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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 0071-0362-403

**Human Readable Lot and Expiration Date:**

Lot 05072F Exp. Mar 04

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

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For further information on the implementation of bar codes on Pfizer products, please contact Rich Hollander at 212-573-4420 or rich.hollander@pfizer.com.

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