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2 **RAPTIVA<sup>®</sup>**  
3 **[efalizumab]**

4 **For injection, subcutaneous**

5 **DESCRIPTION**

6 RAPTIVA<sup>®</sup> (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  $\alpha$  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- $\alpha$  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- $\alpha$  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% <sup>a</sup> n=369	22% (16%, 29%)
Study 2	2% n=170	39% <sup>a</sup> n=162	37% (28%, 46%)
Study 3	5% n=122	22% <sup>a</sup> n=232	17% (9%, 27%)
Study 4	3% n=236	24% <sup>a</sup> n=450	21% (15%, 27%)

<sup>a</sup>  $p < 0.001$  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 <sup>a</sup> (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.

<sup>a</sup>  $p < 0.001$  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<sup>®</sup> (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/mm<sup>3</sup>), 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  $\mu\text{L}$  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  $\geq 10$  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  $\geq 65$  years of age, and 2 were  $\geq 75$  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 <sup>a</sup>	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%)

<sup>a</sup> Includes diagnosed infections and other non-specific infections. Most common non-specific infection was upper respiratory infection.

394  
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  $\mu\text{L}$  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<sup>®</sup> (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<sup>®</sup> (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  
587 50242-058-04.

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**Patient Information**  
**RAPTIVA (Rap-TEE-vah)**  
**(efalizumab)**  
**for injection, subcutaneous**

598 Read the Patient Information that comes with RAPTIVA<sup>®</sup> (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.

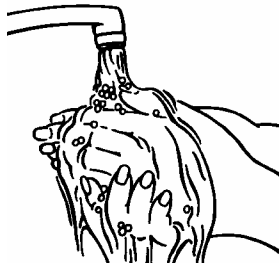
752 This leaflet summarizes the most important information about RAPTIVA.  
753 If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider.  
754 You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about  
755 RAPTIVA that is written for health professionals. For more information,  
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<sup>®</sup> (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

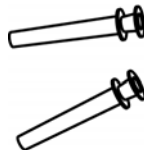
773 Contact your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you are missing any of  
774 the items listed above.



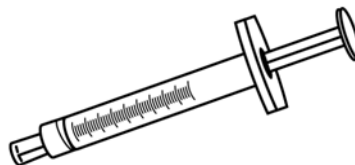
RAPTIVA  
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Alcohol Prep  
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Needles (2)



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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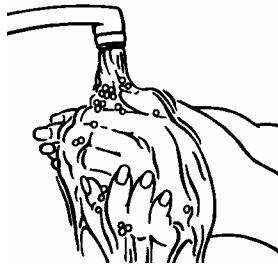
826 4. Hold the syringe upright and tap the side of the syringe to let air  
827 bubbles rise to the top. Gently push in the plunger of the syringe to  
828 push the air bubbles out.

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.

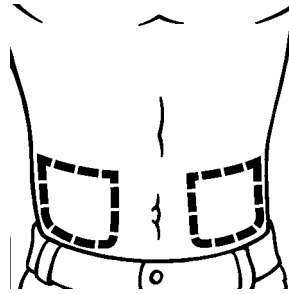
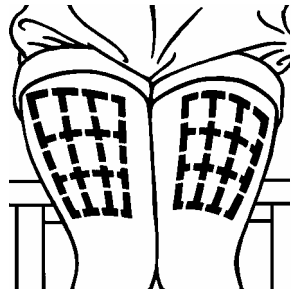


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844 2. Choose an area of the body for the injection. Avoid, if possible, skin  
845 involved with psoriasis. Possible injection sites include the following:

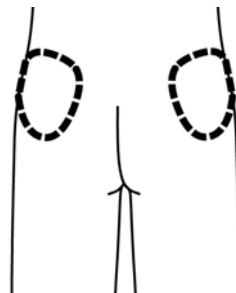
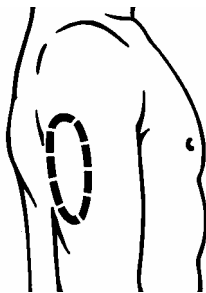
- 846 • Outer area of the upper legs (thighs)  
847 • Stomach area around the belly button



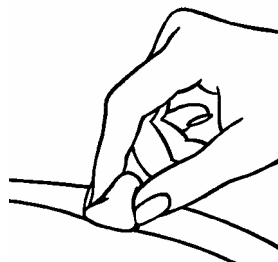


848 If someone else is giving you an injection, you can also use:

- 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.**

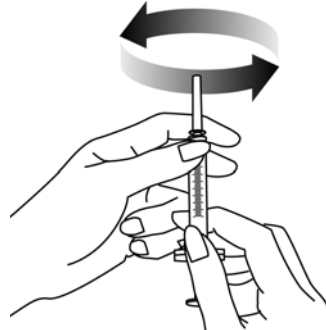


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864 **Giving the RAPTIVA Injection under the Skin**

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.

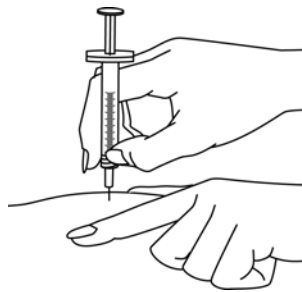
- 868 1. Hold the syringe and remove the needle cover. Twisting the needle  
869 cover while pulling will help in the removal. **Do not touch the needle**  
870 **or allow the needle to touch anything.**



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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.

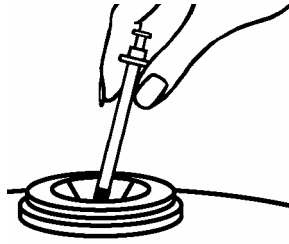


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- 880 4. After the needle is inserted all the way into the skin, you can gently let  
881 go of the pinched skin. Be sure the needle stays in your skin. Slowly  
882 and smoothly push the plunger down into the syringe until it stops.

- 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.

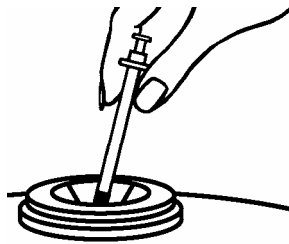


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891 6. If your dose amount is more than 1.25 mL, you will need to give a  
892 second injection. Choose the second injection site at least 1 inch from  
893 the first injection site.

#### 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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