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Tokyo, February 22, 2021 Alfresa Holdings Corporation

### Notice regarding Establishment of Council for Personalized Medicine Support Platform "NOVUMN"

A subsidiary Alfresa Corporation (head office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Yusuke Fukujin; hereafter "Alfresa") will establish a council with pharmaceutical wholesalers that use the service of a personalized medicine support platform NOVUMN<sup>\*1</sup> on March 1, 2021, as specified below.

1. Purpose of Establishing the Council

Alfresa, PHC Corporation (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Kyoji Morimoto; hereafter "PHC"), and Fujitsu Japan Limited (head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Toshio Hirose; hereafter "Fujitsu Japan") have jointly developed NOVUMN, a personalized medicine support platform that utilizes RFID<sup>\*2</sup>, cloud-based infrastructure, and IoT<sup>\*3</sup> technologies, and have begun providing commercial services to medical institutions.

For specialty drugs whose active ingredients can be altered by minute changes in temperature, NOVUMN achieves strict temperature control throughout all stages of product distribution, traceability of individual pharmaceutical products, and improved inventory management functions for specialty drugs at pharmaceutical wholesalers and medical institutions. Through these functions, Alfresa aims to optimize the entire supply chain for specialty drugs.

With the aim of realizing such goals through the spread of NOVUMN, Alfresa, together with twentytwo pharmaceutical wholesalers utilizing NOVUMN service, PHC, and Fujitsu Japan, decided to establish the Personalized Medicine Traceability Council (hereafter "the Council") on March 1, 2021.

2. Future Initiatives Planned by the Council

Companies participating in the Council will promote the popularization of NOVUMN in order to optimize the supply chain of specialty drugs. The main future initiatives planned by the Council are as follows:

- Publicity and awareness-raising initiatives for NOVUMN
- Surveys and research in order to improve NOVUMN
- Operation and management of the Council

 List of Participant Companies at time of Council's Establishment (only pharmaceutical wholesalers listed\*<sup>4</sup>)

Twenty-two participant companies



- \*1 NOVUMN: Alfresa is currently applying for trademark registration
- \*2 RFID: Information is exchanged using RF tags embedded with ID information via short distance wireless communication (several centimeters to several meters, depending on the frequency band) using media such as electromagnetic fields and radio waves.
- \*3 IoT (Internet of Things): Systems in which a range of physical items are connected via the internet
- \*4 PHC and Fujitsu Japan will assist the operation of the Council as supporting members.

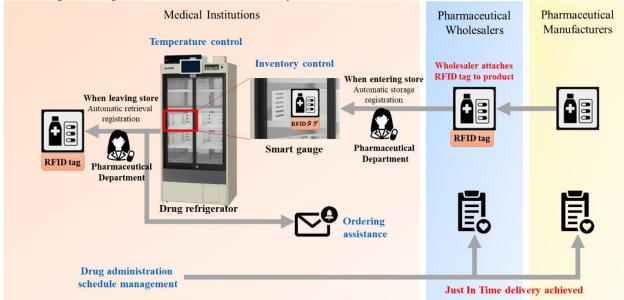
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Name of organization	Personalized Medicine Traceability Council
	(Abbreviation: PMT Council)
Date of establishment	March 1, 2021
Representative company	Alfresa Corporation
Participating companies at	<twenty-two companies="" council="" in="" participating="" the=""></twenty-two>
time of establishment	◆Alfresa Corporation (Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)
(head office location)	ASTEM, Inc (Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture)
	ATOL CO., LTD. (Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture)
	IWABUCHI PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD. (Yotsukaido, Chiba Prefecture)
	EVERLTH Co., Ltd (Hiroshima, Hiroshima Prefecture)
	Okano Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (Matsumoto, Nagano Prefecture)
	KSK Co., Ltd. (Osaka, Osaka Prefecture)
	Shikoku Alfresa Corporation (Takamatsu, Kagawa Prefecture)
	◆TS Alfresa Corporation (Hiroshima, Hiroshima Prefecture)
	◆Tohoku Alfresa Corporation (Koriyama, Fukushima Prefecture)
	TOMITA PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD. (Kumamoto, Kumamoto Prefecture)
	NAKAKITA YAKUHIN CO., LTD (Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture)
	Nakazawa Ujike Yakugyo K.K. (Nankoku, Kochi Prefecture)
	VITAL-NET, INC. (Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture)
	Finese Co., Ltd. (Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture)
	HOKUYAKU Inc. (Sapporo, Hokkaido Prefecture)
	MIYAZAKI ONSENDO SHOTEN CO. Ltd (Isahaya, Nagasaki Prefecture)
	Meisho Co., Ltd. (Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture)
	MEDICEO CORPORATION (Chuo-ku, Tokyo)
	MOROO Co., LTD (Sapporo, Hokkaido Prefecture)
	YONYAKU CO., LTD (Matsuyama, Ehime Prefecture)
	◆RYUYAKU CO., LTD. (Urasoe, Okinawa Prefecture)

# 1. Outline of Personalized Medicine Traceability Council

\*  $\blacklozenge$  indicates it is an Alfresa Group company.

#### 2. Conceptual diagram of the service offered by the NOVUMN



#### About Alfresa Group

The Alfresa Group is a leader in Japanese healthcare industry which is dedicated to make its corporate philosophy "we create and deliver a fresh life for all" come true through a wide range of business lines including ethical pharmaceutical wholesaling, OTC pharmaceuticals wholesaling, pharmaceutical manufacturing, and operating dispensing pharmacies. Alfresa Holdings Corporation (TSE:2784) reported its consolidated revenue of \2.7 trillion (US\$25 billion) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020. For more information, please see: https://www.alfresa.com/eng/index.html