

Friday 23rd April 2010

Fabrazyme® (agalsidase beta) Update April 2010

Dear FSGA Member,

This week FSGA have had several discussions with Genzyme Australasia and the Life Saving Drugs Program (LSDP) along with the Board of Directors of FIN (Fabry International Network) who spoke via teleconference with Genzyme US and Europe following the Genzyme Press Release dated 21/04/10.

The Genzyme Press Release dated 21/04/10 can be viewed at the following link:

<http://supplyupdate.genzyme.com/weblog/2010/04/information-about-todays-press-release-42110.html>

Genzyme estimates that it will need to continue the 30 percent shipping allocation through the third quarter (September) and they will continue to work with minimal levels of inventory for Fabrazyme until the company's new Framingham manufacturing facility is approved, which is anticipated to take place in late 2011.

The LSDP are concerned that already a small number of patients will not receive treatment in the last week of April due to the April allocation of vial numbers being less than required for the Departments / FDAC's 30% dosing strategy. Please note that supplies and delivery dates for May have not yet been confirmed by Genzyme. Please check with your doctor and/or pharmacist prior to your scheduled infusion.

There is a great deal of concern for those patients receiving reduced dose of Fabrazyme who are experiencing symptoms.

Some patients via consultation with their State Fabry Specialist have opted to switch to Replagal® (agalsidase alfa) as an alternative treatment option during this period.

It is very important that you keep your State Fabry Treatment Centre and Fabry Specialist updated as to your progress and any new or ongoing symptoms and concerns about your current treatment. Even if you feel perfectly well, this is important information.

Contact details can be located on the FSGA website at the following link: <http://www.fabry.com.au/treatment-centres.html>

If you have any further concerns please contact your Fabry Physician in your state.

With kindest regards,

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