



IMPORTANT PRODUCT STORAGE INFORMATION

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Dear Health Care Provider:

This letter is to inform you of a recent change in the storage conditions for ORIMUNE[®], Poliovirus Vaccine Live Oral Trivalent.

As outlined in the enclosed revised package insert (Revised: 8/24/99), the storage conditions are as follows:

“STORE IN FREEZER FOR MAXIMUM SHELF LIFE.”

“To maintain the potency of ORIMUNE[®], it is necessary to store this vaccine at a temperature that will maintain ice continuously in a solid state (below 0°C or 32°F). However, since the vaccine contains sorbitol it may remain fluid at temperatures above -14°C (+7°F). Ice cubes that remain frozen continuously when stored in the same freezer compartment will confirm that the temperature is appropriate for storage of ORIMUNE[®].”

“Immediately prior to use remove an ORIMUNE[®] DISPETTE from the freezer, thaw completely and administer orally to patient.”

Please note: *Storage under refrigeration and repetitive freezing and thawing (freezer-thaw cycles) are no longer recommended.*

If you need further assistance, please contact Wyeth Lederle Vaccines Biological Quality Assurance at 1-800-999-9384.

Sincerely,

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