Use of GS1 standards to improve patient safety in the home

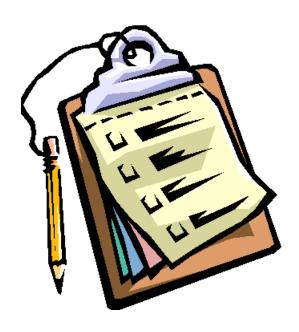


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Agenda

- What did we do (issue)
- How did we hear about GS1
- What role did GS1 Play
- Where is GS1 used in our system(s)
- How did we undertake implementation
- Outcomes What worked/didn't, what we would do differently
- Advice for others





What is Haemophilia?



- Haemophilia is a hereditary bleeding disorder caused by a deficiency of a clotting factor (protein)
- Characterised by excessive bleeding even after minor injury
- Incidence is between 1:5,000 and 1: 10,000 Males
- The treatment of haemophilia involves the replacement of the clotting factor (previously prepared from pooled blood) using a concentrated preparation "Clotting Factor Concentrate" (CFC)
- Patients self medicate in the home (Prophylaxis)



ISSUEWhat triggered the initiative?



Catastrophic Event

- Infection of patients with Hepatitis C and HIV due to contaminated blood products. Infected products remained in the supply chain after recall leading to subsequent infection
- Over 100 patients died
- Lindsey Tribunal



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Medication delivery – Where we were







How did we hear about GS1

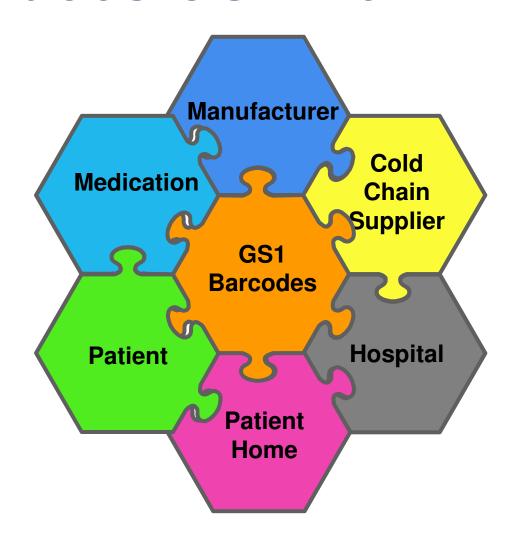


In 2003 we were approached by GS1 Ireland regarding how the GS1 standards could assist in the medication delivery process

- Unique identification (barcode) of patient PMGSRN
- Unique identification (barcode) of medication Serialised GTIN (+Lot + Expiry)
- Unique identification (barcode) of locations (Hospital/Home/Pharmacy/Transport) - GLN



Where does GS1 Fit?





Where is GS1 in our systems?





GS1 standard barcode on medication (serialised GTIN)



EPR modified to produce
GS1 identifiers
(PMGSRN,GLN)
T&T system built to track
medication through
Hospital



All medication has **GS1** barcode either labelled at source or overlabelled



Each patient home identified with a **GS1** GLN



Rewrote their WMS to accept **GS1** identifiers and produce GS1 barcode for medication where necessary



Mobile Phone (cellphone) App used to scan **GS1** barcode and record medication compliance



What role did GS1 play?



- Reviewed our processes and indicated where GS1 standards could add value
- Educated medication suppliers and system solution providers about why and how to implement GS1 standards
- Provided on going advice throughout the implementation and beyond
- Worked with solution providers to embed GS1 identifier capture and generation in their systems





Once in place, how do we use GS1 standards?













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Identify











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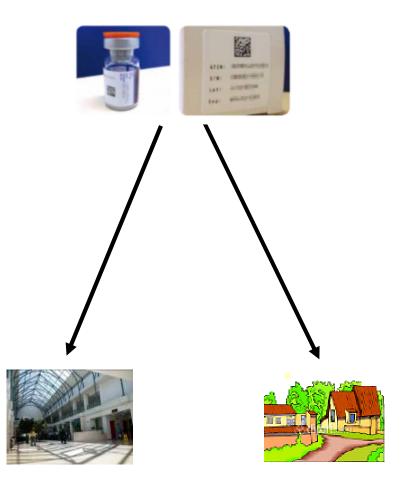
Batch/lot Number

Serial Number



Capture









Smartphones with scanning App





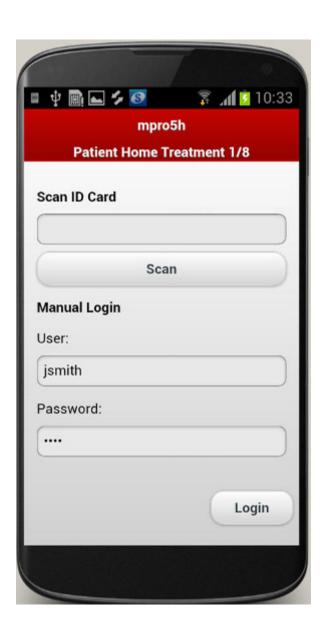


Log-in

Secure Login by

- Username/Password or
- Scanning unique GS1 ID on Card





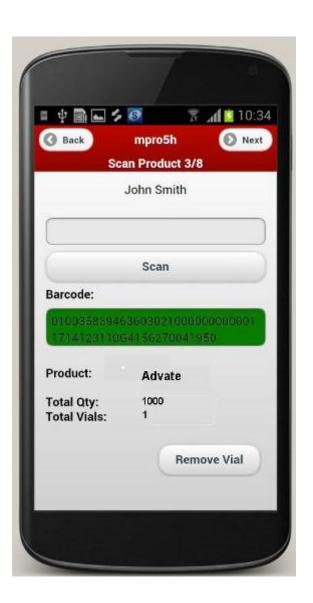


Scan Product

Barcode on Vial box is scanned to check

- Product detail (prescription)
- Expiry date
- Recall status

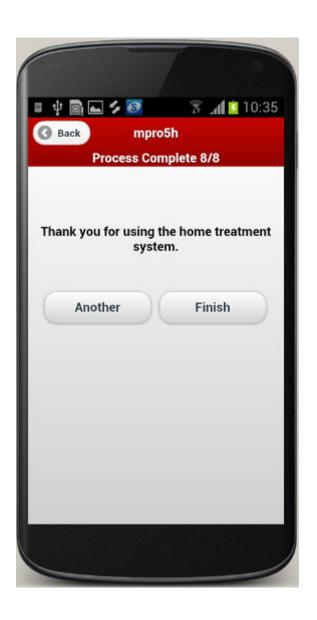






Process Complete

Process concludes, system synchronises data wirelessly to web application

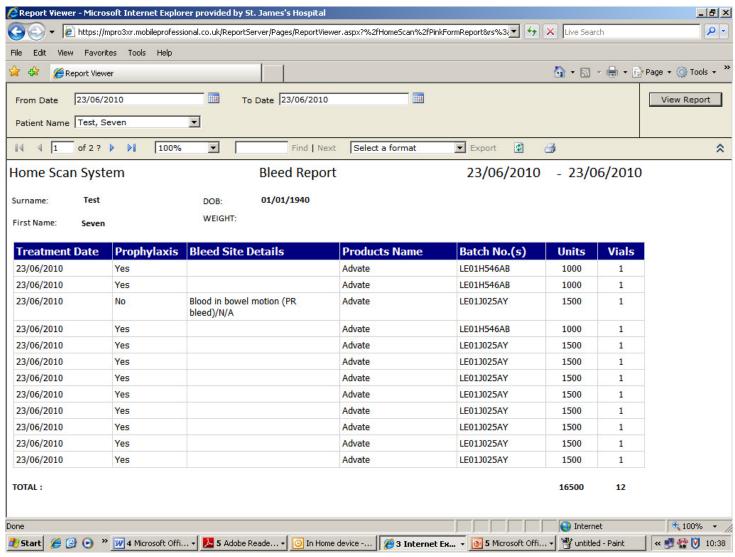




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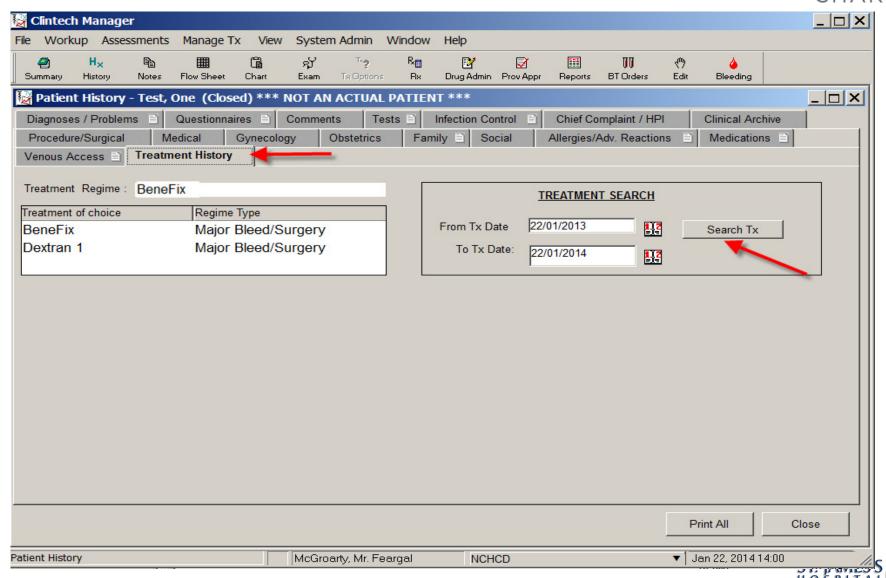




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Haemophilia Project Timeline



Cold Chain
distribution service
for medication
commenced Haemo

Haemophilia EPR implemented

Datamatrix barcodes

Start of migration from linear to GS1 2D (Datamatrix) barcodes on medication

Smartphone App

First 20 patients commence scanning with smartphone App



GS1 Barcodes

barcodes (linear) implementation on medication and embedded in Cold Chain delivery service



Hospital tracking

Hospital track and trace of haemophilia medication using barcode scanning implemented

Patient data integration

Patient home treatment data from App fully integrated with EPR



Immediate outcomes post implementation of Smartphone App



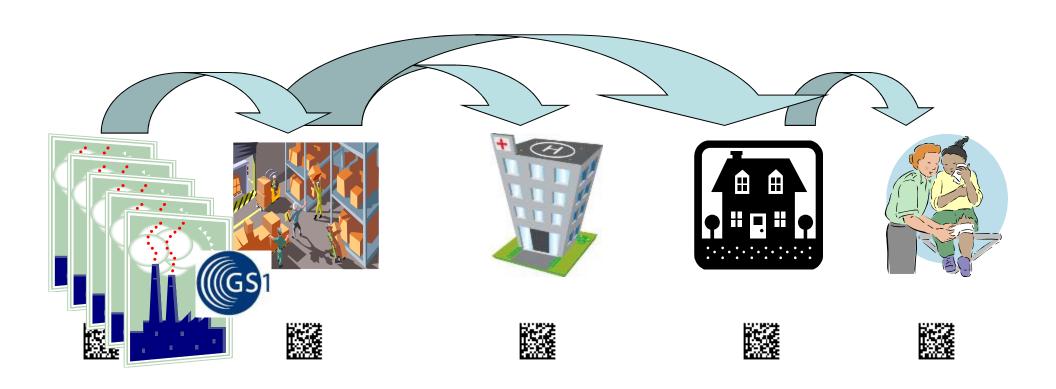
(launched June 2010)

- Real-time recall alert
- Timeliness of infusion
- Prescription compliance (2000iu instead of recommended 1750iu)
- Automatic compliance (no manual record keeping)
- Compliance > 90% (for those with phone App)
- Real-time Alerts for specific bleeds
- Patient empowerment
- Significant savings (over €70,000 within first 3 months with only 20 users)





Where we are





What worked, what didn't?



- Still over labelling for some medications
- Still lack of understanding by solution suppliers of what "GS1 compliance" means
- The hospital was required to pay for 3rd party system modifications
- Even with the documented outcomes and learnings, the template has not been adopted by other disease groups such as Orphan Drugs and Vaccines

Why?

- Lack of strong clinical sponsorship/leadership
- Lack of funding
- Lack of awareness of GS1
- Cost of system modifications (solution providers)
- Priorities



Advice....



- Use GS1 as a resource
- When going to tender for any system, build GS1 standards into the requirement specifications
- Add your GS1 MO to your system tender team
- Look at GS1 reference books for examples of implementations
- Find a strong clinical advocate
- Use the FMD, UDI and US DSCSA legislation as a business case
- Quick wins are always good!



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Remember, GS1 standards are just a tool.....





Thank you for listening!



