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## Pfizer Introduces Hospital Unit Dose Barcodes

Dear Healthcare Professional:

Pfizer Inc has begun to apply bar codes containing NDC, Lot Number, and Expiration Date to Hospital Unit Dose products in an effort to help reduce medication errors. Pfizer has selected the RSS-Stacked with Composite bar code symbologies. In addition, we will utilize the Global Trade Identification Number (GTIN) data structure for identifying the NDC and unit dose packaging level.

For your reference, the data structure and format for our bar coded hospital unit dose products is summarized below.



### Human Readable NDC utilizing GTIN Structure:

N (01) 1 03 0071-0362-40 3

### Human Readable Lot and Expiration Date:

Lot 05072F Exp. Mar 04

### Machine Readable Expiration Date and Lot Number utilizing RSS Stacked with Composite Symbology:

0110300710362403170403311005072f

01	GTIN Application Identifier
1	Packaging Level Indicator
0	Reserved
3	NDC Prefix

0071036240	NDC
3	Check Digit
17	Application Identifier for Expiration Date
040331	Expiration Date in YY, MM, DD Format for this product
10	Application Identifier for Lot Number
05072F	Lot Number

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