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**Bar Codes Check into Hospitals**

Abbott Park, Illinois — New technology is putting bar codes on single-unit containers of medicine previously considered too small for standard bar codes. Abbott Laboratories is the first company to introduce this technology commercially on injectable pharmaceuticals and IV solutions products. Today, Abbott pledged to affix bar codes to 100 percent of these products — more than 1,000 in total — by early 2003 as part of an industry-leading initiative to help reduce medication errors and enhance patient safety.

**Bar Code Photo
(with small vial)**

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