

### **Medical Supplies Free of Charge to VA Health Care Facilities**

The Department of Defense has donated a number of medical supplies to the Department of Veterans Affairs. VA's National Acquisition Center coordinated this effort.

The VA Service and Distribution Center (SDC) located in Building 37 on the Hines, Illinois VA campus has received these surplus medical supplies, totaling 168 pallets with a value of approximately \$976,933. They consist of a variety of wound dressings and tape including large amounts of 4 inch x 4 inch gauze topper bandages, waterproof tape, and several different type and size elastic bandages along with smaller quantities of iodoform packing strips and latex free bandages.

To centrally manage the inventory, SDC personnel have entered the items into the FP Orders System, along with appropriate issue limits, so that VA Medical Centers around the country can view the available items and place orders for them electronically just as is done for other items SDC manages, such as forms and publications, and interment flags.

At each VA station there are staff that routinely order forms and publications or other supplies who can place an order for you utilizing the FP Orders System. SPD staff can also assist you. In the unlikely event that you need to establish a new FP Orders System account, contact your local Automated Customer Registration System representative (ACRS) or Information Security Officer (ISO). The Austin Automation Help Desk can be reached at (512) 326-6780 if you are unsure who that is at your local station.

Ordering activities will receive goods at no charge, with freight and/or parcel charges absorbed centrally. These types of supplies are included in the VA product standardization program. However, the specific brands of items obtained from DOD were not selected as the VA standardized products, although they were reviewed by VA clinical evaluation groups as part of the selection process and found to be acceptable. They were not selected due to price or other best value considerations. As a result, facilities are being given a temporary waiver from the VA standardization program to use these products. Once the supplies are completely utilized, facilities will be expected to resume order the VA standardized product.

Further descriptions and issue limits are below. For your reference, the last four digits of the order number used in FP Orders (below) represent the actual J&J part number. If the supplies are not exhausted within a period, yet to be determined, they will be made available to other government agencies.

For additional information, please e-mail the SDC Chief, Operations Division, John Peters at [john.peters@med.va.gov](mailto:john.peters@med.va.gov) or review information on-line at <http://vawww.va.gov/oamm/sdc/medsupnote.pdf>

<b>FP Order Number</b>	<b>Quantity Available</b>	<b>Unit of Issue</b>	<b>Items Per Case</b>	<b>Description (All Johnson &amp; Johnson Products)</b>	<b>Issue Limit (Cases)</b>
L72436	5,381	Case	1200	Topper Dressing Sponges 4"x4"	75
L75135	846	Case	48	Water Proof Tape 3"x10yds	5
L77017	867	Case	72	DYNA-FLEX Elastic Bandage 4"x5yds - Nylon Fastening Strip	20
L77006	3,598	Case	48	DYNA-FLEX Latex Free Elastic Bandage 6"x5yds	20
L77021	2,933	Case	48	DYNA-FLEX Elastic Bandage 6"x5yds - Nylon Fastening Strip	20
L78758	309	Case	12	NU Gauze Packing Strips Iodoform 2"x5yds *	5

\* Expiration Date of September 2004