



NDA 21689/S-026

**SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL**

AstraZeneca LP  
Attention: Judy W. Firor  
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Dear Ms. Firor:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated and received February 7, 2012, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Nexium I.V. (esomeprazole sodium) For Injection.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendment dated September 26, 2012.

This Prior Approval supplemental new drug application provides for the addition of *Clostridium difficile* associated diarrhea to the Warnings and Precautions section of the label.

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

We are waiving the requirements of 21 CFR 201.57(d)(8) regarding the length of Highlights of prescribing information. This waiver applies to all future supplements containing revised labeling unless we notify you otherwise.

**CONTENT OF LABELING**

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>. Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert and Medication Guide), with the addition of any labeling changes in pending "Changes Being Effected" (CBE) supplements, as well as annual reportable changes not included in the enclosed labeling. Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry titled "SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As" at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/DrugsGuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>.

The SPL will be accessible from publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications for these NDAs, including CBE supplements for which FDA has not yet issued an action letter, with the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)(1)(i)] in MS Word format, that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application, as well as annual reportable changes and annotate each change. To facilitate review of your submission, provide a highlighted or marked-up copy that shows all changes, as well as a clean Microsoft Word version. The marked-up copy should provide appropriate annotations, including supplement number(s) and annual report date(s).

All promotional materials that include representations about your drug product must be promptly revised to be consistent with the labeling changes approved in this supplement, including any new safety information [21 CFR 314.70(a)(4)]. The revisions in your promotional materials should include prominent disclosure of the important new safety information that appears in the revised package labeling. Within 7 days of receipt of this letter, submit your statement of intent to comply with 21 CFR 314.70(a)(4) to the address above or by fax to 301-847-8444.

#### **CARTON AND IMMEDIATE CONTAINER LABELS**

We note that you have submitted revised carton and container labels with your submission dated February 7, 2012, to include the addition of dispensing instructions for a Medication Guide. Your product is an I.V. formulation and is for hospital use only; therefore a Medication Guide is not distributed to the patient. Please retain your carton and container labels from your previously approved submission.

#### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

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 Stacy Barley, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-2137.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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ENCLOSURE:  
Content of Labeling

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