

Learning Objectives

Technicians:

- Name the disease state and therapeutic class for select new agents approved during the first half of 2012.
- Discuss the dosage form and route of administration for each new agent.
- Describe the most serious adverse effects for each class of agent.
- List special considerations related to storage, preparation, and dispensing for each new agent.

Pharmacists:

- Describe the therapeutic classification and indications for select new agents approved in the first half of 2012.
- Discuss the dosing, administration, and appropriate role of each new agent.
- List the major adverse effects, contraindications, and precautions for each new agent.
- Discuss special considerations related to storage, preparation, dispensing, and monitoring each new agent.

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Obesity: lorcaserin PO (BELVIQ) Actinic keratosis: ingenol mebutate TOP (PICATO) Glaucoma: tafluprost OP (ZIOPTAN) RDS: lucinactant ITR (SURFAXIN) Cystic Fibrosis: ivacaftor PO (KALYDECO) Pancreatitis: pancrelipase PO (ULTRESA; VIOKACE) Erectile Dysfunction: avanafil PO (STENDRA) Urinary Incontinence: mirabegron PO (MYRBETRIQ) Anemia of CKD: peginesatide IV/SC (OMONTYS) Cushing's Syndrome: mifepristone PO (KORLYM) Gaucher Disease: taliglucerase IV (ELELYSO) MTX Toxicity: glucarpidase IV (VORAXAZE) Renal CA: axitinib PO (INLYTA) Basal Cell CA: vismodegib PO (ERIVEDGE)

Breast CA: pertuzumab IV (PERJETA) Influenza Vaccine INH (FLUMIST Quadrivalent) N.meningitidis/H.flu Vaccine IM (MENHIBRIX) PET/Alzheimer's: florbetapir F18 IV (AMYVID) Surgery: keratinocytes/fibroblasts TOP (GINTUIT)

General Wellbeing » Obesity

- > 2/3 adults in US are overweight or obese
- Substantial public health crisis
- · \$100B annual cost of managing obesity
- Risk of coronary heart disease
 - 1.72 @ BMI 25-28.9 kg/m²
 - 3.44 @ BMI > 33 kg/m²
- Similar ↑risk w/ stroke & HF
- Goal: weight loss to optimal BMI
- Treatment: diet, exercise, behavioral changes, antiobesity medications ...

lorcaserin

BELVIQ®

- 5-HT2C agonist WITH diet/exercise
 - BMI ≥ 30
 - BMI ≥ 27 w/ HTN, DM2, or dyslipidemia
- Thought to promote satiety ... \downarrow food intake
- 3 RDBPC trials 52-104 weeks, 8000 pts
 - 5% body wt loss: 47% vs 23% control w/o DM2; 38% vs 16% control w/DM2
 - 8.5% vs. 6.7% control DC 2° ADRs: HA, depression, dizzines
- Caution: serotonin syndrome, valvular heart disease, cognition, depression, suicidal thoughts, priapism
- Many DI's: SSRIs, SNRs, MAOIs, St. John's Wort, etc.
- 10 mg PO BID \rightarrow DC if body wt not \downarrow 5% in 12w
- Modestly effective

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Self-Assessment 1

Which of the following is TRUE?

- 1. 1/3 of the US population is overweight or
- 2. Successful weight loss programs rely on antiobesity medications alone.
- 3. Lorcaserin (BELVIQ) is modestly effective.
- 4. Lorcaserin (BELVIQ) can safely be given in pregnancy.

Ophthalmology » Glaucoma

- Optic nerve structural/functional disturbance
 - Possible with normal IOP
 - Ocular hypertension risk for glaucoma
- Diverse condition
- · Second leading cause of blindness in US
- Only 50% aware they have POAG
- Goal lower IOP or remove cause
- **Topical Options**
 - beta-blockers, carbonic anhydrase inhibitors, alpha-2 agonists, cholinergic agonists
 - prostaglandin analogs ... most widely used

tafluprost

ZIOPTAN™

- PF Prostaglandin analog to \downarrow IOP in POAG or OH
- Trial of 643 w/ OAG or OH, ↓ IOP to WNL in 12 wks
 - Non-inferior to that with PF timolol eye gtts
 - Latanoprost slightly more effective than tafluprost in a preservative-containing trial of 533
- Warnings: hyperpigmentation, eyelash changes
- Store in original pouch, refrigerated
- Once pouch opened, use droppers within 28 days
- 1 gtt QPM into conjunctival sac of affected eye(s)
- Pt Ed: darkening of iris; darkening of eyelid; eyelash growth; aseptic technique; wait 5 min to instill another product
- \$97/month; generic latanoprost \$23/month
- Use for pts sensitive to preservatives

rowes Zioptan to treat elevated eye pressure. FDA News. February 14, 2012. (b) Zii ion NJ: Merck & Co., Inc., February 2012. (c) Tafluprost (Zioptan) – A New Topical P (54[1388]-31. (d) Glaucoma. Pharmacist's Letter 2012; April(28). (e) Micromedex



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Self-Assessment 2

Which of the following statements is FALSE?

- 1. Glaucoma is the 2nd leading cause of blindness in the US.
- 2. Tafluprost (ZIOPTAN) is preservative-free.
- 3. In the pharmacy, tafluprost (ZIOPTAN) is stored in the refrigerator.
- Left-over solution from opened tafluprost (ZIOPTAN) droppers can be saved for the following dose.

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Pulmonology » RDS

- Impaired surfactant synthesis
- in premature infants
- 20,000-30,000 newborns annually
 - $^{\sim}$ 50% born at 26-28 w gestation < 30% born at 30-31 w gestation
- Acute Complications alveolar rupture, infection, intracranial hemorrhage, patent ductus arteriosus, pulmonary hemorrhage, necrotizing enterocolitis, apnea of prematurity
- Chronic complications bronchopulmonary dysplasia, retinopathy of prematurity, neurological impairment
- Goal ↑ survival, ↓ severity of complications
- Treatment Options antenatal steroids, resuscitation, gentle ventilation, supportive therapy ... surfactant administration ...

iTR lucinactant **SURFAXIN®** NOT FOR USE IN ADULTS Prevent of RDS in high risk premature infants Compensates for surfactant deficiency once warmed: Trial w/ 1294 infants SHAKE WELL PROTECT FROM LIGHT No Preservatives

↓ RDS @24h & ↓ RDS mortality @ day 14 Watch oxygen/ventilator needs closely; suction if airway obstruction

- NOT for ADULT RDS 2° increased negative sequellae
- 5.8 mL/kg birth weight intratracheally
 - Up to 4 doses in 1st 48 hours of life, nmt that q6 hrs
- Aseptic technique
 - Clinician competent in intubation, ventilator managemen & premature infant care
 - . Warm vial, shake vigorously until free-flowing
- If not used immediately protect from light at RT up to 2h

Self-Assessment 3

Lucinactant (SURFAXIN) is ...

- 1. administered intratracheally using aseptic
- 2. warmed and shaken until it is free-flowing.
- stored in the refrigerator if not used immediately.
- 4. 1 and 2 above are correct.

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specialty PO

Pregnancy Category B

NOT FOR USE IN < 6 YO

Store at Controlled Room Temperature

Take with Fatty Food

Pulmonology » Cystic Fibrosis

- · Autosomal recessive disorder
- Defective CFTR gene
 - ↓ mucus hydration → sticky mucus
 - Increased viscosity of secretions in respiratory tract, pancreas, GI tract, sweat glands
 - Chronic lung disease & exocrine pancreatic insufficiency
- Most common lethal inherited disease in Caucasians ... 30,000 pts w/ CF in US
- Median survival 40 years, M>F
- Therapeutic Goals maintain lung function; supplement enzymes, vitamins, minerals; manage complications
- · Treatment by multidisciplinary CF centers

References: Cystic Fibrosis. Emedicine.medscape.com. May 15, 2012.

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ivacaftor KALYDECO™

- CFTR protein enhancer, ↑s chloride transport
- 1st drug to address CAUSE
- CF w/ G551D mutation (1,200 pts)
- 48w RDBC in 161 > 12yo: 10.4% ↑FEV1
 - ↑ lung fxn, ↓ respiratory symptoms, ↑ wt gain
 33% vs 59% pulmonary exacerbation
- 48w RDBC in 52 6-11yo: 12.5% ↑ FEV1 ♣
- ↑ LFTs; multiple CYP3A interactions
- 150 mg PO q12h w/ high-fat meal
- Avoid grapefruit & Seville oranges
- Monitor FEV1; LFTs q3m x1yr; then qYR
- Limited Distribution; \$294,000/year

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Self-Assessment 4

Which of the following is FALSE about ivacaftor?

- 1. It is the first drug to address the cause of Cystic Fibrosis.
- 2. It will benefit 30,000 CF patients in the US.
- 3. It enhances chloride transport.
- 4. It improves lung function and decreases exacerbations.

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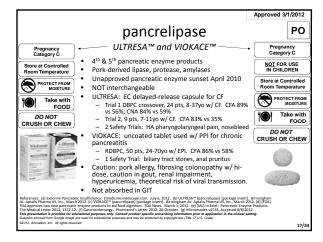
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Gastroenterology » EPI

- · Pancreatic enzyme deficiency
 - amylase, protease, lipase
 - Inability to digest food, esp. fatty food
- Pancreatic causes: chronic pancreatitis, cystic fibrosis, pancreatic duct obstruction, SDS
- 200,000 in US w/ pancreatic insufficiency
- Steatorrhea, weight loss, watery diarrhea
- Goal facilitate food absorbtion
- Treatment lifestyle modification, vitamin supplementation, and ... pancreatic enzyme replacement

Reference: (a) Executive Parceralis' Insufficiency, Emedicine.mediscape.com. July 6, 2012. (b) FDA approves two new pancreatic enzyme products to aid food digestion. FDA News. March 1, 2012.
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Self-Assessment 5

Which is the following is FALSE about the pancreatic enzymes approved in 2012?

- 1. ULTRESA is a delayed-release capsule.
- 2. VIOKACE is indicated in children with pancreatic insufficiency due to CF.
- 3. ULTRESA and VIOKACE should be protected from moisture.
- 4. ULTRESA and VIOKACE are NOT interchangeable.

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Urology » Overactive Bladder

- · Urgency & urinary incontinence
- Voiding > 8x/24hrs
- Underlying detrusor overactivity
 - Neurological, muscular, idiopathic
- 33 M Americans w/ OAB
- Impaired QOL: ↑depression, ↓sleep, ↑nocturnal falls ... coping strategies
- Treatment Options: pharmacotherapy, behavioral therapy, surgery (rare)

References: (a) Overactive Bladder. Emedicine.medscape.com. June 29, 2012. (b) FDA approves Myrbetriq for overactive bladder. FDA News. Jun 28, 2012.
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mirabegron MYRBETRIQ™

- Beta-3 agonist for OAB
- Relaxes detrusor muscle to ↑ bladder capacity
- 3 DBPCMC Trials, 4115 pts w/ OAB
- → times urinated, ↓urination accidents, ↑ urine volume/void
- 3 DBPC Trials, 2736 pts
 - most common ADRs for TX DC: nausea, HA, HTN, diarrhea, constipation, dizziness, ↑HR
- Caution: ↑BP, antimuscarinic drugs, CYP2D6 interactions, digoxin
 - Reduce dose in renal & hepatic impairment.
- Don't give in ESRD or severe hepatic impairment.
- 25 mg po QD; may ↑ to 50 mg QD p/ 8 weeks.
- Modestly effective & may increase BP

Reference: (a) Overactive Bladder: Emedicine medicape.com. June 29, 2012. (b) MYRBETRIQ" (mirabegron) [package insert]. Northbrook IR Artella s Pharma US, Inc., June 2012. (c) FIDA approves Myrbering for overactive bladder: FIDA Nesos. June 28, 2012. (d) Overactive Bladder. Pharmacoff citter Cogniz Shafe; (a) Moreomoders vistSa, Accessed 60/40/400. (d) Artella shafe (a) Moreomoder (a) Moreomod

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Store at Controlled Room Temperature

DO NOT CRUSH OR CHEW

Self-Assessment 6

Overactive Bladder (OAB) decreases QOL by:

- 1. Increasing depression.
- 2. Increasing coping strategies.
- 3. Increasing nocturnal falls.
- 4. All of the above.

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Nephrology » Anemia of CKD

- Kidneys responsible for 90% of EPO production
- EPO production deficiency in CKD
- Stage III CKD, 5.2% concurrent anemia
- Stage IV CKD, 44.1% concurrent anemia
- M/M depends on underlying causes & stage
- Options: ESA to Hgb 11-12 g/dL

Reference: Anemia of Chronic Disease and Renal Failure. Emedicine.medscape.com. May 1, 2012.
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REMS IV/SC peginesatide Pregnancy Category C NOT FOR USE IN CHILDREN ESA for anemia of CKD in DIALYSIS only Synthetic pegylated peptide, stimulates erythropoiesis Keep in Refrigerato DO NOT FREEZE 2 Trials, 1626 HD pts, ≥52w, noninferior to epoetin re Hgb Safety: 22.8% vs 24,4% death, stroke, MI, HF, unstable DO NOT FREEZE angina, arrhythmia CI: uncontrolled HTN RTU. Syringe & SDV PF. Discard MDV 28 days after 1st use. Start at 0.04 mg/kg q MO IV or SC, adjust to Hgb If no response in 12 wks, will most likely not respond Monitor BP, Hgb, iron stores Comparable S/E to epoetin in pts w/ ESRD on dialysis Administered less frequently, less expensive Long-term safety data lacking

Self-Assessment 7

Peginesatide (OMONTYS) is indicated for:

- 1. Anemia of CKD in dialysis patients.
- 2. Anemia of CKD in non-dialysis patients.
- 3. Anemia of chronic disease, including cancer.
- 4. All of the above.

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Oncology » MTX Toxicity

- MTX 1° kidney excretion
- High dose
 - nephrotoxicity
 - Bone marrow suppression
 - Oral/GI ulceration
 - Liver toxicity
- · Goal: Reduce toxicity
- Options: leucovorin, IV hydration, urine alkalinization ... & ...

eference: The Medical Letter 2012; 1385:19.

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glucarpidase VORAXAZE®

- Recombinant enzyme for toxic [MTX]

 Converts to glutamate & DAMPA
- Converts to glutamate & DAMPA
 2 unpublished (PI) single-arm, open-label studies
 Endpt: RSCIR [MTX] ≤ 1 mcmol @ 15 min x 8 days; > 95%
 ↓[MTX]
 - Safety data available for 290 pts; only 22 evaluated for efficacy
- ADRs rare serious allergic reactions; generally well tolerated
- Continue leukovorin (not w/in 2h) & hydration/alkalinization
- Preparation: reconstitute w/ 1 mL SWI; use w/in 4h if Refrig
- Dose: 50 units/kg IV bolus over 5 minutes
- Monitor: [MTX] normalization

References: (a) VORANZEE* (jourarpikase) (jasckage insert). West Consolnocken PA: 8TG international, Inc.; Jasuary 2012. (b) The Medical Le 2021; 1885-19; (d) Micromodex v1543, Accessed 7/17/2012.
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Self-Assessment 8

Glucarpidase (VORAXAZE)

- 1. Is a monoclonal antibody that lowers toxic methotrexate concentrations.
- 2. Is usually well tolerated, but can cause serious anaphylactic reactions.
- 3. Can be stored for 24 hours after reconstitution, if refrigerated.
- 4. All of the above.

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Oncology » Breast Cancer

- HER2 overexpression in 20% of breast cancers
- More aggressive, worse prognosis before HER2targeted therapies (trastuzumab)
- After 20 yrs of increasing incidence, now decreasing
 Reduced use of HRT
- 207,090 new F cases/yr in US (2010), 1970 new M
- 39,840 F deaths in US (2010), 390 M deaths
- Treatment Options; surgery for early-stage, adjuvant therapy for micrometastasis.
- HER2-targeted therapies: trastuzumab, lapatinib ... now ... pertuzumab

Reference: Breast Cancer. Emedicine.medscape.com. August 1, 2012.

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PERJETA"

- Recombinant humanized mAb against HER2 receptor
 Combo w/ trastuzumab and docetaxel for HER2+ metastatic breast CA w/o prior metastatic tx; different binding site than trastuzumab
- RMCDBPC Trial (CLEOPATRA), 808 pts" +6.1 mo PFS
- Safety endpoints: febrile neutropenia, ↓s LVEF
- 840 mg over 60 min IV, then 420mg over 30-60 min q3w
 Modify dose for delayed/missed doses, LVEF < 40%, trastuzumab hold/DC
- Observe pt 60 min p/ #1, 30 min p/ subsequent infusions
- Dilute in 250 mL NS, refrigerate x 24h do NOT use DSW
- Pt Ed: pregnancy prevention, pregnancy registry
 HER2 status, pregnancy test, LVEF q3m, infusion
- reactions
 \$4075/vial

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Self-Assessment 9

Pertuzumab (PERJETA) ...

- 1. Is a recombinant monoclonal antibody against the HER2 receptor.
- 2. Fits on a different HER2 binding site than trastuzumab (HERCEPTIN).
- 3. Should not be diluted into D5W.
- 4. All of the above.

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Infectious Disease » Vaccine

- N. meningitidis (C&Y) and H. influenza type b
- Early symptoms indistinguishable from other childhood illnesses
- N. meningitis prevalence 1-2 / 100,000
- Hib incidence ↓d by 99% since vaccine (1988)
- Fulminant meningococcemia fatal w/o ABs; 50% mortality w/ ABs
- Hib meningitis mortality 5%; 50% neurologic sequelae; 6% permanent hearing loss

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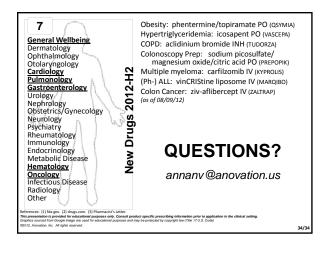
Approved 6/14/2012 N. meningitidis-H. influenzae Vaccine IM **MENHIBRIX®** Pregnancy Category C Combo vaccine for 6w to 18 mos NOT FOR USE IN < 6wo or >19mo Active immunization to prevent Neisseria meningitidis NOT FOR USE IN ADULTS serogroups C and Y and Haemophilus influenzae type b 6 Trials; 7,521 infants, antibody response predictive of Keep in Refrigerate or Room Temp Safety trials; 7,500 infants; ADRs: pain, redness and swelling at the injection site, irritability and fever DO NOT FREEZE Guillain-Barré (weigh continuation), fainting, apnea (preemies) Probable interaction w/ live measles virus vaccine 0.5mL IM at 2, 4, 6, and 12-15 mos old. First as early as 6 weeks, 4th as late as 18 mos. Administer immediately after reconstitution w/ diluent Do not mix with other vaccines is same syringe or vial

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The new *N. meningitidis-H. influenzae* Vaccine (MENHIBRIX) is indicated for use in ...

- 1. infants < 6 weeks old.
- 2. children from 6 weeks to 19 months.
- 3. Adults.
- 4. All of the above.

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NEW DRUGS AND BIOLOGICALS 2012 RESOURCE LIST

| Specialty | Generic Name | Brand Name | Company | Rte | Class & Indication | Approval |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|---|-----------|
| Oncology | glucarpidase | VORAXAZE | BTG International | IV | Carbiztoeotudase for the treatment of toxic plasma methotrexate concentrations in patient with delayed methotrexate clearance due to impired renal function. | 1/17/2012 |
| Oncology | axitinib | <u>INLYTA</u> | Pfizer | РО | Kinase inhibor for advanced renal cell cancer after failure of one prior systemic therapy. | 1/27/2012 |
| Oncology | vismodegib | <u>ERIVEDGE</u> | Genentech | РО | Hedgehog pathway inhibitor for adult metastatic basal cell carinoma. | 1/30/2012 |
| Pulmonology | ivacaftor | KALYDECO | Vertex | PO | Cystic fibrosis trnasmembrance conductance regulator (CFTR) for the treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF) in patients 6 years old and older who have a G551D mutation in the CFTR gene. | 1/31/2012 |
| Dermatology | ingenolmebutate | <u>PICATO</u> | Leo Pharma | TOP | Topical gel for actinic keratosis | 1/23/2012 |
| Opthalmology | tafluprost | <u>ZIOPTAN</u> | MSD | | Prostaglandin analog for reducing elevated intraocular pressure in openangle glaucoma or ocular hypertension. | 2/10/2012 |
| Endocrinology | mifepristone | KORLYM | Corcept Therapeutics | PO | cortisol receptor blocker for hyperglycemia secondary to hypercortisolism in adult patients with endogenous Cushing's syndrome who have type 2 diabetes mellitus or glucose intolerance and have failed surgery or are not candidates for surgery | 2/17/2012 |
| Infectious Diseases | quadrivalent influenza vaccine | FLUMIST Quadrivalent | MedImmune | INH | Vaccine to prevent seasonal influenza in people ages 2-49yo. Contains four influenza strains (2 A and 2 B) | 2/29/2012 |
| Gastroenterology | pancrelipase | ULTRESA | Aptalis Pharma | PO | Delayed-release capsule for children and adults with cystic fibrosis who cannot digest food normally because their pancreas does not make enough pancreatic enzymes | 3/1/2012 |
| Gastroenterology | pancrelipase | VIOKACE | Aptalis Pharma | РО | In combination with a proton pump inhibitor for adults with chronic pancreatitis who cannot digest food normally. | 3/1/2012 |
| Pulmonology | lucinactant | SURFAXIN | Discovery Labs | ITR | intratracheal suspension for the prevention of respiratory distress syndrome (RDS) in premature infants at high risk of RDS | 3/6/2012 |
| Surgery | keratinocytes and fibroblasts in bovine collagen | GINTUIT | Organogenesis | TOP | allogeneic cellularized scaffold product indicated for topical (non- submerged) application to a surgically created vascular wound bed in the treatment of mucogingival conditions in adults | 3/9/2012 |
| Nephrology | peginesatide | <u>OMONTYS</u> | Affymax | IV-SQ | erythropoiesis-stimulating agent (ESA) for the treatment of anemia due to chronic kidney disease (CKD) in adult patients on dialysis | 3/27/2012 |
| Radiology | Florbetapir F18 | <u>AMYVID</u> | Avid Radiopharmace uticals | IV | radioactive diagnostic agent for Positron Emission Tomography (PET) imaging of the brain to estimate β-amyloid neuritic plaque density in adult patients with cognitive impairment who are being evaluated for Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and other causes of cognitive decline | 4/6/2012 |

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|------------------------|---|----------------|--|-----|---|-----------|
| Urology | avanafil | <u>STENDRA</u> | Vivus | РО | phosphodiesterase 5 (PDE5) inhibitor indicated for the treatment of erectile dysfunction | 4/27/2012 |
| Metabolic Disease | taliglucerase alfa | <u>ELELYSO</u> | Pfizer / Protalix Bio Therapeutics | IV | hydrolytic lysosomal glucocerebroside-specific enzyme indicated for long- term enzyme replacement therapy (ERT) for adults with a confirmed diagnosis of Type 1 Gaucher disease. | 5/1/2012 |
| Oncology | pertuzumab | <u>PERJETA</u> | Genentech | IV | HER2/neu receptor antagonist indicated in combination with trastuzumab and docetaxel for the treatment of patients with HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer who have not received prior anti-HER2 therapy or chemotherapy for metastatic disease | 6/8/2012 |
| Infectious Diseases | meningitis & haemophilus influenzae vaccine | MENHIBRIX | Glaxo Smith Kline | IM | Active immunization to prevent invasive disease caused by Neisseria meningitidis serogroups C and Y and Haemophilus influenzae type b. MENHIBRIX is approved for use in children 6 weeks of age through 18 months of age | 6/14/2012 |
| General Wellbeing | lorcaserin hydrochloride | BELVIQ | Eisai | PO | Serotonin 2C receptor agonist as an adjunct to a reduced-calorie diet and exercise, for chronic weight management in adults with an initial BMI > 30kg/m2 or BMI > 27kg/m2 with one weight-related co-morbid condition. | 6/27/2012 |
| Urology | mirabegron | MYRBETRIQ | Astellas | PO | Beta-3 adrenergic agonist indicated for the treatment of overactive bladder (OAB) with symptoms of urge urinary incontinence, urgency, and urinary frequency. | 6/28/2012 |

Sources: Pharmacist's Letter; FDA.gov; drugs.com; manufacturer websites

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