DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 20-987/S-017

Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Attention: Diane Mitrione
Assistant Vice-President, Worldwide Regulatory Affairs
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Dear Ms. Mitrione:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application (NDA) dated September 30, 2002, received October 2, 2002, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Protonix® (pantoprazole) Delayed-Release Tablets.

Your submission of September 5, 2003, constituted a complete response to our April 2, 2003, action letter.

This supplemental new drug application provides for the addition of information regarding naproxen and piroxicam to the **Pharmacokinetics**, ***Drug-Drug Interactions*** subsection of the **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY** section and revision of the **Nursing Mothers** subsection of the **PRECAUTIONS** section of the package insert (PI).

We completed our review of this application, as amended, and it 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 to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert).

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 20-988/S-015." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

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
FDA
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

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 Susan Daugherty, Consumer Safety Officer, at (301) 827-7456.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Robert L. Justice, M.D., M.S.
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Enclosure (labeling)

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