

# **Pediatric Safety Review of OFIRMEV<sup>®</sup> (acetaminophen) Injection**

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- Cadence welcomes the opportunity to share the pre-approval and post-marketing safety experience with OFIRMEV (IV acetaminophen) with the Committee and the FDA
- Cadence supports FDA efforts to mitigate the risk of medication errors resulting in acetaminophen overdose

# Introduction

- 10 years of world-wide safety experience with IV acetaminophen incorporated in US NDA
  - allowed Cadence to work with FDA to structure OFIRMEV label to mitigate the risk of medication errors and acetaminophen overdose
- US label differs in several important ways from that of foreign IV acetaminophen labels
- Educational program designed and implemented to:
  - assist with selection of appropriate OFIRMEV dose
  - alert health care professionals not to exceed the daily maximum acetaminophen dose by any route
    - 4000 mg for adults and adolescents weighing 50 kg or more
    - for children, a weight-based 75 mg/kg daily maximum dose

# IV Acetaminophen: Pediatric Postmarketing Safety Experience

- Estimated IV acetaminophen exposure:
  - US - 1.4 to 1.8 million patients
  - World-wide - >36 million patients
- Safety reports of medical errors resulting in pediatric acetaminophen overdose since 2006:
  - 27 reports involving pediatric patients
  - Only one from US experience (8 month old child administered 113 mg/kg OFIRMEV)
  - Up to 20-fold overdoses of IV acetaminophen occurred
  - No correlation between mg/kg overdose and adverse outcome
- Foreign medication errors fall into the following categories:
  - Most common ( $\approx 50\%$ ) are confusion as to appropriate dose or clear mistakes (kg vs. lbs; single vs. daily dose)
  - 10-fold overdose (mg vs. mL confusion) were common ( $\approx 1/3^{\text{rd}}$ )
  - Administration of entire “pediatric” vial content (50 mL)
  - Incorrect administration route – e.g., intra-arterial or epidural
  - Concomitant oral and IV dosing was rare

# IV Acetaminophen: Pediatric Postmarketing Safety Experience

- 18/27 of the pediatric overdose cases are in the < 2 years old category – not currently indicated in the US
  - Most dose confusion outside the US appears to be in neonates and young infants:
    - approved IV dose (7.5 mg/kg) is different than recommendations in authoritative texts (e.g. Harriet Lane, 15 mg/kg for PO/PR dosing) or published literature (loading dose up to 20 mg/kg and interval dose of 15 mg/kg)
  - To date, OFIRMEV use in < 2 age group appears to be minimal
    - lack of dosing guidance for any route of administration
    - PK section of OFIRMEV label suggest a 50% or 33% dose reduction in neonates and infants, respectively

# OFIRMEV Prescribing Information

## OFIRMEV<sup>®</sup> (acetaminophen) injection

### HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use OFIRMEV<sup>®</sup> safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for OFIRMEV.

#### OFIRMEV (acetaminophen) Injection

Initial U.S. Approval: 1951

#### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

- OFIRMEV (acetaminophen) injection is indicated for the
  - Management of mild to moderate pain (1)
  - Management of moderate to severe pain with adjunctive opioid analgesics (1)
  - Reduction of fever (1)

#### DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION

- OFIRMEV may be given as a single or repeated dose. (2.1)
- OFIRMEV should be administered only as a 15-minute intravenous infusion. (2.4)

#### Adults and Adolescents Weighing 50 kg and Over:

- 1000 mg every 6 hours or 650 mg every 4 hours to a maximum of 4000 mg per day. Minimum dosing interval of 4 hours. (2.2)

#### Adults and Adolescents Weighing Under 50 kg:

- 15 mg/kg every 6 hours or 12.5 mg/kg every 4 hours to a maximum of 75 mg/kg per day. Minimum dosing interval of 4 hours. (2.2)

#### Children:

- Children ≥ 2 to 12 years old: 15 mg/kg every 6 hours or 12.5 mg/kg every 4 hours to a maximum of 75 mg/kg per day. Minimum dosing interval of 4 hours. (2.3)

#### DOSE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- Injection for intravenous infusion.
- Each 100 mL glass vial contains 1000 mg acetaminophen (10 mg/mL). (3)

#### CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Acetaminophen is contraindicated:
  - In patients with known hypersensitivity to acetaminophen or to any of the excipients in the IV formulation. (4)
  - In patients with severe hepatic impairment or severe active liver disease. (4)

#### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Administration of acetaminophen in doses higher than recommended may result in hepatic injury, including the risk of severe hepatotoxicity and death. (5.1)
- Do not exceed the maximum recommended daily dose of acetaminophen. (5.1)

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- Use caution when administering acetaminophen in patients with the following conditions: hepatic impairment or active hepatic disease, in cases of alcoholism, chronic malnutrition, severe hypoproteinemia, or severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance ≤ 30 mL/min). (5.1)
- Discontinue OFIRMEV immediately if symptoms associated with allergy or hypersensitivity occur. Do not use in patients with acetaminophen allergy. (5.2)

#### ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse reactions in patients treated with OFIRMEV were nausea, vomiting, headache, and insomnia in adult patients and nausea, vomiting, constipation, pruritus, agitation, and atelectasis in pediatric patients. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Cadence Pharmaceuticals Inc. at 1-877-647-2239 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

#### DRUG INTERACTIONS

- Substrate of enzyme acetaminophen
- Chronic use of acetaminophen may increase the risk of liver injury (see **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS** (5.1))
- Pregnancy: acetaminophen is classified as Pregnancy Category B based on data from animal studies. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Use only if clearly needed.
- Hepatic impairment: acetaminophen is metabolized in the liver. Use with caution in patients with hepatic impairment.
- Renal impairment: acetaminophen is excreted in the urine. Use with caution in patients with renal impairment.

## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

OFIRMEV<sup>®</sup> (acetaminophen) injection is indicated for

- the management of mild to moderate pain
- the management of moderate to severe pain with adjunctive opioid analgesics
- the reduction of fever.

### 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### 2.1 General Dosing Information

OFIRMEV may be given as a single or repeated dose for the treatment of acute pain or fever. No dose adjustment is required when converting between oral acetaminophen and OFIRMEV dosing in adults and adolescents.

intravenous infusion. Do not add other medications to the OFIRMEV vial or infusion device.

For doses less than 1000 mg, the appropriate dose must be withdrawn from the vial and placed into a separate container prior to administration. Using aseptic technique, withdraw the appropriate dose (650 mg or weight-based) from an intact sealed OFIRMEV vial and place the measured dose in a separate empty, sterile container. Do not use the vial for subsequent doses. The maximum total daily dose of acetaminophen is not to exceed 4000 mg (10 mg/kg) in adults and adolescents.

the use of acetaminophen. Clinical signs included swelling of the face, mouth, and throat, respiratory distress, urticaria, rash, and pruritus. There were infrequent reports of life-threatening anaphylaxis requiring emergency medical attention. Discontinue OFIRMEV immediately if symptoms associated with allergy or hypersensitivity occur. Do not use OFIRMEV in patients with acetaminophen allergy.

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

Following serious adverse reactions are described elsewhere in the labeling:

Injury [see **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS** (5.1)]

and Hypersensitivity [see **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS** (5.2)]

### Clinical Experience

Clinical trials are conducted under conditions, adverse reaction rates may not directly compare to rates in clinical practice and may not reflect the rates

observed in clinical practice. The following adverse reactions were reported in clinical studies of OFIRMEV in Pediatrics

Other Adverse Reactions Observed During Clinical Studies of OFIRMEV in Pediatrics

The following additional treatment-emergent adverse reactions were reported by pediatric subjects treated with OFIRMEV (n=355) that occurred with an incidence of at least 1%.

**Blood and lymphatic system disorders:** anemia

**Cardiac disorders:** tachycardia

**Gastrointestinal disorders:** abdominal pain, diarrhea

**General disorders and administration site conditions:** injection site pain, edema peripheral, pyrexia

**Investigations:** hepatic enzyme increase

**Metabolism and nutrition disorders:** hyponatremia, hypokalemia, hypomagnesemia, hypophosphatemia, hypervolemia

**Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders:** muscle spasm, pain in extremity

**Nervous system disorders:** headache

**Psychiatric disorders:** insomnia

**Renal and urinary disorders:** oliguria

**Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders:** pulmonary edema, hypoxia, pleural effusion, stridor, wheezing

**Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:** periorbital edema, rash

**Vascular disorders:** hypertension, hypotension

### 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

#### 7.1 Effects of Other Substances on Acetaminophen

Substances that induce or regulate hepatic cytochrome enzyme CYP2E1 may alter the metabolism of acetaminophen and increase its hepatotoxic potential. The clinical consequences of these effects have not been established. Effects of ethanol are complex, because excessive alcohol usage can induce hepatic cytochromes, but ethanol also acts as a competitive inhibitor of the metabolism of acetaminophen.

#### 7.2 Anticoagulants

Chronic oral acetaminophen use at a dose of 4000 mg/day has been shown to cause an increase in bleeding time.

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### 5.1 Hepatic Injury

Administration of acetaminophen in doses higher than recommended may result in hepatic injury, including the risk of severe hepatotoxicity and death [see **OVERDOSAGE** (10)]. Do not exceed the maximum recommended daily dose of acetaminophen [see **DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION** (2)].

Do not exceed the maximum recommended daily dose of acetaminophen.

Place small volume pediatric doses up to 60 mL in volume in a syringe and administer over 15 minutes using a syringe pump.

#### 2.4 Instructions for Intravenous Administration

For adult and adolescent patients weighing ≥ 50 kg requiring 1000 mg doses of OFIRMEV, administer the dose by inserting a vented intravenous set through the septum of the 100 mL vial. OFIRMEV may be administered without further dilution. Examine the vial contents before dose preparation or administering. DO NOT USE if particulate matter or discoloration is observed. Administer the contents of the vial intravenously over 15-minutes. Use aseptic technique when preparing OFIRMEV for

intravenous infusion. Do not add other medications to the OFIRMEV vial or infusion device.

For doses less than 1000 mg, the appropriate dose must be withdrawn from the vial and placed into a separate container prior to administration. Using aseptic technique, withdraw the appropriate dose (650 mg or weight-based) from an intact sealed OFIRMEV vial and place the measured dose in a separate empty, sterile container. Do not use the vial for subsequent doses. The maximum total daily dose of acetaminophen is not to exceed 4000 mg (10 mg/kg) in adults and adolescents.

#### 5.2 Allergy and Hypersensitivity

There have been post-marketing reports of hypersensitivity and anaphylaxis associated with

#### Observed During Clinical Studies of OFIRMEV in Adults

Following additional treatment-emergent adverse reactions were reported by adult subjects treated with OFIRMEV in all clinical trials (n=2525) that occurred with an incidence of at least 1% and at a frequency greater than placebo (n=525).

**Blood and lymphatic system disorders:** anemia

**General disorders and administration site conditions:** fatigue, infusion site pain, edema peripheral

**Investigations:** aspartate aminotransferase increased, breath sounds abnormal

Reactions Occurring at a Frequency Greater than Placebo in Clinical Studies	
OFIRMEV (n=242)	Placebo (n=379)
38 (16%)	119 (31%)
2 (1%)	42 (11%)
2 (1%)	52 (14%)
39 (16%)	33 (9%)
39 (16%)	21 (5%)

\*Data is included in the table only if the frequency is greater than placebo.

#### Observed During Clinical Studies of OFIRMEV in Pediatrics

Following additional treatment-emergent adverse reactions were reported by pediatric subjects treated with OFIRMEV in all clinical trials (n=355) that occurred with an incidence of at least 1%.

**Blood and lymphatic system disorders:** anemia

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# OFIRMEV Educational Initiatives in use Since Launch

- Initial education efforts directed to healthcare practitioners designed to reinforce the importance of correct pediatric dose calculations and administration techniques
  - Appropriate use and administration instructions for all indicated age groups (video on OFIRMEV.com)
  - Dosing card: easy way to calculate the correct dose *in both mg/kg and in mL/kg* for all children (age 2 and older) and adults/adolescents under 50 kg weight
  - Reinforce label guidance with specific emphasis on the importance of adhering to acetaminophen maximum daily dose recommendations, *by any route of administration*
- Raise awareness of commonly used oral acetaminophen containing products
  - Posters and “tear-off” sheets
  - Referral to “knowyourdose.org” (Acetaminophen Awareness Coalition)
  - Medical Information letters and other educational materials on dosing and IV to oral transitions



# OFIRMEV Educational Initiatives – Dosing Card

For doses <1000 mg  
(10 mg/mL)



**OFIRMEV**  
(acetaminophen) injection  
1000 mg/100 mL (10 mg/mL)



**OFIRMEV**  
(acetaminophen) injection  
1000 mg/100 mL (10 mg/mL)

## HOW TO ADMINISTER OFIRMEV<sup>2</sup>

For 1000-mg  
(100-mL) doses



**1** Use aseptic technique to prepare the vial and IV line

**2** Insert a vented IV set; open vent

**3** Hang bottle; adjust flow for 15-minute infusion

- After the vacuum seal is penetrated, OFIRMEV should be administered within 6 hours
- OFIRMEV should be administered only as a 15-minute intravenous infusion
- Monitor the end of the infusion in order to prevent the possibility of an air embolism

**For 650-mg or weight-based doses**

- Using aseptic technique, withdraw the appropriate dose (650 mg or weight based) from an intact, sealed OFIRMEV vial and place the measured dose in a separate, empty, sterile container (eg, glass bottle, plastic IV container, or syringe)
- OFIRMEV should be administered only as a 15-minute intravenous infusion
- The entire 100-mL vial of OFIRMEV is not intended for use in patients weighing <50 kg. OFIRMEV is a single-use vial, and the unused portion must be discarded.

**For 650-mg or weight-based doses**

- Using aseptic technique, withdraw the appropriate dose (650 mg or weight based) from an intact, sealed OFIRMEV vial and place the measured dose in a separate, empty, sterile container (eg, glass bottle, plastic IV container, or syringe)
- OFIRMEV should be administered only as a 15-minute intravenous infusion
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**For small-volume doses**

- Place volume over 15 min

Age group	Dosing interval	Maximum single dose	Maximum daily dose (by amount)
Adults and adolescents (≥13 yrs old) ≥50 kg	Q6h	1000 mg (100 mL)*	4000 mg
Adults and adolescents (≥13 yrs old) <50 kg	Q6h	650 mg	3750 mg
Children (≥2 to 12 yrs old)	Q6h	12.5 mg/kg (1.25 mL/kg)	75 mg/kg

\*Each mL contains 10 mg of OFIRMEV.

†Maximum daily dose up to 3750 mg.

**Important Safety Information**

Do not exceed the maximum recommended daily dose of acetaminophen. Administration of acetaminophen by any route in doses higher than recommended may result in hepatic injury, including the risk of severe hepatotoxicity and death.

**The effectiveness of OFIRMEV for the treatment of acute pain and fever has not been studied in pediatric patients <2 years old.**

**Dosing for adults weighing <50 kg (≥12 years old)**

Dosing interval is Q4h<sup>2</sup>

Dose of OFIRMEV at Q4h is<sup>2</sup>:

- Adults ≥50 kg: 650 mg (65 mL)
- Adults <50 kg: 12.5 mg/kg (1.25 mL/kg)
- Children ≥2 years old: 12.5 mg/kg (1.25 mL/kg)

Maximum recommended daily dose is 75 mg/kg.

**Important Safety Information**

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Administration of acetaminophen by any route in doses higher than recommended may result in hepatic injury, including the risk of severe hepatotoxicity and death.

References: 1. Data on file. Cadence Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 2. OFIRMEV™ (acetaminophen) injection prescribing information. Cadence Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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(acetaminophen) injection

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neonates and infants. Dosing simulations from PK data suggest that dose reductions of 33% in infants 1 month to <2 years of age, and 50% in neonates up to 28 days, with a minimum dosing interval of Q6h, will produce a PK exposure similar to that observed in children ≥2 years old.<sup>2</sup>

See inside for administration instructions.

40	60	600
42	63	630
44	66	660
46	69	690
48	72	720





# OFIRMEV Educational Initiatives – Acetaminophen-Containing Oral Medications

## Rx and OTC medications containing acetaminophen

The maximum total daily dose of acetaminophen administered by any route should not be exceeded. Healthcare providers should discuss with their patients the use of both prescription and OTC acetaminophen to minimize potential risk of overdose.

This list is designed to serve as a guide and is not meant to be a comprehensive directory of all available acetaminophen-containing products. It is important to carefully review each product's list of ingredients to determine whether and how much acetaminophen is contained within. Please refer to individual product labels for specific dosing guidelines.

### Prescription oral products containing acetaminophen (examples)

#### Acetaminophen and Oxycodone Combinations

Endocet® | Roxicet® | Percocet®

#### Acetaminophen and Hydrocodone Combinations

Lortab® | Vicodin® | Vicodin HP® | Zydane®  
Norco® | Vicodin ES® | Xadol®

#### Acetaminophen and Propoxyphene Combinations

Darvocet-N® | Balacet®

#### Acetaminophen, Dichloralphenazone, and Isometheptene Combinations

Epidrin®

#### Acetaminophen, Butalbital, and Caffeine Combinations

Fioricet® | Zebutal® | Dolgic® Plus | Esgic-Plus®

#### Acetaminophen and Codeine Combinations

Tylenol® w/codeine (acetaminophen and codeine)  
Capital® w/codeine (acetaminophen and codeine)

#### Acetaminophen and Tramadol Combinations

Ultracet® (acetaminophen and tramadol)

#### Acetaminophen, Chlorpheniramine, Phenylephrine, and Phenyltoloxamine Combinations

Norel® SR

### Prescription intravenous product containing acetaminophen

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### OTC products containing acetaminophen (examples)

#### Acetaminophen Single-Agent Products

Acephen® Suppositories  
Aminofen® (various products under this brand name)  
Anacin® Tablets  
Apra Children's Elixir  
Cetafen® (various products under this brand name)  
Children's Silapap® Elixir  
Children's Tylenol® (various products under this brand name)  
Ed-APAP® Children's Solution  
ElixSure® Children's Fever Reducer/Pain Reliever  
FeverAll® (various products under this brand name)  
FeverAll® Junior Strength Suppositories  
Genapap® (various products under this brand name)  
Infantaire® Drops  
Infant's Silapap® Solution  
Jr. Tylenol® Meltaways  
Mapap® (various products under this brand name)  
Masophen® (various products under this brand name)  
Nortemp® Children's Suspension  
Q-Pap®  
Quick Melts® (various products under this brand name)  
Silapap® Children's Liquid  
Tylenol® 8 Hour  
Tylenol® Arthritis Pain  
Tylenol® Extra Strength (various products under this brand name)  
Tylenol® Infants' Drops  
Tylenol® Regular Strength  
Tylenol® Cold Sore Throat  
Valorin® Tablets

#### Acetaminophen Combination Products

Alka-Seltzer® (various products under this brand name)  
Anacin® Advanced Headache Formula  
Co-APAP® Cough Formula M Multi-Symptom  
Comtrex® (various products under this brand name)  
DayQuil® (various products under this brand name)  
Excedrin® Back and Body  
Excedrin® Extra Strength (various products under this brand name)  
Excedrin® Menstrual Complete  
Excedrin® Migraine  
Excedrin® Tension Headache  
Genace®  
Genaco® Maximum Strength  
Goody's® Headache Powders (various products under this brand name)  
Mapap® (various products under this brand name)  
NyQuil® (various products under this brand name)  
Robitussin® Night Time Cough, Cold & Flu  
Sudafed® (various products under this brand name)  
Supac®  
Theraflu® (various products under this brand name)  
Triaminic® (various products under this brand name)  
Tylenol® Cold (various products under this brand name)  
Vanquish® Caplets  
Vicks® Formula 44® Custom Care Cough & Cold PM

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# OFIRMEV Educational Initiatives – Day Surgery Discharge Instructions

## Day surgery discharge instructions

For medications containing acetaminophen in adults weighing  $\geq 50$  kg

During your procedure, you were given acetaminophen 1000 mg (1 g) for pain control at \_\_\_\_ AM/PM. If you need additional pain medication at home, take as directed by your physician.

Take \_\_\_\_\_ (checked below) no sooner than \_\_\_\_ AM/PM.

It is important that you do not exceed the maximum amount of acetaminophen, 4000 mg (4 g), in the remaining 24 hours.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medication	Acetaminophen amount per tablet	Total tablets remaining (acetaminophen amount)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tylenol® Regular Strength (acetaminophen tablets) <sup>1</sup>	325 mg	9 tablets (2925 mg)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tylenol® Extra Strength (acetaminophen tablets) <sup>2</sup>	500 mg	6 tablets (3000 mg)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tylenol® #3 (acetaminophen and codeine tablets) <sup>3</sup>	300 mg	10 tablets (3000 mg)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Percocet® (5 mg/325 mg or 10 mg/325 mg) (acetaminophen and oxycodone tablets) <sup>4</sup>	325 mg	9 tablets (2925 mg)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Norco® (acetaminophen and hydrocodone tablets) <sup>5</sup>	325 mg	9 tablets (2925 mg)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lortab® (acetaminophen and hydrocodone tablets) <sup>6</sup>	500 mg	6 tablets (3000 mg)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vicodin® (5 mg/300 mg) (acetaminophen and hydrocodone tablets) <sup>7</sup>	300 mg	8 tablets (2400 mg)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vicodin® (5 mg/500 mg) (acetaminophen and hydrocodone tablets) <sup>7</sup>	500 mg	6 tablets (3000 mg)

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# OFIRMEV Additional Pediatric Presentations?

- **Smaller volume vial**
  - A 50 mL vial of IV acetaminophen 10 mg/mL is available for use in EU specifically for newborn infants, infants and toddlers and children < 33 kg
  - The smaller “pediatric” presentation has resulted in confusion that the vial was appropriate for all children, including neonates, resulting in overdose via administration of entire vial
  - Difficult to find a vial size that fits most pediatric doses and reduces overdose risk
  - Current approach in the US of removing product from vial and either putting into a separate sterile container or a syringe pump for small volumes appears to be the optimal approach
- **More dilute concentration**
  - Introduction of a diluted solution could result in volume overload in low bodyweight pediatric patients and a 2<sup>nd</sup> concentration may lead to more rather than less dosing confusion
  - Note that the 2009 & 2011 Advisory Committees discussing oral acetaminophen voted in favor of having one concentration of acetaminophen liquid and one concentration of oral pediatric acetaminophen products

# Summary

- Cadence supports FDA efforts to mitigate the risk of medication errors resulting in acetaminophen overdose
- OFIRMEV label
  - highlights need to respect the max daily dose of acetaminophen by any route in all indicated age groups
  - Clearly states the risks of exceeding max daily dose
  - Gives clear administration instructions for small volume and pediatric use
- Cadence has introduced educational material reinforcing the OFIRMEV label and identifying common acetaminophen containing products
- Cadence does not support introduction of additional presentations or reduced concentrations of OFIRMEV as they will add confusion and increase the probability of dosing errors resulting in overdose