

December 5, 2025

Dear Authorized Distributor,

This notification is to inform you of an update to the Johnson & Johnson MedTech Surgery suture portfolio.

Effective February 1, 2026, the product code for US Mersilene tape, **RS21**, will change to our global product code, **RS21XN**. This change only affects packaging labels; the product, specifications, and performance remain the same. The change streamlines our supply chain to deliver greater reliability and faster order fulfillment with minimal disruption. Please see the **PRODUCT TABLE** below for detailed information regarding the updated packaging label.

Ordering Actions Required:

- **Add RS21XN:** Update your ordering system accordingly to reflect the new product code **RS21XN** and begin ordering this code effective February 1, 2026.
- **RS21 Transition:** Product code **RS21** will no longer be available for ordering as of February 1, 2026.

Should you have any questions regarding this update, do not hesitate to send your inquiry to the **Johnson & Johnson MedTech Channel Management** mailbox at RA-ETHUS-EPCHANMANAG@ITS.JNJ.com.

Sincerely,

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PRODUCT TABLE:

RS21XN | Effective February 1, 2026:

Product Code	Description	Units per Box	New Product Code	Description	Units per Box
RS21	MERS TAPE WHT 12INX3/16IN D/A BP-1	6	RS21XN	MERS TAPE WHT 12IN(30CM) 5MM D/A BP-1	6

The below images illustrate the packaging label change from RS21 to RS21XN

