Patient Medication Information: *Perspectives from the Biotechnology Industry*

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Presentation Overview

- I. Effective PMI
- II. PMI Development
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I. Effective PMI

- PMI objective improve patient outcomes
 - Reinforces communication between the patient and healthcare professionals
 - Enables
 - understanding of benefits and risks
 - safe and effective use of medication
- Patients should be able to
 - locate, interpret, and act upon information

II. PMI Development



III. Standardized PMI Language

- FDA-approved list of language to be used in PMI
 - Mapped to concepts that appear in the US Prescribing Information (USPI)
 - Lay-friendly, standardized descriptions of benefit and risk information, potential adverse reaction symptoms, and appropriate patient actions
 - Initially the list would include terms utilized for the most frequently used products and would grow over time

Standardized PMI Language (continued)

- The language would be created by an independent coalition to include:
 - FDA representatives
 - Medical experts
 - Patient education and communication experts
 - Pharmaceutical manufacturers
- The language would be tested by patients
- Manufacturers would be required by regulation to utilize language included in the list unaltered

Standardized PMI Language (continued)

Benefits would include:

- Patients would see the same terms used from product-toproduct , benefiting from increased standardization that has become the norm with food and OTC product labeling today
- FDA would streamline review due to use of already approved language
- Manufacturers would streamline development of PMI content due to use of standardize language associated with concepts found in the USPI.

IV. Distribution and Dispensing of PMI

- Distribution of printed PMI by manufacturers with the product should not be required
- PMI should be posted to a centralized database, such as DailyMed
- Customization
 - Prescribing benefits and risks focus optional
 - Dispensing content and format unaltered print or electronic delivery to patient – mandatory
- Mandatory distribution by dispensers for products administered by non-healthcare professionals
- Manufacturers should NOT be held accountable for distribution or evaluation of distribution

V. Implementation

- Phased implementation, such as the 2006 Physician Labeling Rule
- Adequate piloting and validation phase
- Initially focus on approving and implementing PMI for
 - Most commonly prescribed products
 - Those that already have Medication Guides

Questions and Comments?