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**PRODUCT ANNOUNCEMENT
PACKAGE CHANGE FOR ROCHE LINE**

Dear Customer:

Roche is announcing a new look for the packaging of all Roche products during the second quarter of 2006. This distinctive new look will quickly identify Roche products globally. Also, more protective packaging will be available for sterile products and Reduced Space Symbology (RSS) will appear on all unit-of-use packaging. New packaging will be phased in over the quarter; therefore, you may continue to receive shipments with the current packaging for many of the products over the next few months.

Please continue to use all existing stock until your inventories have been depleted as this change does not affect the product. Returns to reduce inventory will not be accepted.

For additional information, see the enclosed flyer as well as updated wholesaler fact sheets which will be posted to our internet site at <http://www.rocheusa.com/programs/trade.html> as they become available.

We thank you for your support in implementing this change. If you have any questions, please contact your Roche Trade and Professional Relations Manager or the Roche Order Fulfillment Department at 1-800-526-0625.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick A. Cofone".

Patrick A. Cofone
Director, Trade & Professional Relations