Stryker product
label transition

Stryker is updating our **product labels** to include **barcodes** that conform to standards created by GS1. This will better serve our customer's needs and enable Stryker to comply with the FDA's Unique Device Identification (UDI) regulation. GS1 develops and maintains standards for supply and demand chains across multiple sectors and is widely used across the healthcare industry today. With this transition, Stryker will support visibility across the entire supply chain, enabling consistent information transfer from manufacturing sites to hospitals, clinics, and patient treatment centers.

Over the next few years, you still start to see the **new GS1 barcode labels on Stryker products.** Most product labels will bear a linear barcode, however, due to space limitation, some product labels may ship with a two-line GS1 barcode or a 2D (also commonly known as a DataMatrix) barcode. As they become available, a product's unique identifier, or **Global Trade Item Number (GTIN)**, will be added to packing slips, invoices and other documents.

If you currently scan product barcodes into an inventory tracking system or during patient care, your barcode scanning system may need to be updated to recognize **Stryker's new use of the GS1-128 bar code format.**

Until existing product inventory is depleted, there may be Stryker products in circulation with either the former HIBCC standard barcode labels or the new GS1 standard barcode labels. **Your inventory scanning system may need to be configured to recognize both formats.**

What **tools** are available to help with the transition?

GTIN Download List

The GTIN Download Tool is a **cross-reference of Stryker products** that have started transitioning to the new labels. It provides an Excel table to assist in updating existing scanning systems to reflect the new label identifiers as they become available including information on product catalog number, manufacturing Division name, quantity of items included in the UDI package, and previous barcode data (if available). It is refreshed daily to include any new GTINs assigned to Stryker products.

Patient Label List

The Patient Label List is a **comprehensive list of all Stryker products** that are shipped with patient labels. This Excel table identifies which applicable barcodes and/or human readable information is contained on the **patient** labels.
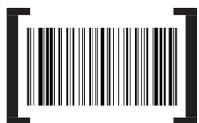
Ortho Kit Lists

The Ortho Kit Lists are provided as a **solution to help track products** used during implant surgeries. Clinical staff can scan **product device identifier** (GTIN) information with the barcodes on the sortable lists for hospital sterilized products that are separated from their original UDI packaging.

Questions?
Please send questions or comments to UDIQuestions@stryker.com.