



# A GUIDE TO ALLIANCE HEALTHCARE

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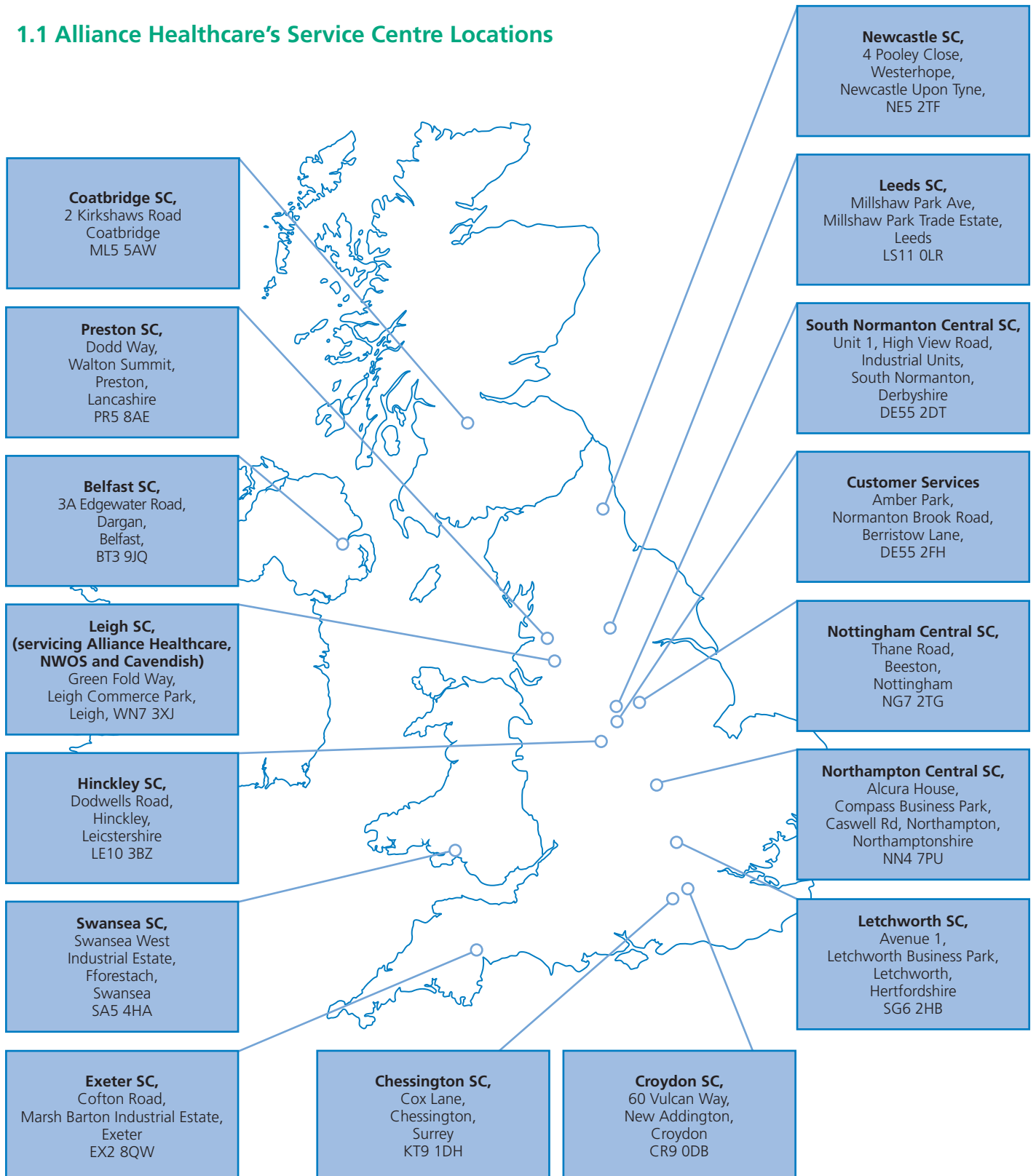
# 1. Introduction

'A guide to Alliance Healthcare' aims to provide you with a full understanding of the different processes involved in trading with Alliance Healthcare to ensure that this trading relationship runs smoothly. This easy-to-read guide is supported throughout by annotated diagrams and step-by-step instructions to ensure a clear and concise understanding of our processes and paperwork. We hope that this manual will assist in your future briefings of new personnel and act as a reference guide for queries and clarification on Alliance Healthcare's service.

Alliance Healthcare is absolutely committed to offering you the very best level of service. Operating in pharmaceutical wholesale for over 80 years, we have a real understanding of the industry and your business needs. High quality service and customer care is our number one priority and we look forward to demonstrating this to you in the future.

# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Alliance Healthcare's Service Centre Locations



# 1. Introduction

## 1.2 Alliance Healthcare's Contact Details

**For standard orders, enquiries and general support:**

### Customer Service

Opening times: 9.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 12.00pm Saturday

Telephone: 0330 100 0448

Email: [customerservice@alliance-healthcare.co.uk](mailto:customerservice@alliance-healthcare.co.uk)

Fax: Retail Customers 01773 819321

### Alliance Healthcare Specials:

Opening times: 8:30am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday

Telephone: 0344 854 4998

Email: [specials.orders@alliance-healthcare.co.uk](mailto:specials.orders@alliance-healthcare.co.uk)

Fax: 0845 051 8779

**For support on schemes and discounts:**

### Customer solutions and offer support

Opening times: 9:30am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday

Telephone: 0800 032 0579\*

Email: [customer.solutions@alliance-healthcare.co.uk](mailto:customer.solutions@alliance-healthcare.co.uk)

**For enquiries related to surcharges:**

### Commercial Customer Service

Opening times: 9:30am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday

Telephone: 0344 854 4997

Email: [commercial.customerservice@alliance-healthcare.co.uk](mailto:commercial.customerservice@alliance-healthcare.co.uk)

**To speak to a healthcare professional about alternative product solutions:**

### Surgical advice line

Opening times: 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday

Telephone: 0845 7023 356

Email: [surgicaladvice@alliance-healthcare.co.uk](mailto:surgicaladvice@alliance-healthcare.co.uk)

Fax: 0800 316 7116

Please note that in the event that the advice line is not available to take calls or respond to messages, we cannot take responsibility for customers failing to seek further advice from elsewhere.

\*Calls are free on the BT network. Mobile and other network costs may vary.

# 1. Introduction

## 1.3 Useful Numbers

**For technical support using Alliance Healthcare Direct and for any PMR related issues:**

### **Alliance Healthcare Customer IT**

**Opening times:** 9:00am to 5:30pm Monday to Friday

**Email:** [customer.IT@alliance-healthcare.co.uk](mailto:customer.IT@alliance-healthcare.co.uk)

**For queries regarding payment terms, direct debit instructions and other account matters:**

### **Alliance Healthcare Customer Finance**

**0203 044 8960** Retail

**0203 044 8950** Hospital

**0203 044 8928** National Multiples

### **Prescription Validation Service contact details:**

**Telephone:** 0330 102 8412

**Fax:** 0330 332 8126

**Email:** [scriptvalidation@alliance-healthcare.co.uk](mailto:scriptvalidation@alliance-healthcare.co.uk)

## 1.4 Emergency Service Provision

Alliance Healthcare provides a twenty-four hour Emergency Service Provision, (for which there is a fee).

In the event that this service is required please contact our Customer Service number **0330 100 0448**, who will alert the Duty Manager who will then contact you directly to manage the request.

The process is as follows:

- Quote account name, a contact name and a contact telephone number
- Provide details of the product required
- The Service Centre Duty Manager will contact you to confirm product availability and estimated time and place of delivery.

### **Reporting Adverse Events,**

If you need to report an adverse event for a medicine or medical device, please use the Yellow Card Scheme following the link <https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/>

# 2. Customer Service

## 2.1 Range of Services

At Alliance Healthcare we aim to provide you with a dynamic, efficient service that is responsive to your needs.

The Customer Service Team has a broad knowledge of Alliance Healthcare activities and is able to resolve many queries, examples of these include:-

- Product availability
- Delivery information
- Using the Alliance Healthcare Portal

When it is not possible to resolve a customer query immediately, the Customer Service Team will ensure that it is directed to the most appropriate person within the Alliance Healthcare organisation.

Alliance Healthcare is committed to offering you the very best level of service. Customer care is our number one priority and we always encourage your feedback so should you have any issues or concerns, please contact us so we can help you. Alternatively please complete our feedback form on our website: [www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/contact-us/feedback](http://www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/contact-us/feedback).

## 2.2 Placing Orders

Orders to Alliance Healthcare should be submitted electronically. Your PMR system will generally be pre-configured with the relevant dial-up or broadband settings for placing an order with Alliance Healthcare.

On completion of the transmission you will receive confirmation of order receipt and details of any lines that may be out of stock. A key to the stock notices is listed below:-

- P - Temporarily out of stock, please re-order
- M - Stock not available from the manufacturer
- R - Regret not stocked by Alliance Healthcare (Service Centre)
- U - Discontinued by the manufacturer
- A - Available, stock restrictions may apply

In the event that you are unable to transmit an order in accordance with the standard process, you should contact our Customer Service Team on 0330 100 0448 and select option 1.

If you need help configuring your PMR system, please contact Alliance Healthcare's Customer IT Support on [customer.IT@alliance-healthcare.co.uk](mailto:customer.IT@alliance-healthcare.co.uk)

## 2.3 Order Cut-Off Times

So that Alliance Healthcare can provide the most timely and consistent distribution service to all customers, each account is assigned a latest order cut-off time by which orders must be transmitted. The cut-off is determined by the order processing time required and the distance the order has to travel to the dispensary. To support Alliance Healthcare in maintaining an efficient delivery service, we ask that you strictly adhere to the guidelines.

## 2.4 Faulty or Defective Goods

If your call is regarding products from Astellas which are faulty or defective, please contact Astellas directly on

**0203 379 8721**

If your call is regarding products from GSK which are faulty or defective, please contact GSK directly on

**0800 221 441**

If your call is regarding products from Novo Nordisk which are faulty or defective, please contact Novo Nordisk directly on

**0845 600 5055**

If your call is regarding products from Pfizer which are faulty, have adverse effects or if you have a price or discount query, please contact Pfizer directly on

**0845 608 8866**

For all other faulty and defective products please see page 22 returns.



## 2. Customer Service

### 2.5 'Specials' Ordering

Orders for 'Specials' can be made by phone (See section 1.2), or via email and fax by completing the Specials Order form (Figure 2.6.1). Once received and processed, you will receive a communication from the Specials Team confirming order receipt or quote request. A handling fee is applied to all Specials orders placed within England, Northern Ireland and Wales. With the exception of products that fall within parts 8a, 8m, 9a or 9r of the England or Wales Drugs Tariff.

You can order Alliance Healthcare specials directly from your PMR system, where you'll find all our products listed.

To activate your PMR ordering, please email [specials.commercial@alliance-healthcare.co.uk](mailto:specials.commercial@alliance-healthcare.co.uk)

Please note, orders for 'Specials' are non-returnable.

#### To order Specials in England, Wales and Northern Ireland contact:

##### Alliance Healthcare

##### (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

Tel: 0344 854 4998

Fax: 0845 051 8779

Email: [specials.orders@alliance-healthcare.co.uk](mailto:specials.orders@alliance-healthcare.co.uk)

#### To order in Scotland, contact:

##### Alcura (Scotland)

Tel: 0344 854 4998

Fax: 0845 051 8779

Email: [specials@alcura-health.co.uk](mailto:specials@alcura-health.co.uk)

### 2.5.1 Specials Order Form

The form is titled "Specials Fax Order Form" with contact information: Fax: 0845 051 8779, Phone: 0344 854 4998. It is divided into sections for account details, confirmation information, and a table for order details. Callouts point to specific areas: "Account details" points to the top section, "Order details" points to the table, and "Service required" points to the bottom section.

Specials Fax Order Form			
Fax: 0845 051 8779 Phone: 0344 854 4998			
Store name			
Account Number (if known)			
Contact Name			
Pharmacy Address			
Post Code			
Tel/Fax Number			
Enter below confirmation information given by Alliance Healthcare Specials			
Order Processed By			
Expected Delivery Date			
Reference			
Quantity	Product Details	Strength	Date Required
Rosemont <input type="checkbox"/>	Martindale <input type="checkbox"/>	BCM <input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please specify <input type="checkbox"/>
Any other comments or special requirements			

Account details

Order details

Service required

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# 3. Online Services

## 3.1 Alliance Healthcare Portal

We have recently launched a new Alliance Healthcare Portal - your one-stop shop for all your Alliance Healthcare needs, you can find the website at [www.myahportal.co.uk](http://www.myahportal.co.uk) or by visiting our usual website and clicking into Online Services

The portal provides you easy access for:

- Ordering products with immediate access to AH Direct
- Reporting a missing product with instant access to E-Missings
- Creating a returns note with access to process Returns
- Ordering all your surgical appliances from NWOS
- Your Documents: a secure and easy way to access your invoices, statements and credits

### Important reminder

It is essential you register the owner or manager of the pharmacy first. Only after doing this can you add additional members of staff and change their access rights.

You are responsible for ensuring that you only grant access to your business's account to appropriate additional users and for removing their access or changing their access rights when they change roles or leave your business. In particular, you must ensure that only appropriate individuals are given access to any parts of the site where it is possible to view patient data (currently only the NWOS ordering app, if and when enabled for your account). Adding, removing and assigning access levels to additional users can be managed via the Current Users page.

You are also responsible for ensuring that you enter your colleagues' contact details correctly when setting them up as users and changing their details and (if you have access to parts of the site where patient data is required) for entering patient data accurately.

You will find links to our terms of site use, privacy notice and cookies statement on the footer of all pages within the portal.

## 3.2 Long-Term Out of Stock Report

Alliance Healthcare produce a weekly Out of Stock bulletin, which is available on Alliance Healthcare Direct. This bulletin is designed to provide you with the most up to date information regarding long-term non-availability of products within the market.

\*Please note registration can take up to ten working days, ensure you register in time for your monthly statements. If you wish to receive the Out of Stock bulletin by email, you can subscribe by contacting your Account Manager or Customer Service on 0330 100 0448.

## 3.3 Manufacturer Arrangements

To help you keep up to date with the latest manufacturer arrangements, you can find the list of manufacturers which have specific wholesaler agreements with Alliance Healthcare on our website by visiting [www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/useful-information/agency-wholesaler-agreements](http://www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/useful-information/agency-wholesaler-agreements).

# 4. Deliveries

Alliance Healthcare operates a twice-daily delivery service Monday to Friday\*, although there may be exceptions in more remote areas. You will be notified of your delivery times and feedback relating to deliveries should be passed to your Customer Service Team.

Where it is anticipated that a delivery time will be delayed by more than 60 minutes, Alliance Healthcare will endeavour to contact you and inform you of the reason for the delay and estimated delivery time.

## 4.1 ePOD (electronic Proof of Delivery)

An Alliance Healthcare driver will deliver the order to your dispensary. The driver will scan all totes/parcels as part of your order, and show you the details on the ePOD terminal (an electronic version of a paper drop sheet).

You should reconcile the number of parcels delivered with that stated on the ePOD and, when satisfied, sign the ePOD terminal. This acts as proof of delivery, and provides an audit trail for any future investigations

Controlled Drugs will be shown on a separate screen, and will require a separate signature. The CD receipt will also need to be signed.

If you have any queries regarding the ePOD system, please ask your driver, or a quick reference guide for the ePOD process can be found by visiting [www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/useful-information](http://www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/useful-information).

Each tote bin, parcel or bag will have a label attached to it. One may be white (Figure 4.1.2) and one may be green (Figure 4.1.3), but both provide the same information.

### 4.1.1 ePOD



Driver scans each tote/parcel using the ePOD HHT (Hand Held Terminal) in front of the customer, which will then be displayed on the screen. All parcels delivered will be shown.

The receiver reviews the information on the hand held terminal screen, checks if the number of totes/parcels that can be electronically scanned matches the number on the ePOD HHT. Then types and signs their name.

CDs will require a separate signature, and will be shown on a separate screen. The CD receipt will also need to be signed

Any missing totes/parcels of delivery should be reported to your Alliance Healthcare Service Centre as per the normal current process.

\* Saturday deliveries are available in some locations

<sup>1</sup> Customers in remote locations may receive orders via a Third Party Carrier.

# 4. Deliveries

## 4.1.2 White Label

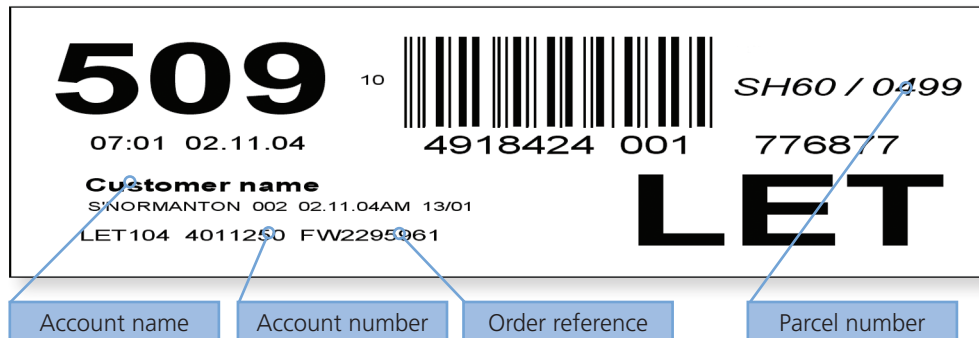


Diagram of a White Label with callouts for Account name, Account number, Order reference, and Parcel number.

**509** 10 **SH60 / 0499**  
07:01 02.11.04 4918424 001 776877  
**Customer name**  
S/NORMANTON 002 02.11.04AM 13/01  
LET104 4011250 FW2295961 **LET**

Account name: S/NORMANTON 002 02.11.04AM 13/01  
Account number: 4011250  
Order reference: FW2295961  
Parcel number: LET

## 4.1.3 Green Label

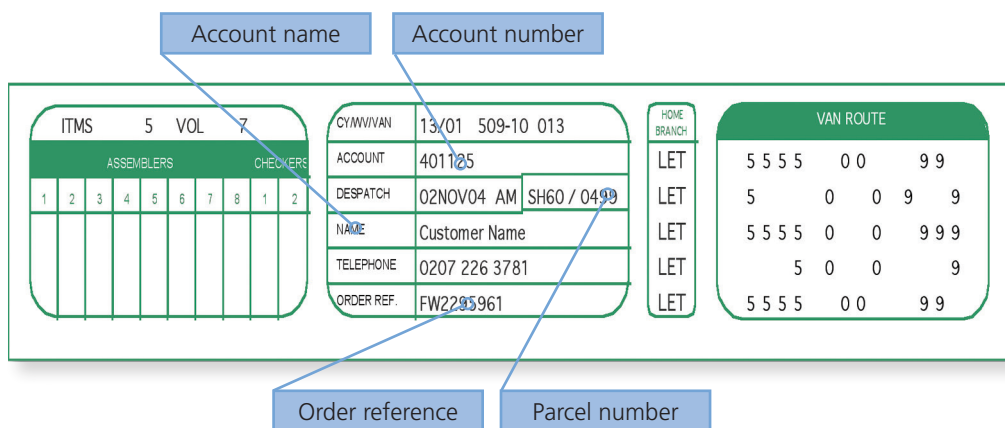


Diagram of a Green Label with callouts for Account name, Account number, Order reference, and Parcel number.

ITMS 5 VOL 7  
ASSEMBLERS CHECKERS  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 1 2  
CYM/VAN 13/01 509-10 013  
ACCOUNT 401125  
DESPATCH 02NOV04 AM SH60 / 0499  
NAME Customer Name  
TELEPHONE 0207 226 3781  
ORDER REF. FW2295961  
HOME BRANCH LET  
VAN ROUTE  
5 5 5 5 0 0 9 9  
5 0 0 9 9  
5 5 5 5 0 0 9 9  
5 0 0 9  
5 5 5 5 0 0 9 9

Account name: S/NORMANTON 002 02.11.04AM 13/01  
Account number: 4011250  
Order reference: FW2295961  
Parcel number: LET

When signing for goods, you can use these labels to identify the parcel that has been received. The parcel number on the label must be reconciled with the parcel number on the ePOD terminal.

It is essential that signatures are received for every delivery. This is both parties' proof of delivery and provides an audit trail of your delivery.

If the driver does not offer an ePOD terminal for signature, please request it. You may record any comment on the ePOD terminal at the time of signing.



## 5. Documentation

## 5.2 'Specials' Invoices and Delivery Notes

For ease of identification, Alliance Healthcare's 'Specials' invoices are green in colour and their invoice numbers are prefixed with an 'SZ.'

In addition, the invoice will include the words SPECIAL INVOICE within the body of the invoice as shown below.

<b>Alliance Healthcare</b> Bringing healthcare closer  SPECIAL ALLIANCE HEALTHCARE (DISTRIBUTION) LTD.CHESSINGTON,KT9 1SN REG 3446039 HINCKLEY BUSINESS PARK,DODWELLS ROAD,HINCKLEY LEICS,LE10 3BX	SPECIAL SALES INVOICE		5266185451	
	VAT REG.NO.: GB 391 5320 58		DATE 01JUN16 PAGE 1	
	ACCOUNT NO.	BRANCH	ORDERS PLACED UP TO	VAT
		HT		596-16
		REF. HI331111ALCURA010616		
		02JUN16 1		

QUANTITY ORDERED	QUANTITY SENT	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	PACK SIZE	RECOMMENDED RETAIL PRICE	BATCH TRADE	DISCOUNT NET	NET COST EX VAT	VAT RATE %	TOTAL AMOUNT
REFERENCE INVOICE NUMBER 331111 01-Jun-16									
1 new recall update on the 25th of May 2016. For more information please see www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/news/recalls. Attention pharmacy team : Please note that effective from 1st June 2016 the tariff price for Mesalazine 800mg; 84 tabs on Asacol is £54.90.									
2		SODIUM CHLORIDE 5% EYE OINT SP SG	1		N		20.00		
1		ALLIANCE HEALTHCARE HANDLING CHARGE		20.00	N		20.00	20.00	24.00
SSS PPP EEE CCC II A L SSS II N N N V V OO II CCC EEE S P PP E C II A A L S II N N N V V O O II C E SSS PPP EEE C II AAAAA L SSS II N N N V V O O II C EEE S P E C II A A L S II N N N V V O O II C E SSS F EEE CCC II A A LLL SSS II N N N V V OO II CCC EEE									

VAT RATE %	VALUE OF GOODS	VAT PAYABLE	VAT RATE %	VALUE OF GOODS	VAT PAYABLE
20.00%	74.12	14.82			

NOTE: \* - PRICES INCL. RETAIL ADJUSTED TO REFLECT OFFER  
Q = QUANTITY REQUIRED TO MINIMUM PACK OR NEAREST MULTIPLE OF PACK  
Z = OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT MEDICINE FROM  
N = NET PRICE

01JUN16 : 20:24:

**DELIVERY NOTE**

Shipment No: 20516045GND00012018  
 Shipment Date: 15/04/2016  
 Order No: 20516045GND00011379  
 Order Date: 15/04/2016

Customer Ref:  
 Account No:  
 Raised By: ADMIN

Deliver To: [Redacted]  
 Picked By: [Redacted]  
 Checked By: [Redacted]

Pick Slot	PFP Code	Batch No	Product	Pack Size	Ordered	Shipped	Unit Price
CAB61	8091514	151029040	Colecalciferol 400unit capsules	30	1	1	£52.3

Endorsements Required - England and Wales

Alcura UK Limited, Registered Office: Sedley Place  
 4th Floor, 361 Oxford Street, London, W1C 2JL  
 Registered in England and Wales No. 2945457  
 VAT No. GB 607992727  
 ISO9002 Certified No. A0366  
 Wholesale Licence No: WL18351

Pack Size: 30  
 MHRA License Number: WL18351  
 Batch Number: 151029040  
 Price paid per pack size: £52.35  
 Enduring Code: SP

### 5.3 Manual Order Form and Charge-Only Invoices


If a stock item is required at very short notice or outside normal working hours, it may be necessary to supply this product without a standard invoice. In such instances, the item may be delivered accompanied by the Manual order form (Figure 5.3.1).

Within one working day of despatch, an Alliance Healthcare Charge-Only invoice (Figure 5.3.2) will be raised and sent out to you. This invoice will be cross-referenced to the Manual order form.

# 5. Documentation

## 5.3.1 Manual Order Form

Order number

**Alliance  
Healthcare**

**Manual Order**

Order No. D **408969**

Please retain this document – our invoice will follow as soon as possible.  
Quote above order number and date on any queries regarding this order pending receipt of invoice.

Date 21st DEC

Van No. \_\_\_\_\_

Bonus code \_\_\_\_\_

Customer name and address

J.S. ANYONE LIMITED  
T/A ANYWHERE PHARMACY  
121 NOWHERE STREET  
BODDINGTON GARDENS  
BODDINGSHIRE  
0232 547 1658

B55 5BB

Quantity	Check	Product		For depot use only
		Prices/Size	Description	
1			DALACIN C PHOS AMP 300MG    PIP 0229-377	Invoice number _____ Input clerk _____ Date _____ Checked _____

D = Obtaining direct from maker   F = To follow   P = Please re-order   R = Regret not stocked   M = Maker cannot supply   Disc = Discontinued by maker

Order Clerk	N/A Plater	Pre-Scanner	Assemblers				Checkers	
			1	2	3	4	1	2

## 5. Documentation

### 5.3.2 Charge Only Invoice

[illegible]

Order number,  
delivery date,  
invoice number

Note -  
'Charge Only'



# 6. Specialist Product Handling

## 6.1 Refrigerated Products

Some lines are temperature sensitive and as a result will be supplied as part of the cold chain. These lines will be packaged in specially-labelled bags for easy identification. Please be advised that it is the responsibility of the dispensary staff to ensure that any products requiring special handling are identified and handled accordingly on receipt.

### 6.1.1 Returning Refrigerated Products

Alliance Healthcare is unable to accept returned refrigerated items which have been ordered in error.

Should items be sent in error by Alliance Healthcare or arrive damaged, please complete an online returns form. Please visit [www.myahportal.co.uk](http://www.myahportal.co.uk) to arrange a return.

Please note when you are completing your return online the system will automatically separate out your return for you. The driver should be given the return during your next morning delivery and should be advised that it is a temperature sensitive product. You will be required to sign and date a return notification, specifying that the product has been stored between 2-8C. For online returns this is a separate declaration on your returns note and you can sign this, at your convenience, in advance of the driver's arrival.

## 6.2 Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 Safe Custody Controlled Drugs (CDs)

Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 Safe Custody CDs will be presented separately because they require specialist handling. These items should be checked at the time of delivery, and the yellow confirmation slip signed and returned to the driver by the pharmacist or an authorised staff member. A signature will also be required on the hand held terminal which will be presented by the Driver. Only authorised dispensary staff may take receipt of and sign for these items. If you would like to nominate additional or alternative members of staff to take receipt of a Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 Safe Custody CD, please contact your Customer Service Team to arrange authorisation.

### 6.2.1 Returning Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 Safe Custody CDs

The return of Schedule 2 and Schedule 3 Safe Custody CDs is strictly controlled. If you wish to return these lines you can complete your return online where the authorisation to return is completed for you automatically. Please note when you are completing an online return the system will automatically separate out your controlled drug returns for you. The driver should be handed the return during your next morning delivery after you have printed your online returns note.

# 6. Specialist Product Handling

## 6.3 Hazardous Chemicals and Cytotoxic Products

All Hazardous Chemicals and Cytotoxic products will be labelled as such and therefore will be easily identifiable.

### 6.3.1 Returning Hazardous Chemicals and Cytotoxics

The return of Hazardous Chemicals and Cytotoxics is strictly controlled. If you wish to return these lines in all cases you can complete your return online where the authorization to return is completed for you automatically.

It is essential that the goods are easily identifiable in transit and ideally they should be returned in the original packaging. If, however the packaging is unusable, customers are requested to inform the Customer Service Team. Appropriate labelling and packaging will then be sent to you for use with the return.

Please note if you are completing an online return, the system will automatically separate out your products on to separate notes for you. The driver should be given the return during your next morning delivery and advised that it is a Hazardous Chemical.

## 6.4 Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD)

Community pharmacies, hospitals and dispensing medical practices are required to authenticate any new packs of prescription medicines that have the safety features, as part of the dispensing process.

### What is FMD?

Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD) aims to reduce the number of potentially counterfeit medicines entering the European medicines supply chain.

Counterfeit medicines include:

- Products with little or no active ingredient(s).
- Products with the wrong active ingredient(s).
- Products and/or packaging that have been stolen for re-use or resale.
- These products pose a risk to patients and undermine the genuine products supplied by manufacturers and pharmacies. The EU Directive will help to improve security cross the supply chain, protecting patients from falsified products.

For more information visit [www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/what-is-fmd](http://www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/what-is-fmd) or visit [www.gov.uk/guidance/implementing-the-falsified-medicines-directive-safety-features](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/implementing-the-falsified-medicines-directive-safety-features).

# 7. Order Discrepancies

## 7.1 Order Discrepancies

In the event that, after receipt of a delivery, you find that goods are missing or that the wrong goods have been supplied then the processes detailed below should be applied.

### Potential Errors and Documentation required:-

Wrong Line sent, incorrect line retained	E-missings system only
Wrong Line sent, incorrect line returned	Online returns system to generate a returns note.
Goods missing no alternative sent	E-missings system only
Damaged stock	Online returns system to generate a returns note.
Short Dated stock	Online returns system to generate a returns note.
Faulty Stock	Online returns system to generate a returns note.
Recall Product	Online returns system to generate a returns note.
Whole order delivered to wrong location	Online returns system to generate a returns note.
Excess Stock	Online returns system to generate a returns note.

Please note that if Astellas, GSK, Novo Nordisk or Pfizer, products are faulty, these should not be returned to Alliance Healthcare. Please contact Astellas, GSK, Novo Nordisk or Pfizer directly (see section 2.5), who will advise of the correct procedure.

## 7.2 Missing Goods Claims

For missing goods or upon receipt of incorrect stock you must use the E-Missing Portal on the Alliance Healthcare website.

<http://www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/e-missings-portal>

# 7. Order Discrepancies

## 7.3 Claim Processing

- All claims for missing items must be made within three business days of delivery. Claims made outside this timescale may not be eligible for credit.
- In order to submit a Missing Goods Claim please visit [www.myahportal.co.uk](http://www.myahportal.co.uk).
- Below is a screenshot of what the E-missing welcome screen looks like.
- Use the E-missings section of the Alliance Healthcare Portal when
  1. making a claim for:
    - a. missing lines
    - b. missing parcel
  2. keeping an incorrect item supplied.
- Claims for an incorrect item that you want to return should be made in the returns section of the my AH portal. Once you have printed off your returns note you should sign in and hand it to your driver along with the goods.

An invoice number, pip-code, description and quantity must be provided for each item to allow the credit to be processed.

**Alliance Healthcare**

Account: 1234567

**MENU** Missings > Claim Form

You are logged in as a user of My Pharmacy - 1234567

**My Account**

**Email address**  
Please supply your email address so we can provide you with updates on this claim

Email address

**Additional email address (optional)**  
You may provide an additional email address to receive updates related to this claim

Additional email address (optional)

**Your Reference (optional)**  
Enter any optional reference number you require for your own records

1 Your Reference (optional)

**Missing Items**

Claim reason	Product / Parcel reference	Qty	Invoice number	Invoice date
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**Usage:**  
Please use this form if you have items missing from your order.

**If you received excess stock in place of an ordered line that you don't wish to keep; please go to the returns button via the customer portal to arrange your return.**

**Please note:** this form cannot be used for returning the item. If you have received an incorrect item in place of that which you ordered, to return it for credit, please go to **returns** and complete a returns note. Print out the returns note to accompany the goods in line with regulatory requirements. Goods cannot be uplifted by your driver without the appropriate paperwork.

**CUSTOMER SUPPORT**  
Have a question?  
Just click to ask

# 7. Order Discrepancies

## 7.4 Damaged Stock

You can create a returns note online using the new Alliance Healthcare Portal, this can be found on our website

[www.myahportal.co.uk](http://www.myahportal.co.uk)

If a delivery or part delivery is received damaged it should be returned to the driver at the next opportunity, for return to the supplying service centre, and in any event no later than the second working day after delivery. If you do not expect to receive a delivery within this timescale please contact Customer Service on 0330 100 0448 to request a collection.

Damaged stock should be detailed on a Returns Note.

If the damage to the stock means that the items cannot be returned without risk of exposure to hazardous products or injury please contact the Customer Service Team on 0330 100 0448 for authority to dispose of goods on-site.

## 7.5 Faulty Goods

You may, at any time, return items that have been returned by patients as faulty.

These items should be returned using the returns button the customer portal. Please visit [www.myahportal.co.uk](http://www.myahportal.co.uk) and complete all of the possible fields. Full credit will be provided for the item upon its receipt at the Service Centre. Faulty items should be returned to your supplying service centre as soon as possible after identification of the fault and no later than the third working day after you have identified the fault. If you do not expect to have a delivery within this timescale you should contact your local Service Centre to request a collection.

Please note that if Pfizer, GSK, Astellas or Novo Nordisk products are faulty, these should not be returned to Alliance Healthcare. Please contact Pfizer, GSK, Astellas or Novo Nordisk directly (see section 2.5).

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## 7.6 Credit Generation

Where required, Alliance Healthcare will endeavour to raise a Credit Note within eight working days of the Claim being received.

Credit Notes can also be sent electronically (via EDI). Please contact your Account Manager for further information and advice on setting up the appropriate EDI infrastructure to support this. Alternatively, Credit Notes can be downloaded from the internet. In order to download your credit notes please visit [www.myahportal.co.uk](http://www.myahportal.co.uk)

### 7.6.1 Credit Note

Original invoice number

**Alliance Healthcare**  
Bringing healthcare closer

J.S. ANYONE LIMITED  
T/A ANYWHERE PHARMACY  
121 NOWHERE STREET  
BODDINGTON GARDENS  
BODDINGSHIRE  
0232 547 1658

B55 5BB

MEDICAL RETURN

VAT REG. NO.:  
012245  
REF:

ACCOUNT No.:  
LE

SERVICE CENTRE  
ORDERS PLACED URGENT  
VAN  
012

DATE  
000123  
PAGE  
012

Ref/Missing claim number

QUANTITY ORDERED	QUANTITY SENT	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	PACK SIZE	RECOMMENDED RETAIL PRICE	TRADE	DISCOUNT KEY	NET COST EX. VAT	VAT RATE %	AMOUNT
		REFERENCE INVOICE NUMBER 235122 28 <sup>TH</sup> MAR 09 RETURN NOTE REFERENCE NO.000001							
1	1	DALACIN C PHOS AMP 300MG 0229-377	1		31.01	N	31.01	15.00	4.65
							31.01		4.64
								35.66	
VAT RATE %	VALUE OF GOODS	VAT PAYABLE	VAT RATE %	VALUE OF GOODS	VAT PAYABLE				
KEYS :- P = PRICES (ONCL. RETAIL) ADJUSTED TO REFLECT OFFER Q = QUANTITY ROUNDED TO MINIMUM PACK OR NEAREST MULTIPLE OF PACK						Z = OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT NDL DISCOUNT ITEM. N = NET PRICE			

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## 7.7 Returns Notes


All returns to Alliance Healthcare must be accompanied by a Returns Note (Figure 7.7.1), which can be printed out using our online portal.

In order to access the Alliance Healthcare Customer Portal for returns, missings, orders and many other features please go to our website [www.myahportal.co.uk](http://www.myahportal.co.uk)

Refrigerated items, specials (non-stocked and unlicensed medicines), PPE and veterinary medicines cannot be returned to Alliance Healthcare unless the goods were faulty or damaged products or supplied in error.

If you need to return one of these products you require authorisation to return you can complete your return online.

### 7.7.1 Returns Note

<b>REFERENCE RET-40451-536579</b>		<b>RETURNS NOTE: AMBIENT - CUST. COPY</b>				
From		Please make sure that Specialist Handling Products returns or Recalls are identified to the Alliance Healthcare driver upon collection.				
Account		Customer Signature				
Date 14/07/2020		Driver's Signature (for receipt of parcel)				
Name		Date (driver to add)				
Position		Reg No 1234567890				
Page 1 of 1		VAN ROUTE: 401				
QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	PIP CODE	BATCH NUMBER	EXPIRY DATE	REASON FOR RETURN	INVOICE NUMBER
12	PARACETAMOL CAPLET 500MG TEV	0961813	1234	12/2222	Ordered in error	A345768796
<b>Summary of Conditions for Return</b>						
<p>1. Stock items cannot be accepted for credit unless they are returned within three working days of receipt. 2. Products subject to temperature controlled storage will only be accepted to correct a delivery error no later than the next working day. 3. Stock items will only be accepted for return when all of the required information is supplied. 4. Stock items will not be accepted for credit if returned in an unsaleable condition. 5. Items obtained to special order, or on bonus terms, cannot be accepted for credit. 6. By signing this the customer confirms that all returned goods have remained under their control since they were delivered and have been stored in the correct conditions as specified on the product labelling.</p>						
<b>For internal use only</b>						
By signing below, you confirm that all products returned to sale comply with the requirements of the GDP Returns procedure. Any products which do not comply must follow the Unacceptable Returns process.						
Name						
Signature						
Date						



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## 7.8 Returns Note

In order to make a return please go to [www.myahportal.co.uk](http://www.myahportal.co.uk)

Please ensure that the Alliance Healthcare driver signs a copy of the Returns Note as this is proof that the goods have been collected by the driver.

The online returns note will automatically print two copies.

To be eligible for credit, you must send your returns back to your supplying service centre within three working days of receipt (beginning from the date on delivery note). If you do not expect to receive another delivery within the next three working days call your Customer Service Team on 0330 100 0448 and request them to arrange a collection. If the product is not returned to us within the specified time period, we will not be able to give you a credit for your returned product.

If you want to return stock that is subject to the FMD (i.e. prescription only medicine that has the two safety features, the 2D barcode and anti-tamper device applied) can only be returned if

- (i) the anti-tamper device has not been damaged, and
- (ii) the FMD product has not been de-commissioned before being returned by the customer.

If a FMD product is returned and it does not verify on return, we shall not be able to credit you for this returned product.

It is our aim to credit a return (where applicable) within eight working days of the date of receiving the Returns Form. Please also refer to Sections 6.1.1 and 6.3.1 as different processes must be applied to lines requiring specialist handling.

# 8. Payment Terms

## 8.1 Payment Due Date

Payment must be received by Alliance Healthcare on the last working day of the month, following the month of delivery.

Hence, purchases ordered and delivered in March will appear on your March statement issued in early April and are payable in full by the last working day of April. Please note that funds are due on the last working day of the month which may be different to the last calendar day.

If Alliance Healthcare hold a valid direct debit mandate, funds will be deemed to have been received on this day, even if by the time the direct debit has worked its way through the banking network the funds have not come out of your account until the second working day of the following month.

Unfortunately, this is not true if payment is initiated by yourself via BACS/electronic banking. In this instance, the funds will need to leave your account at least three working days before month end to ensure that they are received on time. Your Alliance Healthcare driver is not authorised to accept your cheque on behalf of the company and all payments should be sent direct to Alliance Healthcare's Customer Finance team. If you pay by cheque, whilst the cheque can be dated the last working day of the month, please ensure that you leave a sufficient number of days for your cheque to make its way through the post. Alliance Healthcare can not be held responsible for cheques which either go astray in the post or are received late.

To set up a payment using direct debit visit [www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/useful-information](http://www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/useful-information)

## 8.2 Statement Provision

Customers receive a monthly statement (Figure 8.2.1) detailing the amount spent against each category in the month, the amount of discount offered, the net amount payable and a breakdown of the VAT charge. This should be received within eight working days of the end of each month.

Customers can receive their statement by email instead of a paper copy. The electronic version of the statements will be available to customers before the printed versions are received through the post.

To sign up to email statements contact customer finance on

**0203 044 8960** (Retail)

**0203 044 8950** (Hospital).

This statement should be reconciled with all invoices delivered and cleared for payment within the agreed terms. If copy paperwork is required, in order to be able to address any outstanding amounts, please do not hesitate to contact your Customer Service Team. Alternatively, statements can also be downloaded from the internet from [www.myahportal.co.uk](http://www.myahportal.co.uk).



# 8. Payment Terms

## 8.3 Payment Method

Alliance Healthcare's Terms and Conditions of Trade dictate that, unless otherwise agreed, Alliance Healthcare should have either received or be in a position to claim full settlement of the net amount shown on your statement by the last working day of the month.

### Direct Debit

The majority of customers pay by Direct Debit. This payment method offers a safe, efficient, low-cost option, which combines flexibility with the following advantages:

- Whilst Alliance Healthcare will process the payment on the last working day of the month, monies are not normally deducted from customers' accounts until the second working day of the following month, i.e. after the CCG monies have been received.
- Alliance Healthcare is only permitted to deduct the amount of funds previously advised on your monthly statement and if there is a major issue or discrepancy, both parties have the time to either resolve it or make alternative payment arrangements.
- One Direct Debit can be set up to cover all trading accounts within the same legal entity – thus saving customers both time and bank charges.
- All payments are covered by the UK Direct Debit Guarantee, which protects customers' rights, should problems ever arise.

### BACS / CHAPS

Some banks offer their customers the option of making payments via BACS or via CHAPS (a more expensive option but one which ensures the immediate transfer of funds).

Any BACS/CHAPS payment should be clearly referenced, including details of the Alliance Healthcare account, the month against which the funds should be allocated and any adjustments or anomalies.

Please note that, in order for your funds to be promptly allocated against your account, it is essential that your payment is made to the correct Alliance Healthcare bank account, as detailed.

### Debit / Credit cards

Alliance Healthcare has the facility to be able to process Debit and Credit card payments.

### For retail accounts

Account Name	Alliance Healthcare (Distribution) Limited
Bank	National Westminster
Branch	1 Princes Street, London, PO Box 12258 EC2R 8PA
Sort Code	60-00-01
Account	95840125
IBAN code	gb40nwbk60000195840125

### For hospital accounts

Sort Code	60-00-01
Account	97632651

The main disadvantage of paying by BACS is that, in order to comply with Alliance Healthcare's Terms & Conditions, monies would have to leave your account prior to receipt of the CCG funds. If you pay by Direct Debit, the funds do not come out of your account until after the CCG monies are credited. Hence, payment by BACS is only suitable when settling accounts which are not reliant upon the NHS / CCG monthly cash flows.

### Cheques

Customers should note that where payment is made by cheque, the cheque should be made payable to "Alliance Healthcare (Distribution) Limited", signed in accordance with your bank mandate and dated the last working day of the month. It should then be sent, attached to a remittance advice.

Alliance Healthcare cannot accept responsibility or credit a customer's account in relation to any payments "lost in the post", or received late. No Alliance Healthcare personnel are authorised to either accept or "pass on" cheques received from customers. All cheques must be sent directly to the Manager in Alliance Healthcare's Customer Credit Team, as detailed below:

**The Credit Control Department, 43 Cox Lane,  
Chessington, Surrey, KT9 1SN**

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Please note that it remains the customer's responsibility to ensure payment is received by Alliance Healthcare on time. Post-dated cheques received prior to the month-end are kept in a secure area, pending being applied to the relevant account. Unfortunately, you are not able to pay for your invoice in cash.

## **Security message**

Alliance Healthcare will never inform you solely by email message of changes to our bank account details or ask you to provide your bank details to us. We would always ensure that further verification checks are carried out via telephone to protect bank details from identity theft.

Any email regarding changes sent outside normal working hours should be treated with caution. Please report any suspicious email, call, or communication by calling 0203 044 8960.

We do not accept responsibility if you transfer funds to an incorrect account.

# 9. Terms and conditions of sale

## 9.1 Terms and conditions of sale

Up to date details on Alliance Healthcare's terms and conditions of sale can be found at

[www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/useful-information](http://www.alliance-healthcare.co.uk/useful-information)

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