



Voluntary US Market Discontinuation of Amevive® (alefacept)

Dear Patient,

Astellas Pharma US, Inc. would like to inform you of its decision to cease promotion, manufacturing, distribution and sales of Amevive. The decision to discontinue Amevive was driven by business needs. As you may or may not be aware, Amevive is currently experiencing a supply disruption, however this event is not the basis for discontinuation.

Additionally, the decision to cease Amevive sales is neither the result of any specific safety concern nor the result of FDA-mandated or voluntary product recall.

Astellas ceased distribution of Amevive to wholesalers and distributors effective November 16, 2011. As a result of supply disruption Astellas recommends that you work with your doctor to plan a careful transition to alternate therapy as soon as possible. Astellas is recommending physicians check with dispensing pharmacies for product availability before initiating or continuing Amevive therapy. Do not discontinue your Amevive treatment without first consulting with your physician. For current patients, Astellas will maintain current Amevive support programs (e.g. Astellas Reimbursement Services, Patient Assistance Program) through March 16, 2012.

This information is not intended to replace speaking with your health care provider about your condition and treatment options. Please consult with your doctor regarding any questions or concerns you may have and your treatment options.

Please direct additional questions regarding Amevive to Astellas Medical Information Department at 1-800-727-7003.

What you need to do

- Do not discontinue your Amevive treatment without first consulting with your physician
- Call or make an appointment with your doctor to discuss alternate treatment options as soon as possible
- You are encouraged to report Adverse events to Astellas at 1-800-727-7003 or FDA at www.fda.gov/medwatch or 1-800-FDA-1088

Sincerely,

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