



# GS1 Description Tip Sheet

## Key Descriptors to include, if applicable:

- STERILE
- NON-STERILE
- LATEX
- NON-LATEX
- SINGLE USE DISPOSABLE
- SINGLE PATIENT USE DISPOSABLE
- MULTI PATIENT USE REUSABLE
- STERILE SINGLE PATIENT USE (for items like implants i.e.: stents, grafts, etc.)

## General Guidelines

- Start description off with the **product type (noun)** then **product type (adjective/product descriptor)** followed by **common (size)**, **secondary (key descriptors above)** and **additional (material, form, shape)** descriptive elements  
i.e.: **SOLUTION IRRIGATION NORMAL SALINE 100ML NON-LATEX SINGLE PATIENT USE DISPOSABLE FLEXIBLE POUR BOTTLE**
- Use long descriptions and not abbreviations
- All caps
- No commas
- No brand names
- No additional spaces
- Do not include words such as premium, economy, etc.
- Include product size in product description i.e.: SMALL, 16F
- No space between the numeric and unit of measure
- For commodities do not include product dimensions in product description i.e.: 4MM x 4MM GAUZE, rather place this information in the size column
- For non-commodities include product dimensions in product description i.e.: PTA BALLOON 2MM X 60MM X 90CM would all be in the product description
- Unit of measure will be the industry standard i.e.: French for catheter lumen, inches for gauge, etc., if there is no industry standard use the metric system
- Do not include product packaging information