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Industry Collaboration Offers Two Upcoming GLN Implementation Workshops

- Sessions to take place April 25 in New Jersey and June 4 in Las Vegas
- Instructors introduce best practices to implement GS1 Global Location Number (GLN) for consistent, accurate location and account identification
- Complimentary training for provider and supplier healthcare supply-chain professionals

LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J. (March 15, 2012) – Registration is now open for two upcoming GLN Implementation Workshops designed to introduce best practices for GS1 Global Location Number implementation. Healthcare supply-chain professionals from provider, manufacturer and distributor organizations are invited to participate in either or both of these sessions:

- Weds., April 25, from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, Sweigert Hall, Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ
- Mon., June 4, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, Aria Resort & Casino, Las Vegas.

Space is limited to 60 attendees. For registration information and agenda, visit www.gs1us.org/hcGLNworkshop.

[The GLN Implementation Workshops, scheduled several times a year, are](#) co-sponsored by the Association for Healthcare Resource and Materials Management (AHRMM), GS1 Healthcare US, the Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA), and the Strategic Marketplace Initiative (SMI).

The workshop co-sponsors are the leading organizations that have been consistently supportive of supply-chain data standards adoption in healthcare.

“SMI is proud to be a part of this industry-wide collaborative effort,” said Tom Hughes, SMI executive director. “These workshops are designed to create a starting point for organizations to both implement and use the GLN.”

“AHRMM is pleased to be a part of this collaboration to help industry professionals adopt and utilize the GLN,” noted Bill Stitt, president of AHRMM. “Through increased adoption, the benefits of the GLN will begin to be realized.”

“The group purchasing members of HSCA/CHeS have rolled up their sleeves along with their provider members to actively engage the GLN Registry, to review and validate all GLNs and



hierarchy, and to begin transacting,” said HSCA President Curtis Rooney. “The potential of greater efficiency, savings and patient safety are too compelling not to do so.”

Many healthcare entities are in the process of implementing the GLN, or GS1 Global Location Number, which allows them to consistently and accurately identify locations. The workshop is designed specifically for data managers, electronic data interchange (EDI) professionals, and other supply-chain professionals with front-line responsibility for implementing the GLN in healthcare organizations. Attendees will leave with the information and training needed to begin GLN implementation within their organizations.

The workshop features instruction from both provider- and supplier-based faculty who have implemented the GLN, and a GS1 Healthcare US expert will give a live tutorial on the GLN Registry for Healthcare[®]. Participants will also have the opportunity to work one-on-one with faculty experts to review their individual hierarchies, GLNs and the GLN validation process.

Participants will be provided with their current Registry data and have the opportunity to review and validate GLNs at the workshop.

Future workshops are being scheduled for September in Seattle and November at Ohio State University. The details for those will be announced in summer 2012.

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Space in the workshop is limited – only the first 60 registrants will be enrolled in order to maximize the interaction throughout the one-day session. There is no registration fee for the workshop, but attendees will be responsible for their own travel expenses.

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About GLN

The GS1 Global Location Number (GLN) is a globally recognized identification number used to identify and link legal entities, trading partners and customer locations in electronic commerce activities. The use of standardized location identification not only ensures that the right product arrives at the right place at the right time, it also enables more efficient business practices and helps to drive down supply chain costs. www.gs1us.org/hcsunrise

About AHRMM

The Association for Healthcare Resource & Materials Management is the leading national association for executives in the healthcare resource and materials management profession. A professional membership group of the American Hospital Association, AHRMM serves more than 4,200 active members. Founded in 1962, AHRMM prepares its members to contribute to the field and advance the profession through networking, education, recognition, and advocacy. For more information, visit www.ahrmm.org.

About GS1 Healthcare US®

GS1 Healthcare US is an industry group that focuses on driving the adoption and implementation of GS1 Standards in the healthcare industry in the United States 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 United States. Facilitated by GS1 US, GS1 Healthcare US is one of sixty-six local GS1 Healthcare user groups around the world that supports the adoption and implementation of global standards developed by GS1. For more information, visit www.gs1us.org/healthcare

About HSCA

The Healthcare Supply Chain Association, formerly the Health Industry Group Purchasing Association, is a broad-based trade association that represents 15 group purchasing organizations, including for-profit and not-for-profit corporations, purchasing groups, associations, multi-hospital systems and healthcare provider alliances. HSCA's mission is to advocate on behalf of healthcare group purchasing associations, to provide educational opportunities designed to improve efficiencies in the purchase, sale and utilization of all goods and services within the health industry and to promote meaningful dialogue between GPOs. For more information, visit www.supplychainassociation.org.

About SMI

The Strategic Marketplace Initiative (SMI) is a not-for-profit consortium of executives representing healthcare providers, medical supply chain companies and other businesses united to reengineer, shape, and advance the future of the healthcare supply chain. SMI provides a venue where collaborative teams work together to address industry issues and implement best practices through improved operational efficiencies. Formed to act as a change agent for healthcare, SMI seeks to introduce non-healthcare related best practices and technologies to the healthcare supply chain. For more information visit, www.smisupplychain.com