Improvement, Biomedical/Clinical Engineering, and Materials Management Departments of sites in the network, as well as from operating rooms and the six specific patient care areas featured in the MedSun subnetworks.



## KidNet

Representatives report on problems with medical devices used in neonatal and pediatric intensive care units.

## HomeNet

This newest MedSun subnetwork extends the reporting of adverse events into the home health care field.

## Tissue and Cell

Hospital tissue managers, infection control specialists, and operating room staff collect data on adverse events related to human tissues, cells, and cellular and tissue-based products, according to FDA regulations and Joint Commission standards.

## HeartNet

Representatives collect and share information on problems with medical devices used in electrophysiology laboratories.

## LabNet

Representatives report from hospital laboratories on adverse events involving *in vitro* diagnostic devices, such as test kits, assays, reagents, and glucometers, used in providing laboratory services to hospital populations.

## SightNet

Information about this subnetwork will be available soon.