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Our STN: BL 125075/0

Genentech Incorporated
Attention: Robert L. Garnick, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Garnick:

We have approved your biologics license application (BLA) for Efalizumab effective this date. You are hereby authorized to introduce or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce, Efalizumab under your existing Department of Health and Human Services U.S. License No. 1048. Efalizumab is indicated for the treatment of adult patients (18 years or older) with chronic moderate to severe plaque psoriasis who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy.

Under this authorization, you are approved to manufacture Efalizumab at your facility in South San Francisco, CA. Your product will bear the proprietary name RAPTIVA™ and will be marketed in single-use vials containing 150 mg of lyophilized product designed to deliver 125 mg Efalizumab/1.25 mL upon reconstitution with 1.3 mL of the supplied sterile water for injection (non-USP).

The dating period for Efalizumab shall be 24 months from the date of manufacture when stored at 2°-8°C. The date of manufacture shall be defined as the date of final sterile filtration of the formulated drug product. The dating period for your drug substance shall be 24 months when stored at -20°C. We have approved the stability protocols in your license application for the purpose of extending the expiration dating period of your drug substance and drug product under 21 CFR 601.12.

You currently are not required to submit samples of future lots of Efalizumab to the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) for release by the Director, CDER, under 21 CFR 610.2. We will continue to monitor compliance with 21 CFR 610.1 requiring completion of tests for conformity with standards applicable to each product prior to release of each lot.

You must submit information to your BLA for our review and written approval under 21 CFR 601.12 for any changes in the manufacturing, testing, packaging or labeling of Efalizumab, or in the manufacturing facilities.

FDA's Pediatric Rule at 21 CFR 314.55 and 21 CFR 601.27 was challenged in court. On October 17, 2002, the court ruled that FDA did not have the authority to issue the Pediatric Rule and barred FDA from enforcing it. Therefore the provision in the regulation allowing the FDA to grant or deny waivers and deferrals no longer exists. Although the government decided not to pursue an appeal in the courts, it will work with Congress in an effort to enact legislation requiring pharmaceutical manufacturers to conduct appropriate pediatric clinical trials. In addition, third party intervenors have decided to appeal the court's decision striking down the rule. Therefore, we encourage you to submit a pediatric plan that describes development of your product in the pediatric population where it may be used. Please be aware that whether or not this pediatric plan and subsequent submission of pediatric data will be required depends upon passage and specific requirements of legislation or the success of the third party appeal. In any event, we hope you will decide to submit a pediatric plan and conduct the appropriate pediatric studies to provide important information on the safe and effective use of this drug in the relevant pediatric populations.

We acknowledge your written commitments as described in your letter of October 24, 2003 as outlined below:

Postmarketing Studies subject to reporting requirements of 21 CFR 601.70.

1. To conduct a multicenter (approximately 500 sites) prospective five year surveillance study of 5000 patients with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis who have received at least one dose of Efalizumab in order to assess the incidence of serious adverse events including all malignancies, serious infections, psoriasis related serious adverse events, inflammatory and autoimmune mediated adverse events, thrombocytopenia, and serious hepatic adverse events. All enrolled study subjects will be followed for at least five years. The final study protocol will be submitted by June 30, 2004. Patient accrual will be completed by June 30, 2008, the study will be completed by June 30, 2013, and the final study report will be submitted by March 31, 2014.
2. To conduct a study of approximately 20 Efalizumab treated patients with new onset NCI CTCAE v3.0 grade 3/4 thrombocytopenia (TCP) to evaluate, through laboratory testing for anti-platelet antibodies, the role of Efalizumab. The final protocol will be submitted by June 30, 2004, the study will be completed by June 30, 2013, and a final study report will be submitted by March 31, 2014.
3. To develop and validate an assay that can detect the presence of neutralizing antibodies to Efalizumab to be used to analyze archived patient samples, and to conduct an Efalizumab immunogenicity study of approximately 245 patients in order to evaluate and explore the incidence and association of anti-Efalizumab antibodies in patients who discontinue Efalizumab secondary to a serious adverse event or due to an apparent loss of response. The final protocol will be submitted by June 30, 2004, the study will be completed by June 30, 2013, and a final study report will be submitted by March 31, 2014.

4. To submit a final study report for the 516 patient study ACD2391g, “An Open-label, Multicenter Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of 1.0 mg/kg Subcutaneously Administered Efalizumab Followed by Efalizumab Taper in Adults with Plaque Psoriasis Previously Enrolled in Study ACD2390g.” This study addresses the safety of discontinuation of Efalizumab with respect to the occurrence of worsening of psoriasis, and of psoriasis rebound. The final study protocol was submitted October 26, 2001, as amendment 113 to (b)(4). The study was initiated April 15, 2002, and the study was completed on April 9, 2003. The final study report will be submitted by February 27, 2004.
5. To complete the 130 patient study, HUPS300 “A Phase IIIb, Open-label, Multicenter Study to Evaluate the Transition from Subcutaneous Efalizumab Therapy to Approved Systemic and/or Phototherapy Psoriasis Treatments in Adults with Moderate to Severe Plaque Psoriasis” that addresses the appropriate use of other anti-psoriasis therapies that may be used as follow-on therapies after the discontinuation of Efalizumab therapy. The protocol was submitted November 1, 2002, and cross-referenced by (b)(4). The study will be completed by December 31, 2003, and the final study report will be submitted by February 27, 2004.
6. To complete the 30 patient study, ACD2244g “A Randomized, Placebo-controlled, Single-Blind, Parallel-Group Study to Evaluate the Effects of 12 Weekly Subcutaneous Doses of 1.0 mg/kg Efalizumab on Immune Responses in Subjects With Moderate Plaque Psoriasis,” that evaluates the following:
 - a. The effect of Efalizumab on percentages of lymphocytes including CD3⁺, CD4⁺, CD8⁺ as well as B and NK cells and the associated CD11a expression and binding site saturation;
 - b. The effect of Efalizumab on neoantigen immunization with respect to interval from dosing and the potential for induction of tolerance and assessment of tolerance using a series of two booster immunizations post-Efalizumab clearance;
 - c. The effect of Efalizumab on recall antigen responses in a chronic dosing situation including the levels of antibody to the recall antigen and the ability of a booster immunization to raise antibody levels; and,
 - d. Patient responses to a neovaccination (pneumococcal vaccine) after withdrawal of Efalizumab treatment;

The final study protocol will be submitted by November 30, 2003, patient accrual will be completed by March 15, 2004, the study will be completed by March 31, 2004, and the final study report will be submitted by August 31, 2004.

5. To conduct a prospective, observational registry study of women with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis exposed to Efalizumab during pregnancy or within six weeks prior to conception. This study will assess the outcomes in the offspring born to those women who were exposed to Efalizumab during pregnancy and breastfeeding relative to background risk in similar patients not exposed to Efalizumab. These outcomes will include adverse effects on immune system development, platelets, major birth defects (congenital anomalies), minor birth defects, and spontaneous abortion and will be assessed in the first year after birth for infants exposed prenatally and again at one year post-weaning for infants exposed through breast milk. A final protocol will be submitted by October 31, 2004 that will include the revised draft labeling with the inclusion of the pregnancy registry telephone number. The study will be initiated by January 31, 2005. Patient accrual will be completed by January 31, 2010, and the study will be completed by January 31, 2011. The final study report will be submitted by September 30, 2011.

Postmarketing Studies not subject to reporting requirements of 21 CFR 601.70

6. To manufacture and perform testing for three additional Efalizumab validation runs, consisting of (b)(4) of the Genentech Parenteral Manufacturing Facility, using (b)(4) in order to obtain full load (b)(4) validation data on Efalizumab. The final process validation reports will be submitted by March 31, 2004.
7. To perform a reevaluation of the Efalizumab (b)(4) drug product release specification after obtaining data for 30 commercial manufacturing runs and to submit these data and reevaluation to the agency as a CBE-30 manufacturing supplement.

We request that you submit clinical protocols to your IND, with a cross-reference letter to this BLA, STN BL125075. Submit nonclinical and chemistry, manufacturing, and controls protocols and all study final reports to your BLA, STN BL 125075. Please use the following designators to label prominently all submissions, including supplements, relating to these postmarketing study commitments as appropriate:

- **Postmarketing Study Protocol**
- **Postmarketing Study Final Report**
- **Postmarketing Study Correspondence**
- **Annual Report on Postmarketing Studies**

For each postmarketing study subject to the reporting requirements of 21 CFR 601.70, you must describe the status in an annual report on postmarketing studies for this product. The status report for each study should include:

- information to identify and describe the postmarketing commitment;
- the original schedule for the commitment;

- the status of the commitment (i.e., pending, ongoing, delayed, terminated, or submitted); and,
- an explanation of the status including, for clinical studies, the patient accrual rate (i.e., number enrolled to date and the total planned enrollment).

As described in 21 CFR 601.70(e), we may publically disclose information regarding these postmarketing studies on our Web site (<http://www.fda.gov/cder/pmc/default.htm>). Please refer to the April 2001 Draft Guidance for Industry: Reports on the Status of Postmarketing Studies – Implementation of Section 130 of the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997 (see <http://www.fda.gov/cber/gdlns/post040401.htm>) for further information.

We acknowledge your written agreement of October 27, 2003, to place the first full-scale lot reprocessed for viral filtration on the full stability testing program as described within the BLA.

Under 21 CFR 201.57(f)(2), patient labeling must be reprinted at the end of the package insert. We request that the text of information distributed to patients be printed in a minimum of 10-point font.

You must submit adverse experience reports under the adverse experience reporting requirements for licensed biological products (21 CFR 600.80). You should submit postmarketing adverse experience reports to the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, 5901-B Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD 20705-1266. Prominently identify all adverse experience reports as described in 21 CFR 600.80.

You must submit distribution reports under the distribution reporting requirements for licensed biological products (21 CFR 600.81). You should submit distribution reports to CBER Document Control Center, Attn: Office of Therapeutics Research and Review, Suite 200N (HFM-99), 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-1448

You must submit reports of biological product deviations under 21 CFR 600.14. You should identify and investigate promptly all manufacturing deviations, including those associated with processing, testing, packing, labeling, storage, holding and distribution. If the deviation involves a distributed product, may affect the safety, purity, or potency of the product, and meets the other criteria in the regulation, you must submit a report on Form FDA-3486 to the Director, Office of Compliance and Biologics Quality, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, HFM-600, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-1448.

Please submit all final printed labeling at the time of use and include implementation information on FDA Form 356h. Please provide a PDF-format electronic copy as well as original paper copies (ten for circulars and five for other labels). In addition, you may wish to submit draft copies of the proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling with a cover letter requesting advisory comments to the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising and Communication (HFD-42), 5600 Fishers Lane,

Rockville, MD 20857. Final printed advertising and promotional labeling should be submitted at the time of initial dissemination, accompanied by a FDA Form 2253.

All promotional claims must be consistent with and not contrary to approved labeling. You should not make a comparative promotional claim or claim of superiority over other products unless you have substantial evidence to support that claim.

The regulatory responsibility for review and continuing oversight for this product transferred from the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research to the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research effective June 30, 2003. For further information about the transfer, please see <http://www.fda.gov/cber/transfer/transfer.htm> and <http://www.fda.gov/OHRMS/DOCKETS/98fr/03-16242.html>. Until further notice, however, all correspondence, except as provided elsewhere in this letter, should continue to be addressed to:

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Sincerely,

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1 **RAPTIVA™**
2 **efalizumab**

3 **For injection, subcutaneous**

4 **DESCRIPTION**

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

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

22 **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

23 **Mechanism of Action**

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

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

40 **Pharmacokinetics**

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

57 **Pharmacodynamics**

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

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

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

89 **CLINICAL STUDIES**

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

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

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

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

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Table 2
Percentage of Patients Responding After 12 Weeks of Treatment

Outcome Measurement	Study	Placebo	RAPTIVA 1 mg/kg/w k	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)

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

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

132 In study 1, 12% of RAPTIVA-treated patients achieved a PASI-50 at week
133 4 compared with 5% for placebo. The median time to PASI-50 among
134 PASI-75 achievers was approximately 6 weeks. Similar results were
135 observed in Studies 2, 3, and 4.

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

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

151 After 12 weeks of treatment, the median duration of a PASI-75 response
152 after RAPTIVA discontinuation was between 1 and 2 months.

153 The safety and efficacy of RAPTIVA therapy beyond 1 year have not been
154 established.

155 **INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

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

159 **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

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

162 **WARNINGS**

163 **Serious Infections**

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

178 **Malignancies**

179 RAPTIVA is an immunosuppressive agent. Many immunosuppressive
180 agents have the potential to increase the risk of malignancy. The role of

181 RAPTIVA in the development of malignancies is not known. Caution
182 should be exercised when considering the use of RAPTIVA in patients at
183 high risk for malignancy or with a history of malignancy. If a patient
184 develops a malignancy, RAPTIVA should be discontinued. (see
185 **ADVERSE REACTIONS, Malignancy**)

186 **Thrombocytopenia**

187 Platelet counts at or below 52,000 cells per uL were observed in 8
188 (0.3%) RAPTIVA-treated patients during clinical trials compared with
189 none among the placebo-treated patients (See **ADVERSE REACTIONS:**
190 **Thrombocytopenia**). Five of the 8 patients received a course of
191 systemic steroids for thrombocytopenia. Thrombocytopenia resolved in
192 the 7 patients receiving adequate follow-up (1 patient was lost to follow-
193 up). Physicians should follow patients closely for signs and symptoms of
194 thrombocytopenia. Assessment of platelet counts is recommended
195 during treatment with RAPTIVA (See **PRECAUTIONS: Laboratory**
196 **Tests**) and RAPTIVA should be discontinued if thrombocytopenia
197 develops.

198 **Psoriasis Worsening and Variants**

199 Worsening of psoriasis can occur during or after discontinuation of
200 RAPTIVA. During clinical studies, 19 of 2589 (0.7%) of RAPTIVA-
201 treated patients had serious worsening of psoriasis during treatment
202 (n=5) or worsening past baseline after discontinuation of RAPTIVA
203 (n=14) (See **ADVERSE REACTIONS, Adverse Events of Psoriasis**).
204 In some patients these events took the form of psoriatic erythroderma or
205 pustular psoriasis. Some patients required hospitalization and alternative
206 antipsoriatic therapy to manage the psoriasis worsening. Patients,
207 including those not responding to RAPTIVA treatment, should be closely
208 observed following discontinuation of RAPTIVA, and appropriate
209 psoriasis treatment instituted as necessary.

210 **PRECAUTIONS**

211 **Immunosuppression**

212 The safety and efficacy of RAPTIVA in combination with other
213 immunosuppressive agents or phototherapy have not been evaluated.
214 Patients receiving other immunosuppressive agents should not receive
215 concurrent therapy with RAPTIVA because of the possibility of
216 increased risk of infections and malignancies.

217 **Immunizations**

218 The safety and efficacy of vaccines administered to patients being treated
219 with RAPTIVA have not been studied. In a small clinical study with IV
220 administered RAPTIVA, a single dose of 0.3 mg/kg given before primary
221 immunization with a neoantigen decreased the secondary immune
222 response, and a dose of 1 mg/kg almost completely ablated it. A dose of
223 0.3 mg/kg IV has comparable pharmacodynamic effects to the
224 recommended dose of 1 mg/kg SC. In chimpanzees exposed to RAPTIVA
225 at ≥ 10 times the clinical exposure level (based on mean peak plasma
226 levels) antibody responses were decreased following immunization with
227 tetanus toxoid compared with untreated control animals. Acellular, live
228 and live-attenuated vaccines should not be administered during
229 RAPTIVA treatment.

230 **First Dose Reactions**

231 First dose reactions including headache, fever, nausea and vomiting are
232 associated with RAPTIVA treatment and are dose-level related in
233 incidence and severity (See ADVERSE REACTIONS). Therefore a
234 conditioning dose of 0.7 mg/kg is recommended to reduce the incidence
235 and severity of reactions associated with initial dosing (see **DOSAGE**
236 **AND ADMINISTRATION**). One case of aseptic meningitis resulting
237 in hospitalization has been observed in association with initial dosing (see
238 **ADVERSE REACTIONS, Inflammatory/Immune-Mediated**
239 **Reactions**)

240 **Information for Patients**

241 Patients should be informed that their physician may monitor platelet
242 counts during therapy. Patients should be advised to seek immediate
243 medical attention if they develop any of the signs and symptoms
244 associated with severe thrombocytopenia, such as easy bleeding from the
245 gums, bruising, or petechiae. Patients should also be informed that
246 RAPTIVA is an immunosuppressant, and could increase their chances of
247 developing an infection or a malignancy. Patients should be advised to
248 promptly call the prescribing doctor's office if they develop any new
249 signs of, or receive a new diagnosis of infection or malignancy while
250 undergoing treatment with RAPTIVA.

251 Female patients should also be advised to notify their physicians if they
252 become pregnant while taking RAPTIVA (or within 6 weeks of
253 discontinuing RAPTIVA) and be advised of the existence of and
254 encouraged to enroll in the Raptiva Pregnancy Registry.

255 If a patient or caregiver is to administer RAPTIVA, he/she should be
256 instructed regarding injection techniques and how to measure the correct
257 dose to ensure proper administration of RAPTIVA. Patients should be
258 also referred to the RAPTIVA Patient Package Insert. In addition,
259 patients should have available materials for and be instructed in the
260 proper disposal of needles and syringes to comply with state and local
261 laws. Patients should also be cautioned against reuse of syringes and
262 needles.

263 **Laboratory Tests**

264 Assessment of platelet counts is recommended upon initiating and
265 periodically while receiving RAPTIVA treatment. It is recommended
266 that assessments be more frequent when initiating therapy (e.g.,
267 monthly) and may decrease in frequency with continued treatment (e.g.,
268 every 3 months). Severe thrombocytopenia has been observed (See
269 **WARNINGS: Thrombocytopenia**).

270 **Drug Interactions**

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

274 Acellular, live and live-attenuated vaccines should not be administered
275 during RAPTIVA treatment (See **PRECAUTIONS: Immunizations**).

276 **Drug/Laboratory Test Interactions**

277 Increases in lymphocyte counts related to the pharmacologic mechanism
278 of action are frequently observed during RAPTIVA treatment (See
279 **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY: Pharmacodynamics**).

280 **Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

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

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

288 Genotoxicity studies were not conducted.

289 **Pregnancy (Category C)**

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

294 In a developmental toxicity study conducted in mice using an anti-mouse
295 CD11a antibody at up to 30 times the equivalent of the recommended
296 clinical dose of RAPTIVA, no evidence of maternal toxicity,
297 embryotoxicity, or teratogenicity was observed when administered during

298 organogenesis. No adverse effects on behavioral, reproductive or growth
300 parameters were observed in offspring of female mice subcutaneously
301 treated with an anti-mouse CD11a antibody during gestation and lactation
302 using doses 3- to 30-times the equivalent of the recommended clinical
303 dose of RAPTIVA. At 11 weeks of age, the offspring of these females
304 exhibited a significant reduction in their ability to mount an antibody
305 response, which showed evidence of partial reversibility by 25 weeks of
306 age. Animal studies, however, are not always predictive of human
307 response, and there are no adequate and well-controlled studies in
pregnant women.

308 Since the effects of RAPTIVA on pregnant women and fetal
309 development, including immune system development are not known,
310 healthcare providers are encouraged to enroll patients who become
311 pregnant while taking RAPTIVA (or within 6 weeks of discontinuing
312 RAPTIVA) in the Raptiva Pregnancy Registry.

313 **Nursing Mothers**

314 It is not known whether RAPTIVA is excreted in human milk. An
315 anti-mouse CD11a antibody was detected in milk samples of lactating
316 mice exposed to anti-mouse CD11a antibody and the offspring of the
317 exposed females exhibited significant reduction in antibody responses
318 (See **PRECAUTIONS: Pregnancy**). Since maternal immunoglobulins
319 are known to be present in the milk of lactating mothers, and animal data
320 suggest the potential for adverse effects in nursing infants from
321 RAPTIVA, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing
322 while taking the drug or to discontinue the use of the drug, taking into
323 account the importance of the drug to the mother.

324 **Pediatric Use**

325 The safety and efficacy of RAPTIVA in pediatric patients have not been
326 studied.

327 **Geriatric Use**

328 Of the 1620 patients who received RAPTIVA in controlled trials,
329 128 were ≥ 65 years of age, and 2 were ≥ 75 years of age. Although no
330 differences in safety or efficacy were observed between older and younger
331 patients, the number of patients aged 65 and over is not sufficient to
332 determine whether they respond differently from younger patients.
333 Because the incidence of infections is higher in the elderly population, in
334 general, caution should be used in treating the elderly.

335 **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

336 The most serious adverse reactions observed during treatment with
337 RAPTIVA were serious infections, malignancies, thrombocytopenia and
338 psoriasis worsening and variants (see **WARNINGS**).

339 The most common adverse reactions associated with RAPTIVA were a
340 first dose reaction complex that included headache, chills, fever, nausea
341 and myalgia within two days following the first two injections. These
342 reactions are dose-level related in incidence and severity and were largely
343 mild to moderate in severity when a conditioning dose of 0.7 mg/kg was
344 used as the first dose. In placebo-controlled trials, 29% of patients treated
345 with RAPTIVA 1 mg/kg developed one or more of these symptoms
346 following the first dose compared with 15% of patients receiving placebo.
347 After the third dose, 4% and 3% of patients receiving RAPTIVA 1 mg/kg
348 and placebo, respectively, experienced these symptoms. Less than 1% of
349 patients discontinued RAPTIVA treatment because of these adverse
350 events.

351 Other adverse events resulting in discontinuation of RAPTIVA treatment
352 were psoriasis (0.6%), pain (0.4%), arthritis (0.4%) and arthralgia
353 (0.3%).

354 Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions,
355 adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of one drug cannot
356 be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and
357 may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

358 The data described below reflect RAPTIVA exposure for 2762 adult
359 psoriasis patients (age range 18 to 75 years), including 2400 patients
360 exposed for 3 months, 904 for six months, and 218 exposed for one year
361 or more, in all controlled and uncontrolled studies. The median age of
362 patients receiving RAPTIVA was 44 years, with 189 patients above the
363 age of 65; 67% were men, and 89% were Caucasian. These data include
364 patients treated at doses higher than the recommended dose of 1 mg/kg
365 weekly.

366 Controlled clinical trials provide the most informative basis for
367 estimating the frequency of RAPTIVA-related adverse drug reactions.
368 Table 3 enumerates the adverse events occurring during controlled
369 periods of the clinical trials where the frequency of the adverse events is
370 at least 2% greater in the RAPTIVA-treated group than the placebo
371 group.

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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%)

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

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

377 The following serious adverse reactions were observed in RAPTIVA-
 378 treated patients.

379 **Infections**

380 In the first 12 weeks of placebo-controlled studies, the proportion of
 381 patients with serious infection was 0.4% (7/1620) in the RAPTIVA-
 382 treated group (5 of these were hospitalized, 0.3%) and 0.1% (1/715) in
 383 the placebo group (See **WARNINGS: Serious Infections**). In the
 384 complete safety data from both controlled and uncontrolled studies, the
 385 overall incidence of hospitalization for infections was 1.6 per
 386 100 patient-years for RAPTIVA-treated patients compared with 1.2 per
 387 100 patient-years for placebo-treated patients. Including both controlled,
 388 uncontrolled, and follow-up study treatment periods there were 27
 389 serious infections in 2475 RAPTIVA-treated patients. These infections

390 included cellulitis, pneumonia, abscess, sepsis, sinusitis, bronchitis,
391 gastroenteritis, aseptic meningitis, Legionnaire's disease, septic arthritis,
392 and vertebral osteomyelitis. In controlled trials, the overall rate of
393 infections in RAPTIVA-treated patients was 3% higher than in placebo-
394 treated patients (Table 3).

395 **Malignancies**

396 Among the 2762 psoriasis patients who received RAPTIVA at any dose
397 (median duration 8 months), 31 patients were diagnosed with
398 37 malignancies (See **WARNINGS: Malignancies**). The overall
399 incidence of malignancies of any kind was 1.8 per 100 patient-years for
400 RAPTIVA-treated patients compared with 1.6 per 100 patient-years for
401 placebo-treated patients. Malignancies observed in the RAPTIVA-
402 treated patients included non-melanoma skin cancer, non-cutaneous solid
403 tumors, Hodgkin's lymphoma and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, and
404 malignant melanoma. The incidence of non-cutaneous solid tumors (8 in
405 1790 patient-years) and malignant melanoma were within the range
406 expected for the general population.

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

413 **Thrombocytopenia**

414 In the combined safety database of 2762 RAPTIVA-treated patients,
415 there were eight occurrences (0.3%) of thrombocytopenia of < 52,000
416 cells per uL reported (See **WARNINGS: Thrombocytopenia**). Three of
417 the eight patients were hospitalized for thrombocytopenia, including one
418 patient with heavy uterine bleeding; all cases were consistent with an
419 immune mediated thrombocytopenia. Antiplatelet antibody was
420 evaluated in one patient and was found to be positive. Each case resulted

421 in discontinuation of RAPTIVA. Based on available platelet count
422 measurements, the onset of platelet decline was between 8 and 12 weeks
423 after the first dose of RAPTIVA in 5 of the patients. Onset was more
424 delayed in 3 patients, occurring as late as one year in 1 patient. In these
425 cases, the platelet count nadirs occurred between 12 and 72 weeks after
426 the first dose of RAPTIVA.

427 **Adverse Events of Psoriasis**

428 In the combined safety database from all studies, serious psoriasis adverse
429 events occurred in 19 RAPTIVA-treated patients (0.7%) including
430 hospitalization in 17 patients (See **WARNINGS: Psoriasis**
431 **Worsening/Variants**). Most of these events (14/19) occurred after
432 discontinuation of study drug and occurred in both patients responding and
433 not responding to RAPTIVA treatment. Serious adverse events of
434 psoriasis included pustular, erythrodermic, and guttate subtypes. During
435 the first 12 weeks of treatment within placebo-controlled studies, the rate
436 of psoriasis adverse events (serious and non-serious) was 3.2% (52/1620)
437 in the RAPTIVA-treated patients and 1.4% (10/715) in the placebo-treated
438 patients.

439 **Hypersensitivity Reactions**

440 Symptoms associated with a hypersensitivity reaction (eg. dyspnea,
441 asthma, urticaria, angioedema, maculopapular rash) were evaluated by
442 treatment group. In the first 12 weeks of the controlled clinical studies,
443 the proportion of patients reporting at least one hypersensitivity reaction
444 was 8% (95/1213) in the 1 mg/kg/wk group and 7% (49/715) patients in
445 the placebo group. Urticaria was observed in 1% of patients (16/1213)
446 receiving RAPTIVA and 0.4% of patients (3/715) receiving placebo
447 during the initial 12-week treatment period. Other observed adverse
448 events in patients receiving RAPTIVA that may be indicative of
449 hypersensitivity included: laryngospasm, angioedema, erythema
450 multiforme, asthma, and allergic drug eruption. One patient was
451 hospitalized with a serum sickness-like reaction.

452 **Inflammatory/Immune-Mediated Reactions**

453 In the entire RAPTIVA clinical development program of 2762
454 RAPTIVA-treated patients, inflammatory, potentially immune-mediated
455 adverse events resulting in hospitalization included inflammatory arthritis
456 (12 cases, 0.4% of patients) and interstitial pneumonitis (2 cases). One
457 case each of the following serious adverse reactions was observed:
458 transverse myelitis, bronchiolitis obliterans, aseptic meningitis,
459 idiopathic hepatitis, sialadenitis, and sensorineural hearing loss.

460 **Laboratory Values**

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

467 Other laboratory adverse reactions that were observed included
468 thrombocytopenia, (See **WARNINGS**, and **ADVERSE REACTIONS**,
469 **Thrombocytopenia**), lymphocytosis (40%) (including three cases of
470 transient atypical lymphocytosis), and leukocytosis (26%).

471 **Immunogenicity**

472 In patients evaluated for antibodies to RAPTIVA after RAPTIVA
473 treatment ended, predominantly low-titer antibodies to RAPTIVA or other
474 protein components of the RAPTIVA drug product were detected in
475 6.3% (67/1063) of patients. The long-term immunogenicity of RAPTIVA
476 is unknown.

477 The data reflect the percentage of patients whose test results were
478 considered positive for antibodies to RAPTIVA in the ELISA assay, and
479 are highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay.
480 Additionally, the observed incidence of antibody positivity in an assay
481 may be influenced by several factors including sample handling, timing of
482 sample collection, concomitant medications, and underlying disease. For

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483 these reasons, comparison of the incidence of antibodies to RAPTIVA
484 with the incidence of antibodies to other products may be misleading.

485 **OVERDOSAGE**

486 Doses up to 4 mg/kg/wk SC for 10 weeks following a conditioning (0.7
487 mg/kg) first dose have been administered without an observed increase in
488 acute toxicity. The maximum administered single dose was 10 mg/kg IV.
489 This was administered to one patient, who subsequently was admitted to
490 the hospital for severe vomiting. In case of overdose, it is recommended
491 that the patient be monitored for 24-48 hrs for any acute signs or
492 symptoms of adverse reactions or effects and appropriate treatment
493 instituted.

494 **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

495 The recommended dose of RAPTIVA is a single 0.7 mg/kg SC
496 conditioning dose followed by weekly SC doses of 1 mg/kg (maximum
497 single dose not to exceed a total of 200 mg).

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

502 **Preparation for Administration**

503 RAPTIVA should be administered using the sterile, disposable syringe
504 and needles provided (see **HOW SUPPLIED** section). Remove the cap
505 from the pre-filled syringe containing sterile water for injection (non-USP)
506 and attach the needle to the syringe. Remove the plastic cap protecting the
507 rubber stopper of the RAPTIVA vial and wipe the top of the rubber
508 stopper with one of the provided alcohol swabs. After cleaning with the
509 alcohol swab, do not touch the top of the vial. To prepare the RAPTIVA
510 solution, using the provided pre-filled diluent syringe slowly inject the
511 1.3 mL of sterile water for injection (non-USP) into the RAPTIVA vial.
512 Swirl the vial with a GENTLE rotary motion to dissolve the product. DO

513 NOT SHAKE. Shaking will cause foaming of the RAPTIVA solution.
514 Generally, dissolution of RAPTIVA takes less than 5 minutes. RAPTIVA
515 is provided as a single-use vial and contains no antibacterial
516 preservatives. Reconstitute immediately before use and use only once. If
517 the reconstituted RAPTIVA is not used immediately, store the RAPTIVA
518 vial at room temperature and use within 8 hours. The reconstituted
519 solution should be clear to pale yellow and free of particulates.

520 **Administration**

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

524 Replace the needle on the syringe with a new needle. Insert the needle
525 into the vial containing the RAPTIVA solution, invert the vial, and
526 keeping the needle below the level of the liquid, withdraw the dose to be
527 given into the syringe.

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

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

532 Following administration, discard any unused reconstituted RAPTIVA
533 solution.

534 **Stability and Storage**

535 Do not use a vial beyond the expiration date stamped on the carton or vial
536 label. RAPTIVA (lyophilized powder) must be refrigerated at
537 2–8°C (36–46°F). Protect the vial from exposure to light. Store in
538 original carton until time of use.

539 **HOW SUPPLIED**

540 RAPTIVA is supplied as a lyophilized, sterile powder to deliver 125 mg
541 of efalizumab per single-use vial.

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

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

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

RAPTIVA can decrease the activity of your immune system. Therefore, people using RAPTIVA may have an increased chance of getting:

- **Serious infections.** Some infections could become serious. If you have an infection, tell your healthcare provider before you start using RAPTIVA. If you get an infection that does not go away while taking RAPTIVA, tell your healthcare provider right away.
- **Cancers.** Many drugs that decrease the activity of the immune system can increase the risk of cancer. If you have had cancer you should tell your healthcare provider before you start taking RAPTIVA. The role of RAPTIVA in the development of cancer is not known.
- **Low platelet counts (thrombocytopenia).** Platelets help your blood clot. Low platelets give you a higher chance for bleeding. Call your doctor right away if you have increased bruising or bleeding. Your healthcare provider may do regular blood tests to check your platelets while you are taking RAPTIVA.
- **Worsening of psoriasis.** Some patients have had severe worsening or new forms of psoriasis while taking RAPTIVA or after stopping RAPTIVA. Tell your healthcare provider right away if your psoriasis gets worse or if you see any new rashes during or after treatment with RAPTIVA.

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

WHAT IS RAPTIVA?

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

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

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

WHO SHOULD NOT USE RAPTIVA?

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

Before using RAPTIVA, tell your healthcare provider

1. about the following medical conditions:

- **If you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or become pregnant while using RAPTIVA.** It is not known if RAPTIVA can harm your unborn baby. If you become pregnant while taking RAPTIVA, notify your healthcare provider immediately. You and your healthcare provider will have to decide if RAPTIVA is right for you during pregnancy. If you use RAPTIVA when you are pregnant, ask your healthcare provider how you can be on the RAPTIVA pregnancy registry.
- **If you are breast feeding.** It is not known if RAPTIVA passes into your milk. It may harm your baby. You will need to decide whether to use RAPTIVA or breast feed, but you may not do both.
- **If you have any infections.** (see WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT RAPTIVA?)
- **If you have immune system problems**

2. about all the medicines you take including prescription and

nonprescription medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements. It is not known if RAPTIVA and other medicines affect each other. **Especially, tell your healthcare provider if you are using:**

- **Other medicines or treatments for your psoriasis**
- **Medicines called immunosuppressives or any medicine that affects your immune system.** Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you are not sure if any of your medicines are immunosuppressives.

HOW SHOULD I USE RAPTIVA?

- RAPTIVA is an injection that you give yourself once a week.
- **See the end of this leaflet for instructions on how to prepare and inject RAPTIVA (HOW DO I PREPARE AND GIVE A RAPTIVA INJECTION?).** Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you have any questions about using RAPTIVA.
- Use RAPTIVA exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider. Your dose of RAPTIVA is based on your body weight. Tell your healthcare provider if your weight changes. Do not change your dose without talking to your healthcare provider. Do not stop using RAPTIVA without talking to your healthcare provider.
- RAPTIVA is injected under the skin (subcutaneous) of your upper leg (thigh), upper arm, abdomen or buttocks once a week. Change (rotate) your skin injection site with each injection.
- Use RAPTIVA the same day each week. If you miss your dose of RAPTIVA

contact your healthcare provider to find out when to take your next dose of RAPTIVA and what schedule to follow after that.

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

WHAT SHOULD I AVOID WHILE USING RAPTIVA?

Unless directed by your healthcare provider, do not:

- take other medicines called immunosuppressives.
- take treatments called phototherapy.

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

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS OF RAPTIVA?

RAPTIVA can cause serious side effects including the following:

(see WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT RAPTIVA?)

RAPTIVA can affect your immune system and might cause:

- **Serious infections**
- **Cancers**
- **Low platelet counts (thrombocytopenia)**
- **Worsening of psoriasis**

The most common side effects of RAPTIVA include headache, chills, fever, nausea, and muscle aches. These reactions usually happen within the first 48 hours following RAPTIVA injection, and often decrease after the first few weeks of use of RAPTIVA. Back pain, joint pain, and swelling of the arms or legs (peripheral edema) can also happen with RAPTIVA. Talk to your healthcare provider about any symptoms that bother you.

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

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

HOW SHOULD I STORE RAPTIVA?

- Store RAPTIVA vials in the refrigerator at 36° to 46° F (2° to 8° C) until you are ready to prepare your injection. **Do not freeze or store at room temperature.** Once RAPTIVA has been mixed with sterile water, you should use it right away

to inject yourself. If you are unable to inject the drug after mixing, the mixture can stay at room temperature for up to 8 hours. Do not use RAPTIVA that was mixed more than 8 hours earlier.

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

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

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RAPTIVA

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

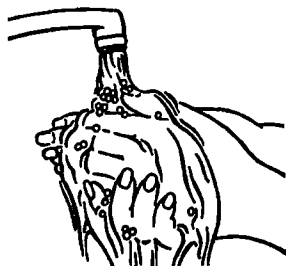
This leaflet summarizes the most important information about RAPTIVA. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about RAPTIVA that is written for health professionals. For more information, you can also call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

HOW DO I PREPARE AND GIVE A RAPTIVA INJECTION?

If your dose amount is more than 1.25 mL, you will need to use 2 RAPTIVA blister trays and you will give yourself 2 injections of RAPTIVA.

Setting up the equipment

1. Take the RAPTIVA blister tray out of the refrigerator and place it on a flat, well-lit, clean, work surface.
2. Wash your hands with soap and warm water before opening the blister tray.
3. Open the tray and lay out the contents. Allow the contents to come to room temperature.



As shown below, the tray contains:

- One RAPTIVA vial
- One 1.3mL prefilled syringe of sterile water

- Two 25 gauge needles
- Two alcohol prep pads

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

An illustration of the components of the kit will go here.

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



5. Remove the plastic cap protecting the rubber stopper of the RAPTIVA vial. Wipe the rubber stopper with an alcohol prep pad. Do not touch the top of the vial.

6. Remove one of the 25-gauge needles from its package. Remove the cap covering the prefilled syringe tip. Carefully place the capped 25-gauge needle onto the syringe tip. Remove the needle cap. Do not touch the needle.

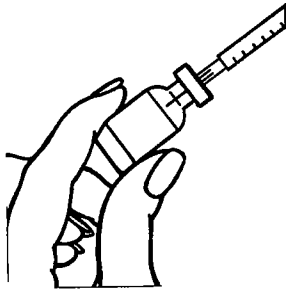
MIXING RAPTIVA

If your RAPTIVA dose amount is greater than 1.25 mL, repeat Steps 1–3 of this section using a second RAPTIVA blister tray.

1. Keep the RAPTIVA vial upright on a firm surface and slowly puncture the rubber stopper with the needle. Very slowly push down on the syringe plunger to inject all of the 1.3 mL of sterile water onto the side wall of the vial to cause less foaming. Some foaming may happen; this is normal.



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



3. Slide the needle into the cap on a flat surface to pick up the cap. To lower the chance of a needlestick injury, do not touch the cap until it covers the needle all the way. Push the cap all the way down over the needle. Twist the capped needle off the syringe and discard it in a puncture-resistant container (see **DISPOSAL OF THE SYRINGE, NEEDLES, AND SUPPLIES**). **Never reuse a needle.**

Illustration showing the needle picking up the cap goes here.

PREPARING THE RAPTIVA DOSE FOR INJECTION

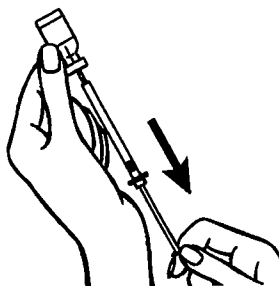
If your dose amount is more than 1.25 mL, split the dose evenly and follow Steps 1–8 of this section using the contents of two separate RAPTIVA blister trays.

1. Using an alcohol prep pad, wipe the rubber stopper of the vial containing the mixed RAPTIVA solution.



2. Remove the remaining unused needle from its package. Connect this needle to the syringe tip and carefully remove the needle cap.

3. Keep the RAPTIVA vial in an upright position on a flat surface and push the needle straight down through the rubber stopper on the vial.
4. Turn the vial upside down, keeping the needle in the vial. (The needle will now be pointing upward.) Make sure the tip of the needle is covered all the way by the medicine in the vial. This will make it easier to get the medicine into the syringe.
5. Pull back on the plunger to fill the syringe. Remove the correct dose of medicine by reading the numbers on the syringe.

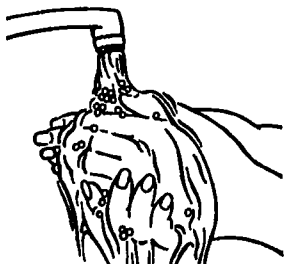


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6. Hold the syringe upright and tap the side of the syringe to let air bubbles rise to the top. Gently push in the plunger of the syringe to push the air bubbles out.
7. After removing the bubbles, recheck the dose of medicine in the syringe. Make sure you have the right dose as instructed by your healthcare provider.
8. Slide the needle into the cap on a flat surface to pick up the syringe cap. Do not let the needle touch anything except the inside of the cap. Push the cap all the way down over the needle. Put the syringe down while preparing the your skin for injection.

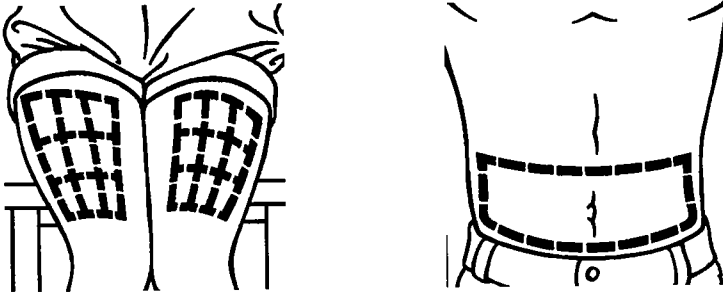
SELECTING AND PREPARING THE INJECTION SITE

1. Wash your hands well with soap and water.



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

- Outer are of the upper legs (thighs)
- Stomach area around the belly button



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

- Back of upper arms
- Buttocks

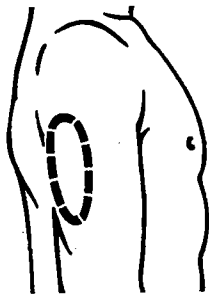
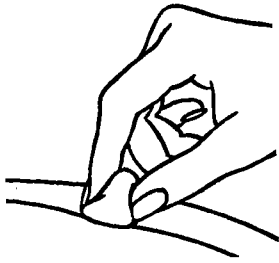


Illustration of suitable buttock sites goes here.

3. It is important to change (rotate) the injection site each time you take RAPTIVA to lower your chances of soreness and redness at the injection site. Changing the injection site will also improve absorption of the medication. Repeat injections given in the same area should be at least 1 inch apart. Do not give an injection close to a vein that you can see under the surface of your skin.
4. Wash the skin at the site of injection with soap and water. Let it air dry.
5. Cleanse the skin at the injection site with an alcohol-soaked cotton ball or pad using a circular motion. Let the area air dry all the way. **Do not touch this area again before giving the injection.**



GIVING THE RAPTIVA INJECTION UNDER THE SKIN

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

1. Hold the syringe and remove the needle cover. Twisting the needle cover while pulling will help in the removal. **Do not** touch the needle or allow the needle to touch anything.
2. Hold the syringe in the hand you use to inject yourself. Use your other hand to pinch a patch of skin at the clean injection site. **Do not** lay the syringe down or allow the needle to touch anything.

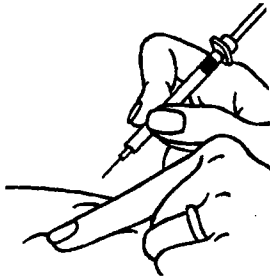
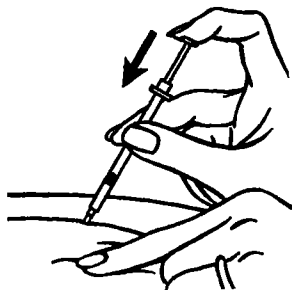
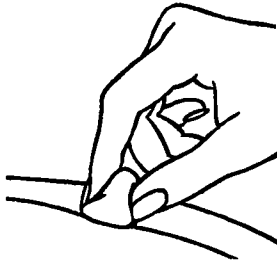


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3. Hold the syringe firmly between your thumb and fingers so that you have steady control. Insert the needle straight down at a 90-degree angle. This is important to make sure the medicine is injected into fatty tissue.



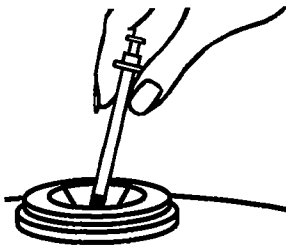
4. After the needle is inserted all the way into the skin, you can gently let go of the pinched skin. Be sure the needle stays in your skin. Slowly and smoothly push the plunger down into the syringe until it stops.
5. When all of the medicine has been injected, remove the needle and do not re-cap it. Press a dry, sterile gauze over the injection site. Do not use the alcohol prep pad. A small bandage may be put over the injection site.



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

DISPOSAL OF THE SYRINGE, NEEDLES, AND SUPPLIES

1. Place the used syringe with the attached needle in a puncture-resistant container, like a sharps container. You can buy a sharps container at your local pharmacy.



2. Talk to your healthcare provider about how to properly dispose of a filled container of your used syringes and needles. There may be special local and state laws for disposing of used needles and syringes. **Do not throw the filled container in the household trash and do not recycle.**
3. The needle cap, alcohol prep pads, and other used supplies can be thrown out with your regular trash.
4. **Always keep syringes, injection supplies, and disposal containers out of the reach of children.**

5. Do not reuse these single-use syringes.

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