GS1 Healthcare US

Healthcare Supplier GLN Quick Start Guide

For implementing the GS1 Global Location Number (GLN)

If your company has joined the industry-wide movement to GLNs to improve the management of location information, the Healthcare Supplier GLN Quick Start Guide will help you to get started today.

The GLN Quick Start Guide provides a brief overview of the steps and resources detailed in the Healthcare Supplier GLN Tool Kit that are needed for a successful GLN implementation in your organization.

Select one of the three options shown based on your organization's member status with GS1 US®. If you already have a GS1 Company Prefix, you are a member of GS1 US. If you do not have a GS1 Company Prefix, then review the two non-GS1 US member options shown on the following pages and select the one that meets your business needs.

GLN Implementation in U.S. Healthcare

The goal of GLN implementation in U.S. healthcare is to use standardized location identification (GLNs) across all trading partners, which means:

• GLNs are assigned by location owners.

• GLNs are used in appropriate business transactions and processes between trading partners.

• GLN hierarchy is defined and maintained by location owners.

• GS1 US Data Hub® | Location is used to facilitate correct location identification.

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Option 1: GS1 US Member With a GS1 Company Prefix

1. If you are already a member of GS1 US with a GS1 Company Prefix, your company has access to the GS1 US Data Hub | Location tool and you can create and manage GLNs for your own locations at no charge.

Please check our website to learn more about GS1 US Data Hub | Location: www.gs1us.org/tools/gs1-us-data-hub/location.

- Your company's Entity GLN is preloaded in GS1 US Data Hub | Location and will serve as the top level of your GLN hierarchy.

- Assign additional GLNs as business need dictates.

- Check the "Validate Location" box in GS1 US Data Hub | Location to show that you are regularly reviewing your GLNs.

2. Determine if there is an individual within your company who assigns GLNs. Check with individuals who are participating in the following activities that require the use of GLNs:

- Participation in the Global Data Synchronization Network™ (GDSN®). A list of participating companies is available at www.gs1.org/gdsn/certified-data-pools.

- Does your company conduct any business in the retail, grocery, hardline, or healthcare sectors? If so, many companies in these sectors require GLNs from their suppliers.

- Check with your Group Purchasing Organizations (GPOs) to determine if they have requested GLNs from you in the past.

3. Utilize implementation tools provided by GS1 Healthcare US, including:

- Healthcare Supplier GLN Tool Kit
- GLN Industry Implementation Plan
- Use cases on the GS1 US website

A complete listing is available at: www.gs1us.org/hcglnresources.

4. If you wish to view and use GLNs from your trading partners, please subscribe to GS1 US Data Hub | Location View/Use with the Export option.
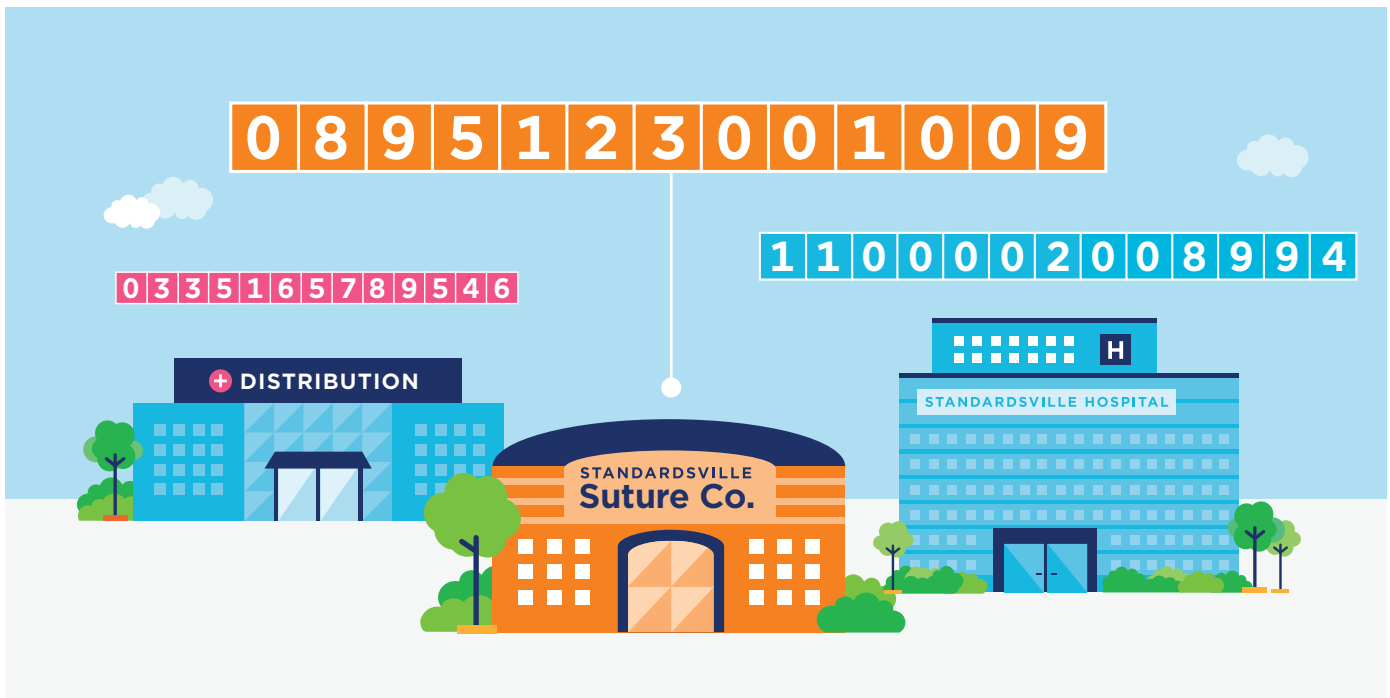
- Annual fees apply, based on the options you choose and the number of users: www.gs1us.org/tools/gs1-us-data-hub/location.

5. Attend the GS1 US Data Hub | Location User Group meetings.

- Meets once per quarter, second month, third Thursday, 11:00 AM ET.

- Apply for membership through the GS1 US Community Room: community.gs1us.org/join or community.gs1us.org/apps/org/workgroup/dhlocusers.

- Ask questions and learn best practices from other industry members.

- Find business partners that are ready to use GLNs in transactions.

6. Exchange Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) documents.

- Begin using GLNs in EDI business transactions.

Option 2: Non-GS1 US Member Joining GS1 US

1. **Your business needs require joining GS1 US for a GS1 Company Prefix to create Global Trade Item Numbers (GTINs) for barcoding products and GLNs to identify locations to meet customer needs.**

   - Join GS1 US online at www.gs1us.org.

   - GS1 Company Prefix fees are based on the GTIN®/GLN capacity of the prefix.

   - Establish your password to the GS1 US User Portal (our online member center) as soon as you receive your welcome email.

2. **Determine responsible party within your organization for GLN assignment (e.g., IT, Marketing, Supply Chain).**

3. **Utilize implementation tools provided by GS1 Healthcare US, including:**

   - Healthcare Supplier GLN Tool Kit
   - GLN Industry Implementation Plan
   - Use cases on the GS1 US website

   A complete listing is available at: www.gs1us.org/hcglnresources.

4. **Assign GLN(s).**

   - By licensing a GS1 Company Prefix through GS1 US, you automatically have access to the GS1 US Data Hub | Location Create/Manage tool for creating and managing GLN data at no additional cost.

   - Your company's Entity GLN is preloaded in GS1 US Data Hub | Location and will serve as the top level of your GLN hierarchy.

   - Assign additional GLNs as business need dictates.

   - Check the "Validate Location" box in GS1 US Data Hub | Location to show that you are regularly reviewing your GLNs.

5. **View and use your trading partners' GLNs.**

   - If you wish to view and use GLNs from your trading partners, please subscribe to GS1 US Data Hub | Location View/Use with the Export option.

   - Annual fees apply, based on the options you choose and the number of users: www.gs1us.org/tools/gs1-us-data-hub/location.

6. **Attend the GS1 US Data Hub | Location User Group meetings.**

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   - Find business partners that are ready to use GLNs in transactions.

7. **Exchange Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) documents.**

   - Begin using GLNs in EDI business transactions.

Option 3: Non-GS1 US Member Not Joining GS1 US

1. **If your company has no need for a GS1 Company Prefix, you can still sign up for GS1 US Data Hub | Location as a View/Use subscriber, allowing you to search for and export GLN information for your business partners who also use the tool.**

   - Annual fees apply, based on your subscription options and the number of users accessing the tool: www.gs1us.org/tools/gs1-us-data-hub/location.

2. **Utilize implementation tools provided by GS1 Healthcare US, including:**

   - Healthcare Supplier GLN Tool Kit
   - GLN Industry Implementation Plan
   - Use cases on the GS1 US website

   A complete listing is available at: www.gs1us.org/hcglnresources.

3. **Exchange Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) documents**

   - Begin using GLNs in EDI business transactions.

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