



NDA 21-127/S-003

MedPointe Pharmaceuticals
MedPointe Healthcare, Inc.
Attn: Richard N. Spivey, Pharm.D., Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Spivey:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated March 19, 2002, received March 20, 2002, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for OPTIVAR (azelastine hydrochloride ophthalmic solution) 0.05%.

Your submission of March 3, 2004, constituted a complete response to our October 3, 2003 non-approvable letter.

This supplemental new drug application proposes the use of 3 mL fill in a 10 mL bottle for commercial use.

We completed our review of this application. This application is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the agreed-upon labeling text.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical in content with the enclosed agreed upon label dated August 12, 2004. Marketing the product with FPL that is not identical to the approved labeling text may render the product misbranded and an unapproved new drug.

Please submit the FPL electronically according to the guidance for industry titled Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – NDA. Alternatively, you may submit 20 paper copies of the FPL as soon as it is available, in no case more than 30 days after it is printed. Please individually mount 15 of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, this submission should be designated "FPL for approved supplement NDA 21-127/S-003." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

In addition, submit three copies of the introductory promotional materials that you propose to use for this product. Submit all proposed materials in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Send one copy to this Division and two copies of both the promotional materials and the package insert directly to:

Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising
and Communications, HFD-42
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers lane
Rockville, MD 20857

If you issue a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e., a “Dear Health Care Professional” letter), we request that you submit a copy of the letter to this NDA and a copy to the following address:

MEDWATCH, HFD-410
Food and Drug Administration
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We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

If you have any questions, call Raphael R. Rodriguez, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-2090.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Wiley A. Chambers, M.D.
Deputy Director
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