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Topic 1: The appropriate data carrier in Healthcare

GS1 DataMatrix, RFID, GS1 QR code, GS1 Databar. What information is needed in a barcode – from pill to carton – GTIN plus application identifier (AI's), packaging level

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Welcome and Introduction





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This is what we need to avoid







- Multiple bar codes on one package – which one to scan?
- Different types of bar codes inconsistency; incompatibility
- No bar code need to barcode; re-package; re-label



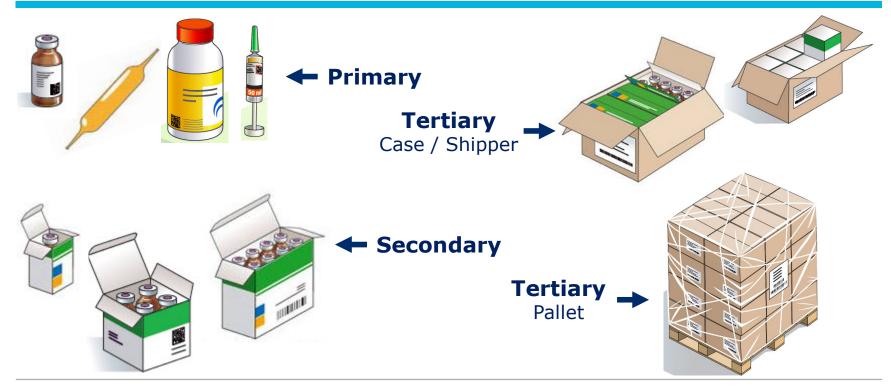
The GS1 system of standards





Packaging level examples...







Packaging level hierarchies





NOTE: * There is no globally standardized definition of "tertiary package"...



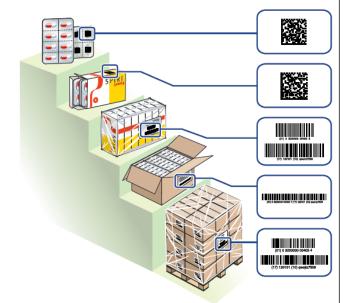
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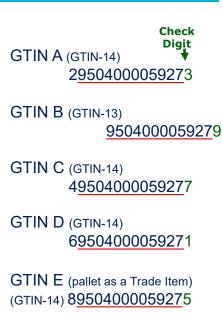
GS1 Barcodes in a healthcare hierarchy

 Every item in the hierarchy needs to have a unique identifier

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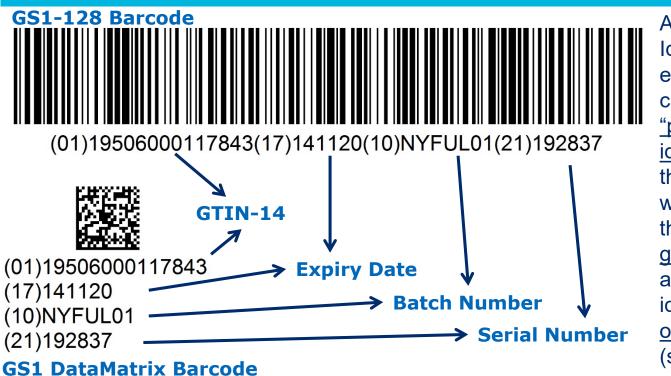
 The appropriate GS1 barcode (i.e. GS1 linear or DataMatrix)











A GS1 Application Identifier (AI) is an element string that carriers dynamic or "production identification" data that... in conjunction with the GS1 "Key"... they provide more granular information about the items identified at the point of data acquisition (scanning).



GS1 Application Identifiers (AIs)...



The GS1 Gen Specs include 100+ "AI's" for various use cases & sectors

..however <u>relying on Master Data as well as limiting & staging</u> the Application Identifiers <u>commonly used</u> in Healthcare helps:

- ...to reduce implementation complexity
- ...maximize use of existing systems
- ...potentially minimize cost implications

01	GTIN (Global Trade Item Number) – 14 digit numeric
10	Batch / Lot – up to 20 characters, alphanumeric
17	Expiry Date – 6 digit numeric, YYMMDD format
21	Serial Number – up to 20 characters, alphanumeric

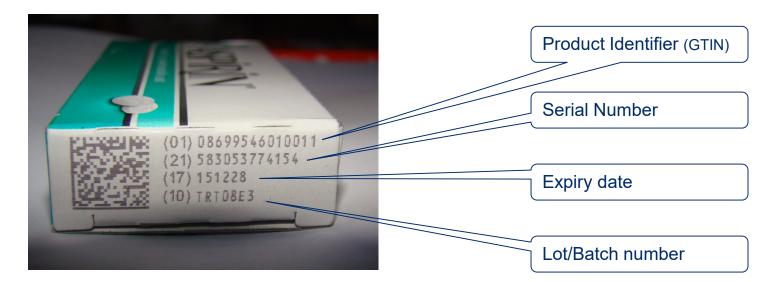
Note – Other than certain efficiency recommendations within the GS1 General Specifications, the order of AI's is not significant and should not be mandated.

Note – GTIN and serial number makes a product truly unique – serial numbers can be repeated with other GTIN's. Randomisation is today state of the art although not part of GS1 Gen Specs.



GS1 DataMatrix: The favored 2D carrier for pharmaceuticals



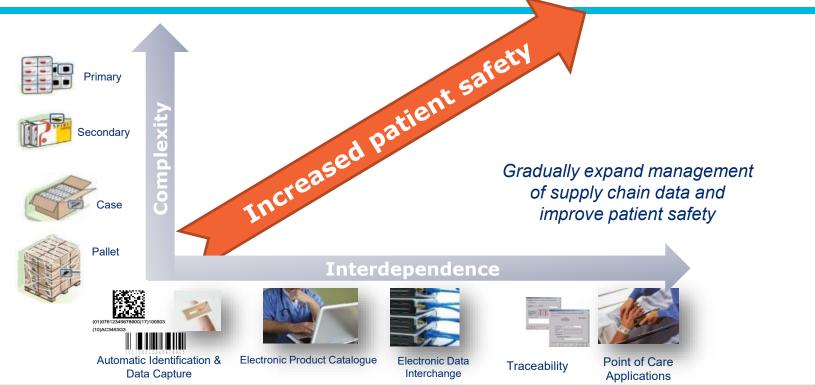


Note: These are the four data elements supported by regulators



For a secure healthcare supply chain







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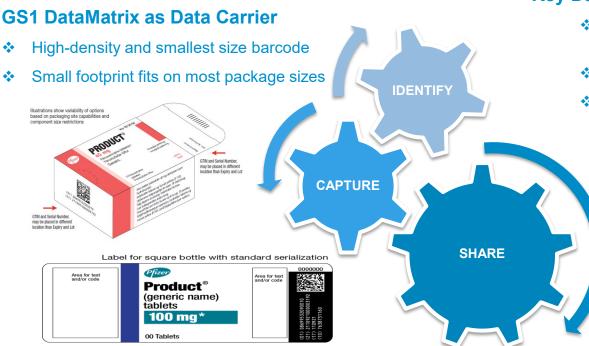


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GS1 Standards Application



Key Data Elements / Application Identifiers:

- GTIN (01) / Serial Number (21) / Expiry Date (17) / Lot Number (10)
- Unique identification of a unit
- Regulated by most worldwide mandates

GTIN (01) 00300694210304 SN (21) 100009876543 EXP (17) YYMMDD LOT (10) L102034



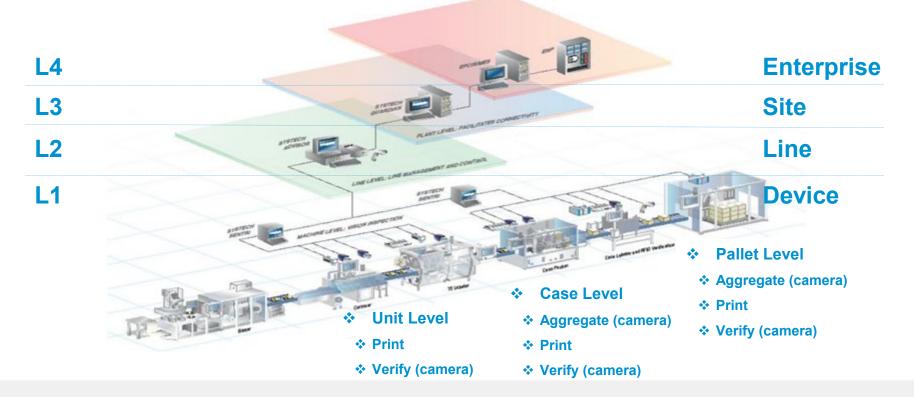
Interoperability

- 1. GDSN for master data
- 2. EDI for transaction data
- 3. EPCIS for event data
- Common language between partners



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Data Carriers at Different Levels





Challenges and Opportunities

Serialization regulations and requirements vary among countries.

Global harmonization on data content and carriers removing obstacles on cross border trading.



Cross industry stakeholders in healthcare supply chain collaborate to improve operational efficiency.













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