

Transforming the Healthcare supply chain – Yes, we should!

From pharma security
to unique device identification



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“I have a dream...”

(Martin Luther King Jr.)

We have a dream that one day... medicines will be bar coded and scanned at every step in the dispensing process, to avoid medication errors.

We have a dream that one day... medicines will be ‘traceable’ and verified at the point of dispensing, to fight counterfeit medicines.

We have a dream that one day... medical devices can automatically and uniquely be identified, to enable effective and efficient product recalls and adverse event reporting.

We have a dream that one day... Healthcare will automate all its supply chain process, to increase efficiency and save costs.

We have a dream that one day... all Healthcare stakeholders will recognise that Healthcare supply chains cross borders and that a global framework is needed.

And **we** have more dreams... to turn into reality.

‘We’ are GS1 Healthcare – a global community of Healthcare supply chain stakeholders advancing global standards to transform the Healthcare supply chain, improving patient safety and increasing efficiency. Representing the global Healthcare supply chain, from Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson to the Mayo Clinic and the Hong Kong Hospital Authority.

“Never put off to tomorrow what you can do today.”

(Thomas Jefferson)

Over the last 6 years, many volunteers from around the world have invested their time and expertise in the development and enhancement of GS1 Global Standards to identify and automatically capture information regarding products, assets, services and locations in the Healthcare sector, and to share supply chain information between supply chain partners.

Progress has been made in the adoption and implementation of those standards, but GS1 Healthcare urges all Healthcare supply chain stakeholders worldwide to start using the standards in all related supply chain processes, from production to distribution to the point-of-care – there is great benefit for everybody.

“Change before you have to.”

(Jack Welch)

Governments worldwide are taking action to address patient safety concerns and the associated rapidly escalating Healthcare costs. Important policy changes are on the way and some of them will have a direct impact on the Healthcare supply chain.



“The best way to predict the future is to create it.”

(Peter Drucker)

GS1 Global Standards ensure compatibility and interoperability of supply chain solutions, not only within your organisation, but also in your country and across borders. Without them, how unique is the identification of a product or location? How can purchase orders, dispatch advices and invoices be seamlessly exchanged? How can accurate product information be more effectively shared? Where do traceability systems get reliable physical event data?

Over 100 GS1 Member Organisations worldwide are ready to support you in the implementation of GS1 Global Standards, today.

“The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress.”

(Charles Kettering)

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Supply chain ?