## Hokunalin<sup>®</sup> Tape (tulobuterol patch), a long-acting transdermal bronchodilator, is now in new packages printed with the content on the tape surface and the barcode on the pouch

Abbott Japan Co., .Ltd. (Pharma Products Group in Minato-ku, Tokyo, President Gary M. Winer), Nitto Denko Corporation (Head office in Osaka, President Yukio Nagira), and Maruho Co., Ltd., (Head office in Osaka, President Koichi Takagi) announced that Hokunalin<sup>®</sup> Tape (generic name: tulobuterol) is now printed with the content of the active ingredient tulobuterol on the surface of each tape and a barcode on the pouch for the convenience of the physician and the patient. (See Photo)

Hokunalin<sup>®</sup> Tape is a long-acting transdermal  $\beta_2$  agonist, developed by Abbott Japan and Nitto Denko Corporation, marketed by Abbott Japan and Maruho. It indicated for the treatment of relief of various symptoms, such as dyspnea, resulting from airway obstruction in bronchial asthma, acute bronchitis, chronic bronchitis, and pulmonary emphysema,

A large number of vehicles for transdermal application are now available for various types of drugs due to the convenience and good adherence associated with this method of application. Although each piece of Hokunalin Tape has been printed with HOKUNALIN and an illustration of the lungs, the new version of Hokunalin Tape is printed with the content of its active ingredient tulobuterol to ensure that health care professionals are aware of the dose of tulobuterol being administered during emergencies and other conditions requiring prompt intervention.

The pouch of each Hokunalin Tape is also printed with a Reduced Space Symbology (RSS) Code in accordance with Notification No.0915001 of the Safety Division of the Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau of the MHLW dated September 15, 2006 and entitled "On the Use of Bar Codes on Ethical Drugs" to prevent mix-ups and ensure traceability.

We are convinced these new features will contribute to the ease of use of our products and will help medical professionals better serve their patients who are using Hokunalin tape.

Photographs of the original and revised Hokunalin Tape products

## [Products of Abbott Japan]

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