Gauze Sponge, 2 in x 2 in, 12-ply / Caring International / Dental Evaluation & Consultation Service (12/13)

**Reason/Information:**
Dental Evaluation & Consultation Service (DECS) was tasked on 4 November 2013 to provide a recommendation on the quality of the following materiel. Reason: Does not meet all requirements of Absorbent Gauze, USP, Type VII. Refer to Dental Evaluation and Consultation Service (DECS) report (See Image on Message under Additional Documentation/Attachments).

**Disposition/Instructions:**
If this gauze sponge was procured as an equivalent to NSN 6510-00-782-2700 it should not be used in the treatment of injuries or surgical procedures.

Medline is not listed as a source for that NSN in DMMLS or FLIS. The standardized item is Curity/Covidien (previously Kendall) 2 in X 2 in, 12-Ply, USPVII.

According to DECS report, after speaking with representatives at Caring (Medline) there are many factors to consider in selecting a type of gauze for use in patient care. "Manufacturers make several types of gauze. Some are low-end and are not to be considered for use on or in wounds. These low-end gauzes are used in other applications, such as wiping intact skin with alcohol prior to injection. It was this type of low-end gauze (Caring/Medline 2 in X 2 in, 12-Ply, PRM21212C, NOT USPVII) that was involved in the complaints."

General questions, call 215-737-2891 or DSN 444-2891.

**Note:** If referenced product number (PRM21212C) is not suitable for the procedure for which it was bought, return it to the Prime Vendor.

**Additional Consignees:**
- Grand Fork AFB, 319TH MDSS/SGSLM
- Dyess AFB, 7TH MG/SGSL
- USCENTAF Medical Prepositioned Thumrait
- Beale AFB, 9TH MG/SGSL
- Ellsworth AFB, 28TH MG/SGSL
- Langley AFB, 1ST MG/SGSL
- Holloman AFB, 49TH MG/SGSL
- Malmstrom AFB, 341ST MG/SGSL
- Incirlik AB, 39TH MED GROUP/SGSL
- Aviano AB, 31ST MDSS/SGSL
- 190 Medical Group; TOPEKA, KS
- USPFO Pennsylvania
- USPFO Washington State
- AFMOA/CSDC
- Wright - Patterson Labs
- Kelly USA TX (AFMSA/SGSLW)
- Travis AFB WRM ACCOUNT
- AFMOA SG3SLW EAST
Item Information:

NSN (FSC-NIIN): 6510-007822700
Nomenclature: GAUZE SPONGE, 2 IN X 2 IN, 12-PLY
UI: EA
Manufacturer: CARING INTERNATIONAL

LOT / SN:
ALL

NOTES:

NOTE 1:

"This product is not a direct match with the above listed NSN, however, the Medical Master Catalog indicates that it may be associated."

NSN (FSC-NIIN): 6510-NS1
Part Number: PRM21212C
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UI: EA
Manufacturer: CARING INTERNATIONAL
LOT / SN:
ALL

NOTES:
Service/Additional Instructions:

CONSIGNEES:
Tinker AFB, 654th Medical Group/SGL Robins AFB, 78th MG/SGSL Wright-Patterson AFB
Medical Center OH (WPMC) Peterson AFB, 21ST Medical Group/SGSL Patrick AFB, 45TH
Medical Group/SGAL Eglin AFB FL Hanscom AFB, 66TH MG/SGSL Keesler AFB, 81ST
MG/SGSL METC-SGAL, 502ND ABW, Fort Sam Houston Sheppard AFB, 82ND MG/SGSL
Columbus AFB, 14TH MDSS/SGSL Vance AFB, 71ST MG/SGSL Lackland AFB Medical Center
TX (WHMC) Randolph AFB TX Scott AFB IL Hurlburt Field 16TH MG/SGSL Charleston AFB,
437TH MG/SGSL ALTUS AFB, 97TH MG/SGSL Andrews AFB MD (MGMC) Travis AFB
Medical Center CA (DGMC) McChord AFB, 62ND MG/SGSL McGuire AFB Lajes Field, 65TH
MG/SGSL Pope AFB, 43RD MG/SGSL Dover AFB, 436TH MG/SGSL Minot AFB, 5TH
MDSS/SGSL Offutt AFB, 55TH MDSS/SGSL Barksdale AFB, 2ND MDSS/SGSL Vandenberg
AFB, 30TH MG/SGSL F E Warren AFB, 90TH MG/SGSL McConnell AFB, 22ND MDSS/SGSL
Whiteman AFB, 509TH MG/SGSL

AIR FORCE:
The following product item, NSN: NSN 6510-00-782-2700 - P/N: 2252 - NOMEN:

SPONGE, SURGICAL

IMPACTS AS SETS (885Bv1, 885Gv1, 885Jv1, 886Dv1, 893Av1, 893Bv1, 893Cv1, 905Av1,
912Wv1, 915Hv1, 915Kv1, 917Cv1, 917Lv1, 917Lv2, 937Nv1, 938Av1, 938Av2, 938Dv1,
938Dv2, 938Ev1, 938Ev2, 938Jv1, 938Jv2, 938Pv1, 938Pv2, 970Bv2, 970Ev2, 970Fv2,
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AF Activities Will Take Action As Prescribed In AFI 41-209, Medical Logistics Support, Chapters 3 And 9. For MAJCOMS & Ngb--This Msg Has Been Transmitted To All Designated Subordinate Medical Activities.

US ARMY

See Army Regulation (Ar) 40-61, 28 January 2005, Chapter 4, And The Department Of The Army Supply Bulletin (Sb 8-75-11) For Applicable Policies And Procedures.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION / ATTACHMENTS
