

GS1 – ICCBBA COLLABORATION PROJECTS STATUS

Derivatives:

Goal: This work group is developing standardized labeling for blood derivatives that can be read by either GS1 or ISBT 128 compatible software. The labeling of derivatives is problematic because within some healthcare facilities, some products are handled by the pharmacy and others by the blood bank. Thus the label must meet the needs of both the pharmacy and the blood bank.

Coordinator: Alicia Duval (GS1)

Status: An international meeting has been scheduled for June 20, 2008 in Toronto, Canada. This meeting will bring together stakeholders (users, manufacturers, quality assurance specialists, and regulators) to discuss requirements for labeling derivatives.

Manufacturer Information

Goal: This work group is developing standardized labeling for blood containers and associated packaging. Currently, blood containers have ISBT 128 codes and blood container cartons have GS1 labels. Intermediate packaging (pouches) may, or may not, have GS1 labels.

Facilities need to be able to receive cartons of blood containers, enter them into their computer systems, and then decrement amounts as containers (or pouches) are used. Therefore, there must be mapping between the GS1 coding and the ISBT 128 coding.

Coordinators: Christian Hay (GS1) and Pat Distler (ICCBBA)

Status: Several conference calls have occurred. A draft document will be developed and presented for international consultation.

Patient Identifiers

Goal: This work group is developing standardized identifiers for patients. These identifiers could be used on such items as patient wristbands, biological samples, and corresponding documentation. Since these identifiers may be used in conjunction with pharmaceutical and blood products, both pharmacy and laboratory systems must be able to read and interpret them.

Coordinator:

Status: First conference call of workgroup was March 7, 2008.