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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Proposed Rule for Bar Code Label for Human Drug Products and Blood Products. Fed Reg. 68(50),
Friday March 15, 2003

To Whom It May Concern:

I support the proposed rule and have some specifics related to my specialty practice that warrant consideration. My specialty is in nutrition support, particularly parenteral nutrition. I have had opportunity to evaluate events related to safe practices for parenteral nutrition over the past several years. Bar coding has the potential for improving safety by having an accurate means of identify products being admixed in parenteral nutrition formulations. Problematic drugs and nutrient additives include insulin, magnesium, calcium, dextrose and sterile water. Requiring a bar code on these products will assist with their identification throughout the compounding process.

Hopefully, this provides you with a specific example of how the Bar code rule will impact one specialty practice area that is known to be problematic.

Sincerely,

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