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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will clarify how Medline Industries, Inc. establishes expiration dates for our products.

Medline's policy is not to put an expiration date on products and/or kits, unless a component(s) in the product/kit has an expiration date. The pouch remains sterile as long as the package integrity has not been compromised. When we use an expiration date, it is supplied to Medline by the vendor(s) where we purchased that particular component. When no expiration date is present, there is an industry practice to replace any items on the shelf after three to five years due to technology changes, variables in the storage conditions, etc.

I hope this information was helpful. Please feel free to call me if you have any further questions or comments at 1-800-950-0128, ext. 4086.

Sincerely,

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