



Dymista approved by the FDA

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved Dymista, a new patented product for treatment of seasonal allergic rhinitis (SAR). In several clinical studies, Dymista has consistently showed a rapid and more complete symptom relief than standard treatment.

"Allergic rhinitis is an increasing problem. Many patients have severe symptoms that cause inability to work and live a normal life. Dymista can offer an effective treatment for patients suffering from these symptoms", said Anders Lönner, CEO of Meda AB. *"The approval of Dymista represents an important achievement for Meda's clinical development groups in the US and Europe. Meda's franchise in the allergy area is strengthened and gives opportunities for the company to grow and establish collaborations in the field. Dymista will be available in the US during the second half of 2012".*

"Many patients are dissatisfied with currently available treatments", said Dr. Warner W. Carr, MD, FAAAAI, FACAAI, Allergy & Asthma Associates of Southern California, Mission Viejo, CA, USA, principal investigator in the clinical development program for Dymista. *"At the first onset of seasonal allergies, Dymista has the potential to help reduce the number of allergy medications patients may need to take and offers greater efficacy than traditional first line agents - which in turn can lead to greater compliance and more efficient use of healthcare system resources for this common condition".*

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has also issued two patents related to Dymista. The patents extend through 2023 and 2026, excluding potential patent term extension.

About Dymista

Dymista Nasal Spray is approved in the U.S. for the relief of symptoms of seasonal allergic rhinitis (SAR) in patients 12 years of age and older who require treatment with both azelastine hydrochloride and fluticasone propionate for symptomatic relief. SAR annually affects approximately 60 million people in the U.S. Dymista is administered twice daily in each nostril. The efficacy and safety of Dymista has been documented in several studies involving over 4,000 patients, including a long-term safety study with more than 600 patients.

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