

Commonly Used Symbols

A glossary of symbols used on MediPurpose Packaging and Labeling

Symbol	Explanatory text
Catalogue number	 Indicates the manufacturer's catalogue number so that the medical device can be identified.
Batch code	 Indicates the manufacturer's batch code so that the batch or lot can be identified.
Keep dry	 Indicates a medical device that needs to be protected from moisture.
Manufacturer	 Indicates the medical device manufacturer
Date of manufacture	 Indicates the date when the medical device was manufactured.
Use-by date	 Indicates the date after which the medical device is not to be used.
Consult instructions for use or consult electronic instructions for use	 Indicates the need for the user to consult the instructions for use.

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Caution	 Indicates that caution is necessary when operating the device or control close to where the symbol is placed, or that the current situation needs operator awareness or operator action in order to avoid undesirable consequences.
Do not reuse	 Indicates a medical device that is intended for one single use only.
EU Authorized representative	 Indicates the authorized representative in the European Community.
EC Authorized representative	 Indicates the authorized representative in the European Community
Sterilized using irradiation	 Indicates a medical device that has been sterilized using irradiation.
This way up	 To indicate correct upright position of the transport package.
Do not use if package is damaged and consult instructions for use	 Indicates that a medical device that should not be used if the package has been damaged or opened and that the user should consult the instructions for use for additional information.

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Unique device identifier	 Indicates a carrier that contains unique device identifier information, including the AIDC and human readable information.
Do not resterilize	 Indicates a medical device that is not to be resterilized.
Single Sterile barrier system	 Indicates a single sterile barrier system.
Fragile, handle with care	 Indicates a medical device that can be broken or damaged if not handled carefully.
CE marking of Conformity	 The CE marking shall consist of the initials 'CE'. The various components of the CE marking shall have substantially the same vertical dimension, which may not be less than 5mm. This minimum dimension may be waived for small-scale devices.

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Medical device	 Indicates the item is a medical device.
UKCA marking	 This symbol shall be at least 5mm in height unless a different minimum dimension is specified in the relevant legislation.
Temperature limit	 Indicates the temperature limits to which the medical device can be safely exposed.
Distributor	 Indicates the entity distributing the medical device into the locale.
Importer	 Indicates the entity importing the medical device into the locale.
Humidity limitation	 Indicates the range of humidity to which the medical device can be safely exposed.

