

## **Kaiser Permanente GS1 Barcode Compliance Survey**

In our continuing efforts to promote the mission of the Healthcare Transformation Group (HTG), Kaiser Permanente (KP) has recently completed a GS1 Barcode Compliance Survey within selected KP facilities.

While this is just an initial view of selected sites and Procedure Rooms, not a comprehensive analysis of KP's inventory as a whole, what we found was interesting enough to merit sharing with a broader audience. We believe sharing this information helps to provide a perspective on the daily challenges clinicians face as they handle medical supplies, implants, and devices as they deliver patient care.

The survey simply reflects a current snapshot of the GS1labeled inventory in selected Procedure Rooms at selected KP facilities. The study is not meant to represent the healthcare industry as a whole, or portray GS1 labeling penetration across any particular suppliers' product lines, or show the progress or intentions of any suppliers regarding GS1 standards.

We surveyed over 33,000 unique SKU's in KP Operating Rooms, and noted all barcode types affixed to each product. GS1 Barcodes were visible on approximately 35 percent of the surveyed inventory.

We have provided breakout barcoding data on products from 16 of the HTG's top 20 most common suppliers. Not all 20 are represented because inventory from all 20 suppliers was not necessarily represented at the time of the survey at the relevant KP facilities.

Please keep in mind that the metrics presented are not representative of the combined statistics of all HTG member organizations. Statistics at HTG organizations other than KP may vary since each uses additional vendors and product lines.

| <b>Manufacturer</b>     | <b>% of Inventory labeled with a GS1 Barcode @ KP Facilities</b> |
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| COVIDIEN                | 80%  |
| SYNTHES                 | 0%   |
| MEDLINE INDUSTRIES      | 77%  |
| BOSTON SCIENTIFIC       | 0%   |
| BECTON DICKINSON        | 58%  |
| COOK MEDICAL            | 93%  |
| STRYKER                 | 1%   |
| ZIMMER                  | 0%   |
| SMITH & NEPHEW          | 0%   |
| MEDTRONIC               | 62%  |
| ETHICON                 | 1%   |
| ABBOTT LABORATORIES     | 83%  |
| DEPUY                   | 18%  |
| CARDINAL HEALTH         | 75%  |
| ST. JUDE MEDICAL        | 100%   |
| PHILIPS MEDICAL SYSTEMS | 6%   |

As a committed member of the Healthcare Transformation Group, Kaiser Permanente will continue to share similar information as it becomes available to help move the healthcare field forward in terms of data transparency and patient safety.

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