

RxHighlights

May 2021

New drugs

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Drug name Manufacturer(s)	Therapeutic category	Indication(s)	Launch information
Camcevi® (leuprolide) Forsee	Gonadotropin- releasing hormone analog	Treatment of adult patients with advanced prostate cancer	TBD
Empaveli [™] (pegcetacoplan) ^{†*} Apellis	Complement C3 inhibitor	Treatment of adult patients with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria	May 18, 2021
Lumakras ™ (sotorasib) ^{†*} Amgen	KRAS inhibitor	Treatment of adult patients with KRAS G12C-mutated locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer, as determined by an FDA-approved test, who have received at least one prior systemic therapy	May 28, 2021
Myfembree® (relugolix/estradiol/norethindrone acetate) Myovant Sciences and Pfizer	Gonadotropin- releasing hormone (GnRH) receptor antagonist/ estrogen/ progestin	Management of heavy menstrual bleeding associated with uterine leiomyomas (fibroids) in premenopausal women	May 27, 2021
Rybrevant [™] (amivantamab-vmjw)* Johnson & Johnson	Bispecific EGF receptor-directed and MET receptor- directed antibody	Treatment of adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic non- small cell lung cancer with epidermal growth factor receptor exon 20 insertion mutations, as detected by an FDA-approved test, whose disease has progressed on or after platinum-based chemotherapy	May 24, 2021
Sotrovimab [±] GlaxoSmithKline/Vir Biotechnology	Monoclonal antibody	Treatment of mild-to-moderate coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kilograms [about 88 pounds]) with positive results of direct severe acute respiratory symptom coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) viral	May 26, 2021

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		testing and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death	
Truseltiq [™] (infigratinib) ^{†*} BridgeBio Pharma	Kinase inhibitor	Treatment of adults with previously treated, unresectable locally advanced or metastatic cholangiocarcinoma with a fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 fusion or other rearrangement as detected by an FDA-approved test	May 28, 2021

*New molecular entity; † Orphan drug; ±Emergency use authorization approval; TBD: To be determined

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New generics

Drug name Manufacturer(s)	Generic manufacturer(s)	Strength(s) & dosage form(s)	Therapeutic use	Launch information
Miacalcin [®] (calcitonin salmon) Mylan	Leucadia ^{†¶}	400 units/2 mL injection	Paget's disease of the bone, hypercalcemia, and postmenopausal osteoporosis	May 17, 2021
Thiola® (tiopronin) Retrophin	Teva [†]	100 mg tablets	Prevention of cystine stone formation in patients with severe homozygous cystinuria who are not responsive to other measures	May 17, 2021

†A-rated generic manufacturer ¶Granted 180 days of marketing exclusivity

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New authorized brand alternatives

Drug name Manufacturer(s)	Generic manufacturer(s)	Strength(s) & dosage form(s)	Therapeutic use	Launch information
rovana ® (arformoterol) unovion	Lupin	15 mcg/2 mL inhalation solution	Maintenance treatment of bronchoconstriction in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, including chronic bronchitis and emphysema	May 26, 2021

Indications/Label updates

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Drug name Manufacturer(s)	Туре	Description
Cosentyx® (secukinumab) Novartis	Expanded indication	Treatment of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis in patients 6 years and older who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy
COVID-19 Vaccine Pfizer	Expansion of emergency use authorization	The FDA approved an expansion to the Emergency Use Authorization for the coronavirus disease 2019 vaccine produced by Pfizer/BioNTech to include adolescents age 12 – 15 years
Ferriprox® (deferiprone) Chiesi Global Rare Diseases	New indication, expanded indication	Treatment of transfusional iron overload in adult and pediatric patients 3 years of age and older with thalassemia syndromes or with sickle cell disease or other anemias
Keytruda® (pembrolizumab) Merck	Expanded indication	In combination with trastuzumab, fluoropyrimidine- and platinum-containing chemotherapy, for the first-line treatment of patients with locally advanced unresectable or metastatic HER2-positive gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma
Noxafil® PowderMix, Noxafil® (posaconazole) Merck	Expanded indication, new formulation	Prophylaxis of invasive Aspergillus and Candida infections in pediatric patients 2 years of age and older who are at high risk of developing these infections due to being severely immunocompromised, such as hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients with graft-versushost disease or those with hematologic malignancies with prolonged neutropenia from chemotherapy
		Noxafil PowederMix, a delayed release oral suspension was also approved.

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Nurtec® ODT (rimegepant) Biohaven	New indication	Preventive treatment of episodic migraine in adults
Opdivo® (nivolumab) Bristol Myers Squibb	Expanded indication	Adjuvant treatment of completely resected esophageal or gastroesophageal junction cancer with residual pathologic disease in patients who have received neoadjuvant chemoradiotherapy
Yervoy® (ipilimumab) Bristol Myers Squibb	Expanded indication	In combination with Opdivo, for the treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma in adult patients
Zeposia ® (ozanimod) Bristol Myers Squibb	New indication	Treatment of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis in adults
Zipsor® (diclofenac potassium) capsule Assertio Therapeutics	Expanded indication	For relief of mild to moderate acute pain in adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older

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Drug safety news

Drug name Manufacturer(s)	Description
Ocaliva® (obeticholic acid) Intercept	A new <i>Contraindication</i> will be added to the Ocaliva drug label stating that it should not be used in primary biliary cholangitis patients with advanced cirrhosis. The <i>Boxed Warning</i> will also be revised to include this information along with related warnings about this risk.

Key guideline/Literature updates

Topic	Reference
American College of Physicians - Appropriate Use of Short-Course Antibiotics in Common Infections	Annals of Internal Medicine. April 2021
American Thyroid Association - Management of Patients with Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer	Thyroid. March 2021
National Comprehensive Cancer Network Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: B-Cell Lymphomas - Version 4.2021	NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: B-Cell Lymphomas. May 2021
National Comprehensive Cancer Network Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnosis - Version 1.2021	NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Breast Cancer Screening and Diagnosis. May 2021
National Comprehensive Cancer Network Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Genetic/Familial High-Risk Assessment: Colorectal - Version 1.2021	NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Genetic/Familial High- Risk Assessment: Colorectal. May 2021
National Comprehensive Cancer Network Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Hematopoietic Growth Factors - Version 4.2021	NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Hematopoietic Growth Factors. May 2021
National Comprehensive Cancer Network Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Management of Immunotherapy-Related Toxicities - Version 3.2021	NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Management of Immunotherapy-Related Toxicities. May 2021
National Comprehensive Cancer Network Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Older Adult Oncology - Version 1.2021	NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology: Older Adult Oncology. May 2021



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