

Appendix 4

GS1 Compliance Verification St James's Hospital

Global Standards for Patient Safety

Note: This applies to Medical Device products that are supplied to SJH. This information will not affect the tender scoring however completion of this section is mandatory.

St James's Hospital recognises the benefits and endorses the adoption of GS1 coding for Medical Device across the health care sector. The Hospital is committed to the adoption of GS1 standards within its own organization. As part of St James's Hospital strategy for adoption of GS1 Standards, we would like to assess Suppliers awareness and compliance to GS1 with the objective of increased patient safety, traceability and efficiencies in the area of procurement.

1. Are you aware of GS1 Standards (formerly EAN)?
2. Does your organization have a GS1 GTIN (Global Trade Item Number) license?
3. Does your product packaging contain a GS1 barcode label encoded with the GS1 unique product identifier known as the GTIN?
 - a. Individual product (e.g., each, bag or bottle, etc)
 - b. Inner pack (where packaging applicable, e.g., shrink wrap of 6 units);
 - c. Product Shipper or Outer package (e.g., carton, box, etc)
4. Does your organisation have a GS1 GLN (Global Location Number) licence?
5. Does your organisation currently track product batch and expiry information (variable data) in the barcode?

Background

GS1 is the world's leading supply and demand chain standards organisation dedicated to the development and implementation of global standards to improve the efficiency and visibility of supply chains internationally and across sectors. Key benefits for healthcare include (*see McKinsey report 'Strength in Unity'*);

- Increased Patient Safety
- Full track & traceability of all medical devices and medication
- Effective and efficient recall
- Increased supply chain efficiency and visibility

- Improved relationships with Suppliers
- Cost savings for all involved

The GS1 System of Standards is a key enabler to support Irish healthcare to improve patient safety whilst achieving traceability, efficiencies and greater effectiveness in the delivery of 'patient-centered care'.

The benefits of using GS1 Standards have already been proven in Ireland through the success of the HSE National Surgical Instrument Track and Trace solution and the National Haemophilia Track and Trace solution. Both solutions prove that the GS1 Standards significantly enhance patient safety, traceability and accuracy across the healthcare pathway. The Haemophilia solution is now globally accepted as an exemplar supply chain model in terms of Supply Chain efficiency and patient safety, through certainty of product identification and effective and efficient product recall.

For more information on GS1 Standards please go to www.gs1ie.org