

## Nuvessa<sup>™</sup> (metronidazole) – Expanded indication

- On August 3, 2018, the <u>FDA approved</u> Exeltis' <u>Nuvessa (metronidazole)</u> vaginal gel 1.3%, for the treatment of bacterial vaginosis in females 12 years of age and older.
  - Previously, Nuvessa was only approved for adult patients for the same indication.
- Metronidazole is also available generically as a <u>vaginal gel 0.75%</u>, <u>topical cream 0.75%</u>, <u>topical gel 0.75%</u>, topical gel 1%, topical lotion 0.75%, oral tablet, oral capsule, and injection,
  - Metronidazole vaginal gel 0.75% is indicated for the treatment of bacterial vaginosis.
  - Metronidazole topical cream, topical gel and topical lotion are indicated for the treatment of inflammatory papules and pustules of rosacea.
  - Metronidazole oral tablets, capsules and injection are indicated to treat a variety of infections. Refer to the individual drug labels for specific indications.
- The safety and efficacy of Nuvessa have been established in pediatric patients between the ages of 12 and less than 18 years old.
  - Use of Nuvessa in this age group is supported by evidence from a safety and tolerability study in 60 pediatric patients with bacterial vaginosis, and evidence from adequate and wellcontrolled studies in adult women.
- The most common adverse reaction (≥ 1%) with Nuvessa use in pediatric patients was vulvovaginal discomfort.
- The recommended dosage of Nuvessa in all patients is a single-dose, pre-filled disposable applicator (which delivers approximately 5 g of gel containing 65 mg of metronidazole) administered once intravaginally at bedtime.
  - Nuvessa is not for ophthalmic, dermal or oral use.



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