



Get Ready for GLN Sunrise 2010

Working Group Participants: Adoption Roles & Responsibilities

Industry's Commitment

The Canadian and U.S. healthcare industries are transitioning to use of GS1 Global Location Numbers (GLNs) by the sunrise date of December 31, 2010.

Whether you are a healthcare institution or a supplier, everyone across the healthcare supply chain is talking about locations. Use of globally-unique GS1 GLNs throughout the Canadian healthcare supply chain will generate cost savings, improve staff productivity, and enhance patient safety.

The Challenge: Non-Standardized Location Identification

As a healthcare supplier, have you ever couriered a product to the wrong area of a hospital – maybe a package went to accounts payable when it should have gone to the Operating Room department?

As a healthcare provider, have you ever sent a Purchase Order to the wrong supplier branch – maybe to the Toronto office when it needed to go to the Montreal office?

The current use of non-standardized location information in the healthcare supply chain results in costly errors, wasteful inefficiencies, and has implications for patient safety.

The Answer: Standardized Identification Codes

In October 2009, the GS1 Canada Carenet Healthcare Sector Board announced the decision to implement a common business language across the Canadian healthcare sector for location identification: the GS1 GLN standard, part of the GS1 System of standards.

When referencing location information, the GLN provides healthcare trading partners with reliable, consistent information by identifying locations using a single, globally-unique number.

What is a GLN?

A GLN is a 13-digit GS1 identification code that is assigned by GS1 Canada to identify:

- ▶ Legal entities, such as manufacturers or hospitals; and
- ▶ Physical locations, such as a hospital pharmacy, nursing station, or manufacturer's warehouse.

Each GLN is stored in the GS1 Canada GLN Registry, managed by GS1 Canada and accessible to all GS1 Canada members. This central, online, searchable database ensures up-to-date, accurate and detailed location information for trading partner transactions where location information is required.

GLNs help healthcare trading partners:

- ▶ Simplify supply chain management processes
- ▶ Eliminate costs resulting from resolving inaccurate data
- ▶ Spend less time on manual documentation and data entry
- ▶ Improve order and invoice process efficiencies
- ▶ Eliminate the need for proprietary identification codes

How Do I Get Started?

To obtain a GLN for your organization:

1. Contact the GS1 Canada at 1-800-567-7084, ext. 3.
2. GS1 Canada will capture your location information in the GS1 Canada GLN Registry.
3. GS1 Canada will assign a GLN number to your organization, and return to you a copy of your GLN Application Form, with the GLN noted.