

Healthcare Supplier GLN Quick Start Guide

for implementing the GS1® Global Location Number (GLN)



If your company has joined the industry-wide movement to GLNs to improve the management of location information, the *Healthcare Supplier GLN Quick Start Guide* will help you to get started today. The *GLN Quick Start Guide* provides a brief overview of the steps and resources detailed in *The Healthcare Supplier Tool Kit* that are needed for a successful GLN implementation in your organization.

Select one of the three options shown based on your organization's member status. If you already have a GLN, you are a member of GS1 US™. If you do not have a GLN, then review the two Non GS1 US Member options shown on the next page and select the one that meets your business needs.



OPTION 1: GS1 US Member

- 1. Obtain an official company GLN by contacting GS1 US Customer Service at +1 937.610.4222**
- 2. Determine if there is an individual(s) within your company who assigns GLNs. Check with individuals who are participating in the following activities that require the use of GLNs:**
 - Participation in the Global Data Synchronization Network™ (GDSN®). A list of participating companies is available at www.GS1.org/gdsn/statistics
 - Does your company conduct any business in the retail/grocery/hard line sectors? If so, many companies in this sector, from Wal-Mart to SUPERVALU to Cabala's, require GLNs from their suppliers.
 - Check with your GPOs if they have requested GLNs from you in the past.
- 3. Utilize implementation tools provided by GS1 Healthcare US®**
 - GS1 Healthcare US GLN Supplier Tool Kit www.GS1US.org/hcsuptoolkit
 - Industry GLN adoption initiative www.GS1US.org/hcsunrise
 - GLN Industry Implementation Plan www.GS1US.org/hcsunrise
 - Use Cases on the GS1 US website www.GS1US.org/healthcare
 - Mayo Clinic / Cardinal Health GLN Implementation White Paper
 - STERIS Corporation – Right Products to the Right Places at the Right Times
 - BJC HealthCare GS1 Standards Implementation Case Study
 - Print Media – Leveling the Playing Field
 - GLN Industry Readiness Scorecards www.GS1US.org/hcscorecard
 - Lists organizations implementing GLNs
- 4. Attend the GLN Registry for Healthcare User Group meetings**
 - Meets monthly, 2nd Tuesday, 11:00 AM ET. Open to all.
 - Contact Brad Pedrow at GS1 Healthcare US for more information, bpedrow@gs1us.org
 - Ask questions, learn best practices from other industry members
 - Find business partners that are ready to use GLNs in transactions
- 5. Join the GLN Registry for Healthcare® online at www.GS1US.org/glnregistry**
 - Annual fee applies based on revenue
 - Use assigned GLN as address
 - Assign additional GLNs as business need dictates
- 6. Exchange Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) documents**
 - Begin using GLNs in EDI business transactions

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GS1 Healthcare US

GS1 Healthcare US is an industry group focused on driving the adoption and implementation of GS1 Standards in the healthcare industry to improve patient safety and supply chain efficiency. GS1 Healthcare US brings together members from all segments of the healthcare industry to address the supply chain issues that most impact healthcare in the U.S.

GLN Adoption in U.S. Healthcare

The goal of GLN adoption in U.S. healthcare is to use standardized location identification (GLNs) across all trading partners, which means:

- *GLNs are assigned by location owners.*
- *GLNs are used in appropriate business transactions and processes between trading partners.*
- *GLN hierarchy is defined and maintained by location owners.*
- *GLN Registry for Healthcare is used to facilitate correct location identification.*

OPTION 2: Non GS1 US Member joining GS1 US

- 1. Your business need requires joining GS1 US for a GS1 Company Prefix to create Global Trade Item Numbers (GTINs) for barcoding products and GLNs to identify locations to meet customer needs.**
 - Join GS1 US online at www.GS1US.org
 - Annual fee based on revenue
- 2. Determine responsible party within organization for GLN assignment (e.g., IT, Marketing, Supply Chain)**
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- 5. Assign GLN(s)**
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OPTION 3: Non GS1 US Member not joining GS1 US

- 1. If your company has no need for barcoding then obtain one GLN from GS1 US**
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Education

GS1 Healthcare US offers free webinars on a variety of topics to help you with your GS1 Standards implementation. A current schedule is available on our website at: www.GS1US.org/hcedu

Online Resources

*A complete listing of all GLN resources is available at: www.GS1US.org/glnregistry
Click on "GLN Sunrise Resources" in the Quick Links box.*



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