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2 **RAPTIVA[®]**
3 **[efalizumab]**

4 **For injection, subcutaneous**

5 **DESCRIPTION**

6 RAPTIVA[®] (efalizumab) is an immunosuppressive recombinant
7 humanized IgG1 kappa isotype monoclonal antibody that binds to human
8 CD11a (1). Efalizumab has a molecular weight of approximately
9 150 kilodaltons and is produced in a Chinese hamster ovary mammalian
10 cell expression system in a nutrient medium containing the antibiotic
11 gentamicin. Gentamicin is not detectable in the final product.

12 RAPTIVA is supplied as a sterile, white to off-white, lyophilized powder
13 in single-use glass vials for subcutaneous (SC) injection. Reconstitution
14 of the single-use vial with 1.3 mL of the supplied sterile water for
15 injection (non-USP) yields approximately 1.5 mL of solution to deliver
16 125 mg per 1.25 mL (100 mg/mL) of RAPTIVA. The sterile water for
17 injection supplied does not comply with USP requirement for pH. After
18 reconstitution, RAPTIVA is a clear to pale yellow solution with a pH of
19 approximately 6.2. Each single-use vial of RAPTIVA contains 150 mg of
20 efalizumab, 123.2 mg of sucrose, 6.8 mg of L-histidine hydrochloride
21 monohydrate, 4.3 mg of L-histidine and 3 mg of polysorbate 20 and is
22 designed to deliver 125 mg of efalizumab in 1.25 mL.

23 **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

24 **Mechanism of Action**

25 RAPTIVA binds to CD11a, the α subunit of leukocyte function antigen-1
26 (LFA-1), which is expressed on all leukocytes, and decreases cell surface
27 expression of CD11a. RAPTIVA inhibits the binding of LFA-1 to
28 intercellular adhesion molecule-1 (ICAM-1), thereby inhibiting the
29 adhesion of leukocytes to other cell types. Interaction between LFA-1 and
30 ICAM-1 contributes to the initiation and maintenance of multiple
31 processes, including activation of T lymphocytes, adhesion of

32 T lymphocytes to endothelial cells, and migration of T lymphocytes to
33 sites of inflammation including psoriatic skin. Lymphocyte activation and
34 trafficking to skin play a role in the pathophysiology of chronic plaque
35 psoriasis. In psoriatic skin, ICAM-1 cell surface expression is upregulated
36 on endothelium and keratinocytes. CD11a is also expressed on the surface
37 of B lymphocytes, monocytes, neutrophils, natural killer cells, and other
38 leukocytes. Therefore, the potential exists for RAPTIVA to affect the
39 activation, adhesion, migration, and numbers of cells other than
40 T lymphocytes.

41 **Pharmacokinetics**

42 In patients with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis, following an initial
43 SC RAPTIVA dose of 0.7 mg/kg followed by 11 weekly SC doses of
44 1 mg/kg/wk, serum concentrations reached a steady-state at 4 weeks with
45 a mean trough concentration of approximately 9 µg/mL (n=26). After the
46 last dose, the mean peak concentration was approximately 12 µg/mL
47 (n=25). Mean steady-state clearance was 24 mL/kg/day (range=
48 5–76 mL/kg/day, n=25). Mean time to eliminate RAPTIVA after the last
49 steady-state dose was 25 days (range=13–35 days, n=17). The mean
50 estimated RAPTIVA SC bioavailability was 50%. In a population
51 pharmacokinetic analysis of 1088 patients, body weight was found to be
52 the most significant covariate affecting RAPTIVA clearance. In patients
53 receiving weekly SC doses of 1 mg/kg, RAPTIVA exposure was similar
54 across body weight quartiles. RAPTIVA clearance was not significantly
55 affected by gender or race. The pharmacokinetics of RAPTIVA in
56 pediatric patients have not been studied. The effects of renal or hepatic
57 impairment on the pharmacokinetics of RAPTIVA have not been studied.

58 **Pharmacodynamics**

59 At a dose of 1 mg/kg/wk SC, RAPTIVA reduced expression of CD11a on
60 circulating T lymphocytes to approximately 15–25% of pre-dose values
61 and reduced free CD11a binding sites to a mean of ≤5% of pre-dose
62 values. These pharmacodynamic effects were seen 1–2 days after the first
63 dose, and were maintained between weekly 1 mg/kg SC doses. Following

64 discontinuation of RAPTIVA, CD11a expression returned to a mean of
65 74% of baseline at 5 weeks and stayed at comparable levels at 8 and
66 13 weeks. Following discontinuation of RAPTIVA, free CD11a binding
67 sites returned to a mean of 86% of baseline at 8 weeks and stayed at
68 comparable levels at 13 weeks. No assessments of CD11a expression or
69 free CD11a binding sites were made after 13 weeks.

70 In clinical trials, RAPTIVA treatment resulted in a mean increase (relative
71 to baseline) in white blood cell (WBC) count of 34%, a doubling of mean
72 lymphocyte counts and an increase in eosinophil counts of 29% due to
73 decreased leukocyte adhesion to blood vessel walls and decreased
74 trafficking from the vascular compartment to tissues. At Day 56 of
75 1 mg/kg/wk RAPTIVA treatment, 32% (213/676) of patients had a shift in
76 total WBC from low or normal baseline value to above normal, 46%
77 (324/701) had a shift to above normal absolute lymphocyte counts, and
78 5% (35/675) had a shift to above normal eosinophil counts. Following
79 discontinuation of RAPTIVA treatment, the abnormal elevated
80 lymphocyte counts took approximately 8 weeks to normalize among
81 patients who had above normal lymphocyte counts. Plasma samples
82 collected after first administration of 0.3 mg/kg IV RAPTIVA indicate
83 that at 2 hours TNF- α and IL-6 plasma levels were elevated 9- and
84 90-fold, respectively, compared with baseline. Plasma samples collected
85 after first administration of 0.7 mg/kg SC RAPTIVA indicate that at
86 2 days, IL-6 levels were elevated (10 pg/mL as compared with 5 pg/mL at
87 baseline), whereas TNF- α was not detectable. In RAPTIVA-treated
88 patients the mean levels of C reactive protein increased from baseline by
89 67% and the mean levels of fibrinogen increased by 15%.

90 **CLINICAL STUDIES**

91 RAPTIVA was evaluated in four randomized, double-blind,
92 placebo-controlled studies in adults with chronic (>6 months), stable,
93 plaque psoriasis, who had a minimum body surface area involvement of
94 10% and who were candidates for, or had previously received systemic
95 therapy or phototherapy. In these studies 54–70% of patients had

96 previously received systemic therapy or phototherapy (PUVA) for
97 psoriasis. Patients with clinically significant flares and patients with
98 guttate, erythrodermic, or pustular psoriasis as the sole form of psoriasis
99 were excluded from the studies. Patients were randomized to receive
100 doses of 1 mg/kg or 2 mg/kg of RAPTIVA or placebo administered once a
101 week for 12 weeks. Patients randomized to RAPTIVA received 0.7 mg/kg
102 as the first dose prior to receiving the full assigned dose in subsequent
103 weeks. During the studies, patients could receive concomitant low
104 potency topical steroids. No other concomitant psoriasis therapies were
105 allowed during treatment or the follow-up period.

106 Patients were evaluated using the Psoriasis Area and Severity Index
107 (PASI) during the study. The PASI is a composite score that takes into
108 consideration both the fraction of body surface area affected and the
109 nature and severity of the psoriatic changes within the affected regions
110 (erythema, infiltration/plaque thickness, and desquamation). Both
111 treatment groups in all four studies had baseline median PASI scores
112 of 17. Both treatment groups across all four studies had baseline median
113 body surface area involvement ranging between 22–28%. Compared with
114 placebo, more patients randomized to RAPTIVA had at least a 75%
115 reduction from baseline PASI score (PASI-75) 1 week after the 12-week
116 treatment period (Table 1). RAPTIVA 2 mg/kg was not superior to
117 RAPTIVA 1 mg/kg.

Table 1
 Proportion of Patients with $\geq 75\%$ Improvement
 in PASI after 12 Weeks of Treatment (PASI-75)

	Placebo	RAPTIVA 1 mg/kg/wk	Difference (95% CI)
Study 1	4% n=187	27% ^a n=369	22% (16%, 29%)
Study 2	2% n=170	39% ^a n=162	37% (28%, 46%)
Study 3	5% n=122	22% ^a n=232	17% (9%, 27%)
Study 4	3% n=236	24% ^a n=450	21% (15%, 27%)

^a $p < 0.001$ for comparison of RAPTIVA group with placebo group using Fisher's exact test within each study.

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119 All three components of the PASI (plaque induration, scaling, and
 120 erythema) contributed comparably to the improvement in PASI. Other
 121 clinical responses evaluated (Table 2) included the proportion of patients
 122 who achieved minimal or clear status by a static Physician Global
 123 Assessment (sPGA) and the proportion of patients with a reduction in
 124 PASI of at least 50% from baseline (PASI-50) 1 week following the
 125 12-week treatment period. The sPGA is a 6 category scale ranging from
 126 "very severe" to "clear" indicating the physician's overall assessment of
 127 the psoriasis severity focusing on plaque, scaling and erythema.
 128 Treatment success of minimal or clear consisted of none or slight
 129 elevation in plaque, none or minimal white color in scaling, and up to
 130 moderate definite red coloration in erythema. Across all four studies, the
 131 percentage of patients with baseline sPGA classifications of moderate was
 132 48–56%, severe 33–43%, and 3–6% were classified as very severe.

Table 2
Percentage of Patients Responding after 12 Weeks of Treatment

Outcome Measurement	Study	Placebo	RAPTIVA 1 mg/kg/wk	Difference ^a (95% CI)
sPGA: Minimal or Clear	1	3%	26%	23% (16, 30)
	2	3%	32%	29% (21, 39)
	3	3%	19%	16% (8, 25)
	4	4%	20%	16% (11, 22)
>50% improvement in PASI (PASI-50)	1	14%	59%	45% (37, 53)
	2	15%	61%	46% (37, 56)
	3	16%	52%	36% (26, 47)
	4	14%	52%	38% (31, 45)

The number of patients in each study and treatment group is the same as listed in Table 1.

^a $p < 0.001$ for comparison of RAPTIVA group to placebo group using Fisher's exact test for all comparisons between groups.

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134 In Study 1, 12% of RAPTIVA-treated patients achieved a PASI-50 at
135 Week 4 compared with 5% for placebo. The median time to PASI-50
136 among PASI-75 achievers was approximately 6 weeks. Similar results
137 were observed in Studies 2, 3, and 4.

138 In Study 3, sustained response to extended RAPTIVA treatment was
139 evaluated. RAPTIVA-treated patients who achieved a PASI-75 response
140 at Week 12 were re-randomized to receive RAPTIVA or placebo for a
141 second contiguous 12-week treatment period. Sixty-one of 79 patients
142 (77%) re-randomized to a second 12-week treatment period with
143 RAPTIVA maintained PASI-75 response compared with 8 of 40 patients
144 (20%) re-randomized to placebo. Sustained responses to RAPTIVA have
145 also been observed in uncontrolled, open-label extension treatment trials
146 when patients received RAPTIVA without interruption for 24 weeks.

147 In Study 2, response to intermittent RAPTIVA treatment was evaluated
148 among patients who achieved PASI-75 response with 12 weeks of
149 RAPTIVA treatment and were followed off-treatment until relapse of
150 psoriasis (50% loss of treatment response). In patients who resumed
151 RAPTIVA treatment upon relapse of psoriasis, 31% (17/55) re-established
152 a PASI-75 response (compared with the initial baseline). After 12 weeks

153 of treatment, the median duration of a PASI-75 response after RAPTIVA
154 discontinuation was between 1 and 2 months.

155 The safety and efficacy of RAPTIVA therapy beyond 1 year have not been
156 established.

157 **INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

158 RAPTIVA® (efalizumab) is indicated for the treatment of adult patients
159 (18 years or older) with chronic moderate to severe plaque psoriasis who
160 are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy.

161 **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

162 RAPTIVA should not be administered to patients with known
163 hypersensitivity to RAPTIVA or any of its components.

164 **WARNINGS**

165 **Serious Infections**

166 RAPTIVA is an immunosuppressive agent and has the potential to
167 increase the risk of infection and reactivate latent, chronic infections.
168 RAPTIVA should not be administered to patients with clinically important
169 infections. Caution should be exercised when considering the use of
170 RAPTIVA in patients with a chronic infection or history of recurrent
171 infections. If a patient develops a serious infection, RAPTIVA should be
172 discontinued. New infections developing during RAPTIVA treatment
173 should be monitored. During the first 12 weeks of controlled trials,
174 serious infections occurred in 7 of 1620 (0.4 %) RAPTIVA-treated
175 patients compared with 1 of 715 (0.1%) placebo-treated patients
176 (see **ADVERSE REACTIONS, Infections**). Serious infections requiring
177 hospitalization included cellulitis, pneumonia, abscess, sepsis, bronchitis,
178 gastroenteritis, aseptic meningitis, Legionnaire's disease, and vertebral
179 osteomyelitis (note some patients had more than one infection).
180 Postmarketing reports of serious infections include necrotizing fasciitis
181 and tuberculous pneumonia. Bacterial sepsis with seeding of distant sites,
182 severe pneumonia with neutropenia (ANC 60/mm³), and worsening of

183 infection (e.g. cellulitis, pneumonia) despite antimicrobial treatment have
184 been observed.

185 **Malignancies**

186 RAPTIVA is an immunosuppressive agent. Many immunosuppressive
187 agents have the potential to increase the risk of malignancy. The role of
188 RAPTIVA in the development of malignancies is not known. Caution
189 should be exercised when considering the use of RAPTIVA in patients at
190 high risk for malignancy or with a history of malignancy. If a patient
191 develops a malignancy, RAPTIVA should be discontinued
192 (see **ADVERSE REACTIONS, Malignancy**).

193 **Immune-Mediated Thrombocytopenia**

194 Platelet counts at or below 52,000 cells per μL were observed in 8 (0.3%)
195 RAPTIVA-treated patients during clinical trials compared with none
196 among the placebo-treated patients (see **ADVERSE REACTIONS,**
197 **Thrombocytopenia**). Five of the 8 patients received a course of systemic
198 steroids for thrombocytopenia. Thrombocytopenia resolved in the
199 7 patients receiving adequate follow-up (1 patient was lost to follow-up).
200 Reports of severe thrombocytopenia have also been received
201 postmarketing. Physicians should follow patients closely for signs and
202 symptoms of thrombocytopenia. Assessment of platelet counts is
203 recommended during treatment with RAPTIVA (see **PRECAUTIONS,**
204 **Laboratory Tests**) and RAPTIVA should be discontinued if
205 thrombocytopenia develops.

206 **Immune-Mediated Hemolytic Anemia**

207 Reports of hemolytic anemia, some serious, diagnosed 4-6 months after
208 the start of RAPTIVA treatment have been received. RAPTIVA should be
209 discontinued if hemolytic anemia occurs.

210 **Psoriasis Worsening and Variants**

211 Worsening of psoriasis can occur during or after discontinuation of
212 RAPTIVA. During clinical studies, 19 of 2589 (0.7%) of

213 RAPTIVA-treated patients had serious worsening of psoriasis during
214 treatment (n=5) or worsening past baseline after discontinuation of
215 RAPTIVA (n=14) (see **ADVERSE REACTIONS, Adverse Events of**
216 **Psoriasis**). In some patients these events took the form of psoriatic
217 erythroderma, pustular psoriasis, or development of new plaque lesions.
218 Some patients required hospitalization and alternative antipsoriatic therapy
219 to manage the psoriasis worsening. Patients, including those not
220 responding to RAPTIVA treatment, should be closely observed following
221 discontinuation of RAPTIVA, and appropriate psoriasis treatment
222 instituted as necessary.

223 **PRECAUTIONS**

224 **Arthritis Events**

225 Infrequent new onset or recurrent severe arthritis events, including
226 psoriatic arthritis events, have been reported in clinical trials and
227 postmarketing. These arthritis events began while on treatment or
228 following discontinuation of RAPTIVA and were uncommonly associated
229 with flare of psoriasis. Patients improved after discontinuation of
230 RAPTIVA with or without anti-arthritis therapy.

231 **Immunosuppression**

232 The safety and efficacy of RAPTIVA in combination with other
233 immunosuppressive agents or phototherapy have not been evaluated.
234 Patients receiving other immunosuppressive agents should not receive
235 concurrent therapy with RAPTIVA because of the possibility of increased
236 risk of infections and malignancies.

237 **Immunizations**

238 The safety and efficacy of vaccines, administered to patients being treated
239 with RAPTIVA have not been studied. In a small clinical study with IV
240 administered RAPTIVA, a single dose of 0.3 mg/kg given before primary
241 immunization with a neoantigen decreased the secondary immune
242 response, and a dose of 1 mg/kg almost completely ablated it. A dose of
243 0.3 mg/kg IV has comparable pharmacodynamic effects to the

244 recommended dose of 1 mg/kg SC. In chimpanzees exposed to RAPTIVA
245 at ≥ 10 times the clinical exposure level (based on mean peak plasma
246 levels) antibody responses were decreased following immunization with
247 tetanus toxoid compared with untreated control animals. Acellular, live
248 and live-attenuated vaccines should not be administered during RAPTIVA
249 treatment.

250 **First Dose Reactions**

251 First dose reactions including headache, fever, nausea, and vomiting are
252 associated with RAPTIVA treatment and are dose-level related in
253 incidence and severity (see **ADVERSE REACTIONS**). Therefore, a
254 conditioning dose of 0.7 mg/kg is recommended to reduce the incidence
255 and severity of reactions associated with initial dosing (see **DOSAGE**
256 **AND ADMINISTRATION**). Cases of aseptic meningitis resulting in
257 hospitalization have been observed in association with initial dosing (see
258 **ADVERSE REACTIONS, Inflammatory/Immune-Mediated**
259 **Reactions**).

260 **Information for Patients**

261 Patients should be informed that their physician may monitor platelet
262 counts during therapy. Patients should be advised to seek immediate
263 medical attention if they develop any of the signs and symptoms
264 associated with: severe thrombocytopenia (such as easy bleeding from the
265 gums, bruising or petechiae) or with severe hemolytic anemia (such as
266 weakness, orthostatic light-headedness, hemoglobinuria or jaundice), or
267 with worsening of psoriasis or arthritis. Patients should also be informed
268 that RAPTIVA is an immunosuppressant, and could increase their chances
269 of developing an infection or a malignancy. Patients should be advised to
270 promptly call the prescribing doctor's office if they develop any new signs
271 of, or receive a new diagnosis of infection or malignancy while
272 undergoing treatment with RAPTIVA.

273 Female patients should also be advised to notify their physicians if they
274 become pregnant while taking RAPTIVA (or within 6 weeks of

275 discontinuing RAPTIVA) and be advised of the existence of and
276 encouraged to enroll in the RAPTIVA Pregnancy Registry by calling
277 1-877-RAPTIVA (1-877-727-8482) to enroll into the Registry.

278 If a patient or caregiver is to administer RAPTIVA, he/she should be
279 instructed regarding injection techniques and how to measure the correct
280 dose to ensure proper administration of RAPTIVA. Patients should be
281 also referred to the RAPTIVA Patient Package Insert. In addition, patients
282 should have available materials for and be instructed in the proper disposal
283 of needles and syringes to comply with state and local laws. Patients
284 should also be cautioned against reuse of syringes and needles.

285 **Laboratory Tests**

286 Assessment of platelet counts is recommended upon initiating and
287 periodically while receiving RAPTIVA treatment. It is recommended that
288 assessments be more frequent when initiating therapy (e.g., monthly) and
289 may decrease in frequency with continued treatment (e.g., every
290 3 months). Severe thrombocytopenia has been observed (see
291 **WARNINGS, Immune-Mediated Thrombocytopenia**).

292 **Drug Interactions**

293 No formal drug interaction studies have been performed with RAPTIVA.
294 RAPTIVA should not be used with other immunosuppressive drugs (see
295 **PRECAUTIONS, Immunosuppression**).

296 Acellular, live and live-attenuated vaccines should not be administered
297 during RAPTIVA treatment (see **PRECAUTIONS, Immunizations**).

298 **Drug/Laboratory Test Interactions**

299 Increases in lymphocyte counts related to the pharmacologic mechanism
300 of action are frequently observed during RAPTIVA treatment (see
301 **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacodynamics**).

302 **Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

303 Long-term animal studies have not been conducted to evaluate the
304 carcinogenic potential of RAPTIVA.

305 Subcutaneous injections of male and female mice with an anti-mouse
306 CD11a antibody at up to 30 times the equivalent of the 1 mg/kg clinical
307 dose of RAPTIVA had no adverse effects on mating, fertility, or
308 reproduction parameters. The clinical significance of this observation is
309 uncertain.

310 Genotoxicity studies were not conducted.

311 **Pregnancy (Category C)**

312 Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with RAPTIVA.
313 It is also not known whether RAPTIVA can cause fetal harm when
314 administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity.
315 RAPTIVA should be given to a pregnant woman only if clearly needed.

316 In a developmental toxicity study conducted in mice using an anti-mouse
317 CD11a antibody at up to 30 times the equivalent of the recommended
318 clinical dose of RAPTIVA, no evidence of maternal toxicity,
319 embryotoxicity, or teratogenicity was observed when administered during
320 organogenesis. No adverse effects on behavioral, reproductive, or growth
321 parameters were observed in offspring of female mice subcutaneously
322 treated with an anti-mouse CD11a antibody during gestation and lactation
323 using doses 3- to 30-times the equivalent of the recommended clinical
324 dose of RAPTIVA. At 11 weeks of age, the offspring of these females
325 exhibited a significant reduction in their ability to mount an antibody
326 response, which showed evidence of partial reversibility by 25 weeks of
327 age. Animal studies, however, are not always predictive of human
328 response, and there are no adequate and well-controlled studies in
329 pregnant women.

330 Since the effects of RAPTIVA on pregnant women and fetal development,
331 including immune system development are not known, healthcare

332 providers are encouraged to enroll patients who become pregnant while
333 taking RAPTIVA (or within 6 weeks of discontinuing RAPTIVA) in the
334 RAPTIVA Pregnancy Registry by calling 1-877-RAPTIVA (1-877-727-
335 8482).

336 **Nursing Mothers**

337 It is not known whether RAPTIVA is excreted in human milk. An
338 anti-mouse CD11a antibody was detected in milk samples of lactating
339 mice exposed to anti-mouse CD11a antibody and the offspring of the
340 exposed females exhibited significant reduction in antibody responses
341 (see **PRECAUTIONS, Pregnancy**). Since maternal immunoglobulins
342 are known to be present in the milk of lactating mothers, and animal data
343 suggest the potential for adverse effects in nursing infants from
344 RAPTIVA, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing
345 while taking the drug or to discontinue the use of the drug, taking into
346 account the importance of the drug to the mother.

347 **Pediatric Use**

348 The safety and efficacy of RAPTIVA in pediatric patients have not been
349 studied.

350 **Geriatric Use**

351 Of the 1620 patients who received RAPTIVA in controlled trials,
352 128 were ≥ 65 years of age, and 2 were ≥ 75 years of age. Although no
353 differences in safety or efficacy were observed between older and younger
354 patients, the number of patients aged 65 and over is not sufficient to
355 determine whether they respond differently from younger patients.
356 Because the incidence of infections is higher in the elderly population, in
357 general, caution should be used in treating the elderly.

358 **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

359 The most serious adverse reactions observed during treatment with
360 RAPTIVA were serious infections, malignancies, thrombocytopenia,

361 hemolytic anemia, arthritis events, and psoriasis worsening and variants
362 (see **WARNINGS**).

363 The most common adverse reactions associated with RAPTIVA were a
364 first dose reaction complex that included headache, chills, fever, nausea,
365 and myalgia within two days following the first two injections. These
366 reactions are dose-level related in incidence and severity and were largely
367 mild to moderate in severity when a conditioning dose of 0.7 mg/kg was
368 used as the first dose. In placebo-controlled trials, 29% of patients treated
369 with RAPTIVA 1 mg/kg developed one or more of these symptoms
370 following the first dose compared with 15% of patients receiving placebo.
371 After the third dose, 4% and 3% of patients receiving RAPTIVA 1 mg/kg
372 and placebo, respectively, experienced these symptoms. Less than 1% of
373 patients discontinued RAPTIVA treatment because of these adverse
374 events.

375 Other adverse events resulting in discontinuation of RAPTIVA treatment
376 were psoriasis (0.6%), pain (0.4%), arthritis (0.4%), and arthralgia (0.3%).

377 Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions,
378 adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of one drug cannot be
379 directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not
380 reflect the rates observed in practice.

381 The data described below reflect RAPTIVA exposure for 2762 adult
382 psoriasis patients (age range 18 to 75 years), including 2400 patients
383 exposed for three months, 904 for six months, and 218 exposed for one
384 year or more, in all controlled and uncontrolled studies. The median age
385 of patients receiving RAPTIVA was 44 years, with 189 patients above the
386 age of 65; 67% were men, and 89% were Caucasian. These data include
387 patients treated at doses higher than the recommended dose of 1 mg/kg
388 weekly.

389 Controlled clinical trials provide the most informative basis for estimating
390 the frequency of RAPTIVA-related adverse drug reactions. Table 3

391 enumerates the adverse events occurring during controlled periods of the
392 clinical trials where the frequency of the adverse events is at least 2%
393 greater in the RAPTIVA-treated group than the placebo group.

Table 3
Adverse Events in Placebo Controlled Study Periods
Reported at a $\geq 2\%$ Higher Rate in the 1 mg/kg/wk
RAPTIVA Treatment than Placebo Groups

	Placebo (n=715)	RAPTIVA 1 mg/kg/wk (n=1213)
Headache	159 (22%)	391 (32%)
Infection ^a	188 (26%)	350 (29%)
Chills	32 (4%)	154 (13%)
Nausea	51 (7%)	128 (11%)
Pain	38 (5%)	122 (10%)
Myalgia	35 (5%)	102 (8%)
Flu Syndrome	29 (4%)	83 (7%)
Fever	24 (3%)	80 (7%)
Back pain	14 (2%)	50 (4%)
Acne	4 (1%)	45 (4%)

^a Includes diagnosed infections and other non-specific infections. Most common non-specific infection was upper respiratory infection.

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395 Adverse events occurring at a rate between 1 and 2% greater in the
396 RAPTIVA group compared with placebo were arthralgia, asthenia,
397 peripheral edema, and psoriasis.

398 The following serious adverse reactions were observed in
399 RAPTIVA-treated patients.

400 **Infections**

401 In the first 12 weeks of placebo-controlled studies, the proportion of
402 patients with serious infection was 0.4% (7/1620) in the RAPTIVA-treated
403 group (5 of these were hospitalized, 0.3%) and 0.1% (1/715) in the
404 placebo group (see **WARNINGS, Serious Infections**). In the complete

405 safety data from both controlled and uncontrolled studies, the overall
406 incidence of hospitalization for infections was 1.6 per 100 patient-years
407 for RAPTIVA-treated patients compared with 1.2 per 100 patient-years for
408 placebo-treated patients. Including both controlled, uncontrolled, and
409 follow-up study treatment periods there were 27 serious infections in
410 2475 RAPTIVA-treated patients. These infections included cellulitis,
411 pneumonia, abscess, sepsis, sinusitis, bronchitis, gastroenteritis, aseptic
412 meningitis, Legionnaire's disease, septic arthritis, and vertebral
413 osteomyelitis. In controlled trials, the overall rate of infections in
414 RAPTIVA-treated patients was 3% higher than in placebo-treated patients
415 (Table 3).

416 **Malignancies**

417 Among the 2762 psoriasis patients who received RAPTIVA at any dose
418 (median duration 8 months), 31 patients were diagnosed with
419 37 malignancies (see **WARNINGS, Malignancies**). The overall
420 incidence of malignancies of any kind was 1.8 per 100 patient-years for
421 RAPTIVA-treated patients compared with 1.6 per 100 patient-years for
422 placebo-treated patients. Malignancies observed in the RAPTIVA-treated
423 patients included non-melanoma skin cancer, non-cutaneous solid tumors,
424 Hodgkin's lymphoma and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and malignant
425 melanoma. The incidence of non-cutaneous solid tumors (8 in
426 1790 patient-years) and malignant melanoma were within the range
427 expected for the general population.

428 The majority of the malignancies were non-melanoma skin cancers;
429 26 cases (13 basal, 13 squamous) in 20 patients (0.7% of 2762
430 RAPTIVA-treated patients). The incidence was comparable for
431 RAPTIVA-treated and placebo-treated patients. However, the size of the
432 placebo group and duration of follow-up were limited and a difference in
433 rates of non-melanoma skin cancers cannot be excluded.

434 **Immune-Mediated Thrombocytopenia**

435 In the combined safety database of 2762 RAPTIVA-treated patients, there
436 were eight occurrences (0.3%) of thrombocytopenia of <52,000 cells per
437 μ L reported (see **WARNINGS, Immune-Mediated Thrombocytopenia**).
438 Three of the eight patients were hospitalized for thrombocytopenia,
439 including one patient with heavy uterine bleeding; all cases were
440 consistent with an immune mediated thrombocytopenia. Antiplatelet
441 antibody was evaluated in one patient and was found to be positive. Each
442 case resulted in discontinuation of RAPTIVA. Based on available platelet
443 count measurements, the onset of platelet decline was between 8 and
444 12 weeks after the first dose of RAPTIVA in 5 of the patients. Onset was
445 more delayed in 3 patients, occurring as late as one year in 1 patient. In
446 these cases, the platelet count nadirs occurred between 12 and 72 weeks
447 after the first dose of RAPTIVA.

448 **Immune-Mediated Hemolytic Anemia**

449 Two reports of hemolytic anemia were observed in clinical trials.
450 Additional cases were reported in the postmarketing setting. The anemia
451 was diagnosed 4-6 months after the start of RAPTIVA and in two serious
452 cases the hemoglobin level decreased to 6 and 7 g/dl. RAPTIVA
453 treatment was discontinued, erythrocyte transfusions and other therapies
454 were administered (see **WARNINGS, Immune-Mediated Hemolytic**
455 **Anemia**).

456 **Adverse Events of Psoriasis**

457 In the combined safety database from all studies, serious psoriasis adverse
458 events occurred in 19 RAPTIVA-treated patients (0.7%) including
459 hospitalization in 17 patients (see **WARNINGS, Psoriasis**
460 **Worsening/Variants**). Most of these events (14/19) occurred after
461 discontinuation of study drug and occurred in both patients responding and
462 not responding to RAPTIVA treatment. Serious adverse events of
463 psoriasis included pustular, erythrodermic, and guttate subtypes. During
464 the first 12 weeks of treatment within placebo-controlled studies, the rate
465 of psoriasis adverse events (serious and non-serious) was 3.2% (52/1620)

466 in the RAPTIVA-treated patients and 1.4% (10/715) in the placebo-treated
467 patients.

468 **Arthritis Events**

469 Infrequent new onset or recurrent severe arthritis events, including
470 psoriatic arthritis events, have been reported in clinical trials and
471 postmarketing (see **PRECAUTIONS, Arthritis Events**).

472 **Hypersensitivity Reactions**

473 Symptoms associated with a hypersensitivity reaction (e.g., dyspnea,
474 asthma, urticaria, angioedema, maculopapular rash) were evaluated by
475 treatment group. In the first 12 weeks of the controlled clinical studies,
476 the proportion of patients reporting at least one hypersensitivity reaction
477 was 8% (95/1213) in the 1 mg/kg/wk group and 7% (49/715) patients in
478 the placebo group. Urticaria was observed in 1% of patients (16/1213)
479 receiving RAPTIVA and 0.4% of patients (3/715) receiving placebo
480 during the initial 12-week treatment period. Other observed adverse
481 events in patients receiving RAPTIVA that may be indicative of
482 hypersensitivity included: laryngospasm, angioedema, erythema
483 multiforme, asthma, and allergic drug eruption. One patient was
484 hospitalized with a serum sickness-like reaction.

485 **Inflammatory/Immune-Mediated Reactions**

486 In the entire RAPTIVA clinical development program of 2762
487 RAPTIVA-treated patients, inflammatory, potentially immune-mediated
488 adverse events resulting in hospitalization included inflammatory arthritis
489 (12 cases, 0.4% of patients) and interstitial pneumonitis (2 cases). One
490 case each of the following serious adverse reactions was observed:
491 transverse myelitis, bronchiolitis obliterans, aseptic meningitis, idiopathic
492 hepatitis, sialadenitis, and sensorineural hearing loss. Myositis,
493 eosinophilic pneumonitis, resolving after discontinuation of RAPTIVA
494 have been reported postmarketing.

495 **Postmarketing Experience**

496 In postmarketing experience, other reported adverse events included toxic
497 epidermal necrolysis and photosensitivity reactions.

498 **Laboratory Values**

499 In RAPTIVA-treated patients, a mean elevation in alkaline phosphatase
500 (5 Units/L) was observed; 4% of RAPTIVA-treated patients experienced a
501 shift to above normal values compared with 0.6% of placebo-treated
502 patients. The clinical significance of this change is unknown. Higher
503 numbers of RAPTIVA-treated patients experienced elevations above
504 normal in two or more liver function tests than placebo (3.1% vs. 1.5%).

505 Other laboratory adverse reactions that were observed included
506 thrombocytopenia, (see **WARNINGS**, and **ADVERSE REACTIONS**,
507 **Immune-Mediated Thrombocytopenia**), lymphocytosis (40%)
508 (including three cases of transient atypical lymphocytosis), and
509 leukocytosis (26%).

510 **Immunogenicity**

511 In patients evaluated for antibodies to RAPTIVA after RAPTIVA
512 treatment ended, predominantly low-titer antibodies to RAPTIVA or other
513 protein components of the RAPTIVA drug product were detected in
514 6.3% (67/1063) of patients. The long-term immunogenicity of RAPTIVA
515 is unknown.

516 The data reflect the percentage of patients whose test results were
517 considered positive for antibodies to RAPTIVA in the ELISA assay, and
518 are highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay.
519 Additionally, the observed incidence of antibody positivity in an assay
520 may be influenced by several factors including sample handling, timing of
521 sample collection, concomitant medications, and underlying disease. For
522 these reasons, comparison of the incidence of antibodies to RAPTIVA
523 with the incidence of antibodies to other products may be misleading.

524 **OVERDOSAGE**

525 Doses up to 4 mg/kg/wk SC for 10 weeks following a conditioning
526 (0.7 mg/kg) first dose have been administered without an observed
527 increase in acute toxicity. The maximum administered single dose was
528 10 mg/kg IV. This was administered to one patient, who subsequently
529 was admitted to the hospital for severe vomiting. In case of overdose, it is
530 recommended that the patient be monitored for 24–48 hours for any acute
531 signs or symptoms of adverse reactions or effects and appropriate
532 treatment instituted.

533 **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

534 The recommended dose of RAPTIVA[®] (efalizumab) is a single
535 0.7 mg/kg SC conditioning dose followed by weekly SC doses of
536 1 mg/kg (maximum single dose not to exceed a total of 200 mg).

537 RAPTIVA is intended for use under the guidance and supervision of a
538 physician. If it is determined to be appropriate, patients may self-inject
539 RAPTIVA after proper training in the preparation and injection
540 technique and with medical follow-up.

541 **Preparation for Administration**

542 RAPTIVA should be administered using the sterile, disposable syringe
543 and needles provided (see **HOW SUPPLIED** section). Remove the cap
544 from the pre-filled syringe containing sterile water for injection (non-USP)
545 and attach the needle to the syringe. Remove the plastic cap protecting the
546 rubber stopper of the RAPTIVA vial and wipe the top of the rubber
547 stopper with one of the provided alcohol swabs. After cleaning with the
548 alcohol swab, do not touch the top of the vial. To prepare the RAPTIVA
549 solution, using the provided pre-filled diluent syringe slowly inject the
550 1.3 mL of sterile water for injection (non-USP) into the RAPTIVA vial.
551 Swirl the vial with a GENTLE rotary motion to dissolve the product. DO
552 NOT SHAKE. Shaking will cause foaming of the RAPTIVA solution.
553 Generally, dissolution of RAPTIVA takes less than 5 minutes. RAPTIVA
554 is provided as a single-use vial and contains no antibacterial preservatives.

555 Reconstitute immediately before use and use only once. If the
556 reconstituted RAPTIVA is not used immediately, store the RAPTIVA vial
557 at room temperature and use within 8 hours. The reconstituted solution
558 should be clear to pale yellow and free of particulates.

559 **Administration**

560 Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate
561 matter and discoloration prior to subcutaneous administration. If
562 particulates or discolorations are noted, the product should not be used.

563 Insert the needle into the vial containing the RAPTIVA solution, invert the
564 vial, and keeping the needle below the level of the liquid, withdraw the
565 dose to be given into the syringe. Replace the needle on the syringe with a
566 new needle.

567 No other medications should be added to solutions containing RAPTIVA,
568 and RAPTIVA should not be reconstituted with other diluents.

569 Sites for injection include thigh, abdomen, buttocks, or upper arm.
570 Injection sites should be rotated.

571 Following administration, discard any unused reconstituted RAPTIVA
572 solution.

573 **Stability and Storage**

574 Do not use a vial beyond the expiration date stamped on the carton or vial
575 label. RAPTIVA (lyophilized powder) must be refrigerated at 2–8°C
576 (36–46°F). Protect the vial from exposure to light. Store in original
577 carton until time of use.

578 **HOW SUPPLIED**

579 RAPTIVA[®] (efalizumab) is supplied as a lyophilized, sterile powder to
580 deliver 125 mg of efalizumab per single-use vial.

581 Each RAPTIVA carton contains four trays. Each tray contains one
582 single-use vial designed to deliver 125 mg of efalizumab, one single-use
583 prefilled diluent syringe containing 1.3 mL sterile water for injection
584 (non-USP), two 25 gauge × 5/8 inch needles, two alcohol prep pads, a
585 package insert with an accompanying patient information insert. The
586 NDC number for the four administration dose pack carton is
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Patient Information
RAPTIVA (Rap-TEE-vah)
(efalizumab)
for injection, subcutaneous

598 Read the Patient Information that comes with RAPTIVA[®] (efalizumab)
599 before you start using it and each time you get a refill. There may be new
600 information. This information does not take the place of talking with your
601 healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. It is
602 important to remain under a healthcare provider's care while using
603 RAPTIVA. **Do not change or stop treatment without first talking with**
604 **your healthcare provider.** Talk to your healthcare provider or
605 pharmacist if you have any questions about RAPTIVA.

606 **WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION I SHOULD**
607 **KNOW ABOUT RAPTIVA?**

608 **RAPTIVA can decrease the activity of your immune system.**

609 Therefore, people using RAPTIVA may have an increased chance of
610 getting:

- 611 • **Serious infections.** Some infections could become serious and in rare
612 cases may lead to death. If you have an infection, tell your healthcare
613 provider before you start using RAPTIVA. If you get an infection that
614 does not go away while taking RAPTIVA, tell your healthcare
615 provider right away.
- 616 • **Cancers.** Many drugs that decrease the activity of the immune
617 system can increase the risk of cancer. If you have had cancer you
618 should tell your healthcare provider before you start taking
619 RAPTIVA. The role of RAPTIVA in the development of cancer is
620 not known.
- 621 • **Low platelet counts (thrombocytopenia).** Platelets help your blood
622 clot. Low platelets give you a higher chance for bleeding. Call your
623 doctor right away if you have increased bruising or bleeding. Your
624 healthcare provider may do regular blood tests to check your platelets
625 while you are taking RAPTIVA.
- 626 • **Low blood counts (anemia).** RAPTIVA may increase the
627 breakdown of your red blood cells and cause very low blood counts.
628 Call your doctor right away if you feel weak and lightheaded, your
629 skin and eyes turn yellow in color or your urine turns red or dark.

630 • **Worsening of psoriasis.** Some patients have had severe worsening
631 or new forms of psoriasis while taking RAPTIVA or after stopping
632 RAPTIVA. Tell your healthcare provider right away if your psoriasis
633 gets worse or if you see any new rashes during or after treatment with
634 RAPTIVA.

635 • **Arthritis.** Some patients have had worsening or new arthritis while
636 taking RAPTIVA or after stopping RAPTIVA. Tell your health care
637 provider if you have severe redness, pain, swelling, or stiffness of
638 joints such as hands, knees, ankles, etc.

639 **You should not receive vaccines while using RAPTIVA.** RAPTIVA
640 may prevent a vaccine from working. Talk to your healthcare provider if
641 you need to receive a vaccine while using RAPTIVA.

642 **WHAT IS RAPTIVA?**

643 RAPTIVA is a medicine used to treat adult patients with moderate to
644 severe plaque psoriasis who can be treated with medicines that affect the
645 whole body (systemic therapy) or with phototherapy.

646 RAPTIVA is a man-made protein that is like proteins made in the body
647 called antibodies. Antibodies fight disease in the human body. RAPTIVA
648 may decrease the skin changes in the body that are the main problems of
649 moderate to severe plaque psoriasis.

650 RAPTIVA has not been studied in children under 18 years of age.

651 **WHO SHOULD NOT USE RAPTIVA?**

652 **Do not use RAPTIVA if you have ever had an allergic reaction to**
653 **RAPTIVA.**

654 **Before using RAPTIVA, tell your healthcare provider**

655 **1. about the following medical conditions:**

656 • **If you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or become**
657 **pregnant while using RAPTIVA.** It is not known if RAPTIVA
658 can harm your unborn baby. If you become pregnant while taking
659 RAPTIVA, notify your healthcare provider immediately. You and
660 your healthcare provider will have to decide if RAPTIVA is right

661 for you during pregnancy. If you use RAPTIVA when you are
662 pregnant, call 1-877-RAPTIVA (1-877-727-8482) to ask how you
663 can be included in the RAPTIVA Pregnancy Registry.

664 • **If you are breast feeding.** It is not known if RAPTIVA passes
665 into your milk. It may harm your baby. You will need to decide
666 whether to use RAPTIVA or breast feed, but you may not do both.

667 • **If you have any infections** (see **WHAT IS THE MOST**
668 **IMPORTANT INFORMATION I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT**
669 **RAPTIVA?**).

670 • **If you have immune system problems**

671 2. **about all the medicines you take, including prescription and**
672 **nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.**
673 It is not known if RAPTIVA and other medicines affect each other.
674 **Especially, tell your healthcare provider if you are using:**

675 • **Other medicines or treatments for your psoriasis**

676 • **Medicines called immunosuppressives or any medicine that**
677 **affects your immune system.** Ask your healthcare provider or
678 pharmacist if you are not sure if any of your medicines are
679 immunosuppressives.

680 **HOW SHOULD I USE RAPTIVA?**

681 • RAPTIVA is an injection that you give yourself once a week.

682 • **See the end of this leaflet for instructions on how to prepare and**
683 **inject RAPTIVA (HOW DO I PREPARE AND GIVE A**
684 **RAPTIVA INJECTION?).** Ask your healthcare provider or
685 pharmacist if you have any questions about using RAPTIVA.

686 • Use RAPTIVA exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider.
687 Your dose of RAPTIVA is based on your body weight. Tell your
688 healthcare provider if your weight changes. Do not change your dose
689 without talking to your healthcare provider. Do not stop using
690 RAPTIVA without talking to your healthcare provider.

691 • RAPTIVA is injected under the skin (subcutaneous) of your upper leg
692 (thigh), upper arm, abdomen, or buttocks once a week. Change
693 (rotate) your skin injection site with each injection.

694 • Use RAPTIVA the same day each week. If you miss your dose of
695 RAPTIVA, contact your healthcare provider to find out when to take
696 your next dose of RAPTIVA and what schedule to follow after that.

- 697 • If you take more than your regular dose of RAPTIVA, call your
698 healthcare provider right away.
- 699 • See your healthcare provider regularly while using RAPTIVA. Do not
700 miss your appointments. Your healthcare provider may do blood tests,
701 including platelet counts, before and during treatment with RAPTIVA
702 to check its affect on your body.

703 **WHAT SHOULD I AVOID WHILE USING RAPTIVA?**

704 **Unless directed by your healthcare provider, do not:**

- 705 • take other medicines called immunosuppressives.
706 • take treatments called phototherapy.

707 **You should not receive vaccines while using RAPTIVA.** Talk to your
708 healthcare provider if you need to receive a vaccine while taking
709 RAPTIVA (see **WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT**
710 **INFORMATION I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT RAPTIVA?**).

711 **WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF RAPTIVA?**

712 **RAPTIVA can cause serious side effects including the following**
713 (see **WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION I**
714 **SHOULD KNOW ABOUT RAPTIVA?**):

715 **RAPTIVA can affect your immune system and might cause:**

- 716 • **Serious infections**
717 • **Cancers**
718 • **Low platelet counts (thrombocytopenia)**
719 • **Low blood counts (anemia)**
720 • **Worsening of psoriasis**
721 • **New or worsening arthritis**

722 **The most common side effects of RAPTIVA** include headache, chills,
723 fever, nausea, and muscle aches. These reactions usually happen within
724 the first 48 hours following RAPTIVA injection, and often decrease after
725 the first few weeks of use of RAPTIVA.

726 **Other side effects that can also happen with RAPTIVA** include back
727 pain or swelling of the arms or legs (peripheral edema). Talk to your
728 healthcare provider about any symptoms that bother you.

729 If you get any side effect that concerns you or if you get an infection, call
730 your healthcare provider.

731 These are not all the side effects of RAPTIVA. For more information, ask
732 your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

733 **HOW SHOULD I STORE RAPTIVA?**

734 • Store RAPTIVA vials in the refrigerator at 36° to 46°F (2° to 8°C)
735 until you are ready to prepare your injection. **Do not freeze or store**
736 **at room temperature.** Once RAPTIVA has been mixed with sterile
737 water, you should use it right away to inject yourself. If you are
738 unable to inject the drug after mixing, the mixture can stay at room
739 temperature for up to 8 hours. Do not use RAPTIVA that was mixed
740 more than 8 hours earlier.

741 If you are traveling, be sure to store RAPTIVA at the right
742 temperature. If you have any questions, ask your healthcare provider
743 or pharmacist.

- 744 • Protect RAPTIVA vials from light while stored.
- 745 • Throw away RAPTIVA vials that are out of date.
- 746 • **Keep RAPTIVA and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

747 **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RAPTIVA**

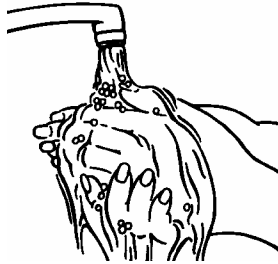
748 Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned
749 in patient information leaflets. Do not use RAPTIVA for a condition for
750 which it was not prescribed. Do not give RAPTIVA to other people, even
751 if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

752 This leaflet summarizes the most important information about RAPTIVA.
753 If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider.
754 You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about
755 RAPTIVA that is written for health professionals. For more information,
756 you can also call 1-877-RAPTIVA (toll free).

757 **HOW DO I PREPARE AND GIVE A RAPTIVA INJECTION?**
758 **If your dose amount is more than 1.25 mL, you will need to use**
759 **2 RAPTIVA blister trays, and you will give yourself 2 injections of**
760 **RAPTIVA.**

761 **Setting Up the Equipment**

- 762 1. Take the RAPTIVA[®] (efalizumab) blister tray out of the refrigerator,
763 and place it on a flat, well-lit, clean work surface.
- 764 2. Wash your hands with soap and water before opening the blister tray.
- 765 3. Open the tray and lay out the contents. Allow the contents to come to
766 room temperature.



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- 768 As shown below, the tray contains:
- 769 • One RAPTIVA vial
 - 770 • One 1.3-mL prefilled syringe of sterile water
 - 771 • Two 25-gauge needles
 - 772 • Two alcohol prep pads

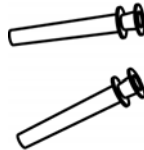
773 Contact your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you are missing any of
774 the items listed above.



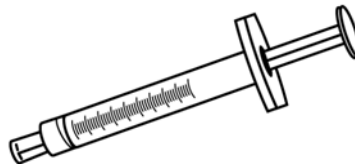
RAPTIVA
Vial



Alcohol Prep
Pads (2)



Needles (2)



Prefilled Syringe

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- 776 4. Check the expiration (Exp.) date on the RAPTIVA vial label and
777 prefilled syringe label. If the expiration date has passed, do not use the
778 RAPTIVA vial or the prefilled syringe containing the sterile water.
779 Contact your healthcare provider.

- 780 5. Partially peel open the needle pack and place it on a clean surface. Be
781 sure to grasp the needle by the plastic cover and avoid touching the
782 end of the syringe and the needle.



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- 784 6. Remove the plastic cap protecting the rubber stopper of the RAPTIVA
785 vial. Open one alcohol prep pad package and wipe the rubber stopper
786 with an alcohol prep pad. Do not touch the top of the vial after
787 wiping.
- 788 7. Remove the cap covering the prefilled syringe tip. Remove one of the
789 25-gauge needles from its package by grasping the needle by the
790 plastic cover and without touching the end of the needle. Carefully
791 place the capped 25-gauge needle onto the syringe tip. Twist needle to
792 secure.

793 **Mixing RAPTIVA**

- 794 1. Remove the needle cap. **Do not touch the needle.** Keep the
795 RAPTIVA vial upright on a firm surface, and slowly puncture the
796 rubber stopper with the needle. Slowly push down on the syringe
797 plunger to inject all of the 1.3 mL of sterile water onto the side wall of
798 the vial to cause less foaming. Some foaming may happen; this is
799 normal.



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- 801 2. With the needle and syringe still in the vial stopper, gently swirl the
802 vial to mix. Wait 5 minutes for the medicine to completely dissolve.
803 To avoid excess foaming, **do not shake the vial.** The RAPTIVA
804 solution should be clear to pale yellow. **Do not use the solution if it**
805 **is discolored or cloudy or if particles (solid matter) are in the**
806 **solution.**



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808 **Preparing the RAPTIVA Dose for Injection**

809 If you need more than one vial of RAPTIVA for the correct dose (dose
810 amount is greater than 1.25 mL), repeat Steps 1–7 of this section using a
811 second RAPTIVA blister tray, and divide your dose between two syringes.

- 812 1. **Turn the vial upside down, keeping the needle in the vial. (The**
813 **needle will now be pointing upward.) Make sure the tip of the**
814 **needle is covered all the way by the medicine in the vial. Pull back**
815 **the syringe slightly if necessary. This will make it easier to get the**
816 **medicine into the syringe.**
- 817 2. Pull back on the plunger to fill the syringe. Withdraw the correct dose
818 of medicine by reading the numbers on the syringe. Remove the
819 syringe from the vial.



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- 821 3. Slide the needle into the cap on a flat surface to pick up the needle cap.
822 To lower the chance of a needlestick injury, do not touch the cap until
823 it covers the needle all the way. Push the cap all the way down over
824 the needle

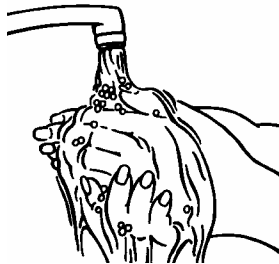


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- 826 4. Hold the syringe upright and tap the side of the syringe to let air
827 bubbles rise to the top. Gently push in the plunger of the syringe to
828 push the air bubbles out.
- 829 5. After removing the bubbles, recheck the dose of medicine in the
830 syringe. If necessary, push the plunger again to remove any amount of
831 medicine beyond the line that indicates your dose. Make sure you
832 have the right dose as instructed by your healthcare provider. Twist
833 the capped needle off the syringe and discard it in a puncture-resistant
834 container (see **DISPOSAL OF THE SYRINGE, NEEDLES, AND**
835 **SUPPLIES**). **Never reuse a needle or syringe.**
- 836 6. Remove the other 25-gauge needle from its package by grasping **the**
837 **needle by the plastic cover and** without **touching the end of the**
838 **needle**. Carefully place the capped 25-gauge needle onto the syringe
839 tip. Twist to secure. Put the syringe down while preparing your skin
840 for injection.

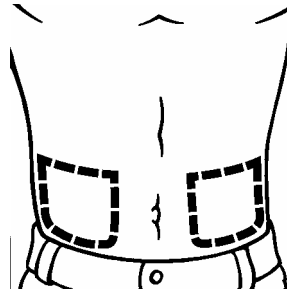
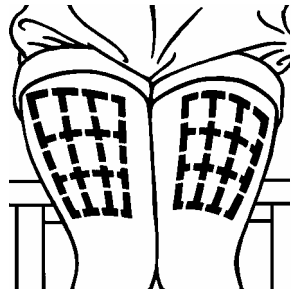
841 **Selecting and Preparing the Injection Site**

- 842 1. Wash your hands well with soap and water.



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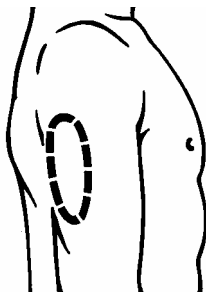
- 844 2. Choose an area of the body for the injection. Avoid, if possible, skin
845 involved with psoriasis. Possible injection sites include the following:
- 846 • Outer area of the upper legs (thighs)
847 • Stomach area around the belly button



848 If someone else is giving you an injection, you can also use:

849 • Back of upper arms

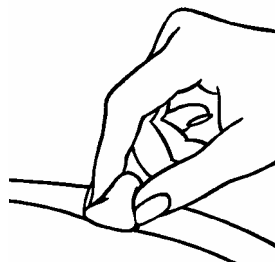
850 • Buttocks



851 3. It is important to change (rotate) the injection site each time you take
852 RAPTIVA to lower your chances of soreness and redness at the
853 injection site. Changing the injection site will also improve absorption
854 of the medication. Repeat injections given in the same area should be
855 at least 1 inch apart. **Do not give an injection close to a vein that**
856 **you can see under the surface of your skin.**

857 4. Wash the skin at the site of injection with soap and water. Let it
858 air dry.

859 5. Cleanse the skin at the injection site with an alcohol prep pad using a
860 circular motion. Let the area air dry all the way. **Do not touch this**
861 **area again before giving the injection.**



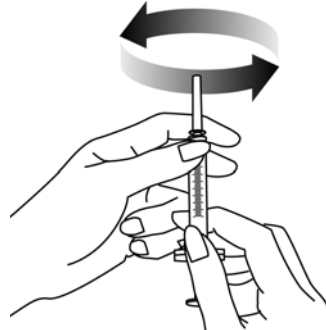
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864 **Giving the RAPTIVA Injection under the Skin**

865 Your healthcare provider will teach you how to inject RAPTIVA. Do not
866 inject RAPTIVA unless you have been taught the right way to give the
867 injection.

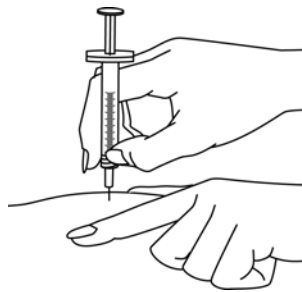
- 868 1. Hold the syringe and remove the needle cover. Twisting the needle
869 cover while pulling will help in the removal. **Do not touch the needle**
870 **or allow the needle to touch anything.**



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- 872 2. Hold the syringe in the hand you use to inject yourself. Use your other
873 hand to pinch a patch of skin at the clean injection site. **Do not** lay the
874 syringe down or allow the needle to touch anything.

- 875 3. Hold the syringe firmly between your thumb and fingers so that you
876 have steady control. Insert the needle straight down at a 90-degree
877 angle. This is important to make sure the medicine is injected into
878 fatty tissue.

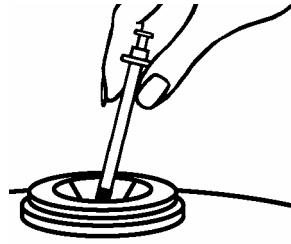


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- 880 4. After the needle is inserted all the way into the skin, you can gently let
881 go of the pinched skin. Be sure the needle stays in your skin. Slowly
882 and smoothly push the plunger down into the syringe until it stops.

- 883 5. When all of the medicine has been injected, remove the needle and do
884 not re-cap it. Discard the used syringe with the attached needle into a
885 puncture resistant container (see **DISPOSAL OF THE SYRINGE,**
886 **NEEDLES, AND SUPPLIES**). **Never reuse a needle or syringe.**
887 Press a dry, sterile gauze (not provided) over the injection site. Do not

888 use the alcohol prep pad. A small bandage may be put over the
889 injection site.

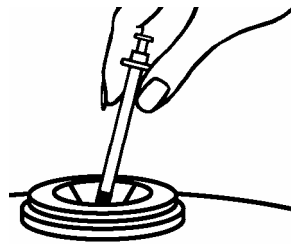


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891 6. If your dose amount is more than 1.25 mL, you will need to give a
892 second injection. Choose the second injection site at least 1 inch from
893 the first injection site.

894 **DISPOSAL OF THE SYRINGE, NEEDLES, AND SUPPLIES**

895 1. As stated earlier, place the used syringe with the attached needle in a
896 puncture-resistant container, like a sharps container. You can buy a
897 sharps container at your local pharmacy.



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899 2. Talk to your healthcare provider about how to properly dispose of a
900 filled container of your used syringes and needles. There may be
901 special local and state laws for disposing of used needles and syringes.

902 **Do not throw the filled container in the household trash and do**
903 **not recycle.**

904 3. The needle cap, alcohol prep pads, and other used supplies can be
905 thrown out with your regular trash.

906 **4. Always keep syringes, injection supplies, and disposal containers**
907 **out of the reach of children.**

908 **5. Do not reuse these single-use syringes or needles.**

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