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Newest Migraine Product Can Offer Relief That Starts Within 10 Minutes— Without A Pill Or Needle

(NAPSA)—Anyone who has awakened to the severe pain of a migraine attack knows that having the right treatment on hand is critical. In the United States, approximately 30 million people—the majority of them women—suffer from migraine, the most common neurological condition. Migraines are generally characterized by severe, recurring head pain, usually on one side of the head, and one or more symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and increased sensitivity to light, sound and smell. Without proper management, migraines can disrupt daily routines and responsibilities.

Though many migraine treatments are available, every headache is not the same, so a single treatment approach may not work. For example, oral tablets—the most commonly prescribed drugs for acute migraine—are effective but may not work well once a headache has progressed and may not be tolerable if the pain is accompanied by nausea and/or vomiting. Although there are needle-based treatments that offer an alternative to pills and begin to work faster, they may not be an option for patients who are concerned about using needles to inject their medicine.

Migraine Facts: Did you know?

- Nearly 50 percent of migraine attacks occur between 4 a.m. and 9 a.m. and are in full force when patients wake up, according to A.W. Fox and R.L. Davis in the article “Migraine Chronobiology,” *Headache*, 1998.
- 29 percent of patients report vomiting during migraine attacks.
- More than 25 percent of migraine sufferers missed at least one day of work over the past three months due to a migraine, wrote R.B. Lipton and others in “Prevalence and Burden of Migraine in the United States,” *Headache*, 2001.
- According to this article, more than 50 percent of migraine sufferers report that their work or school productivity is cut in half due to their headache, and 66 percent report their household work productivity is halved. 

The good news: SUMAVEL™ DosePro™ (sumatriptan injection) needle-free delivery system is now available for patients who want fast, needle-free relief for migraine episodes when tablets may not be an option. It’s a prescription medicine given with a needle-free delivery system to treat adults who

have been diagnosed with acute migraine or cluster headaches. SUMAVEL DosePro is not used to treat other types of headaches or to prevent or lessen the number of migraine or cluster headache attacks. It was shown to provide relief that starts in 10 minutes for some patients with most achieving relief within 2 hours. This first-of-its-kind needle-free delivery system is used to deliver the drug under the skin with a burst of air. This new product is easy to use—patients can self-administer in three simple steps: snap, flip and press.

“There’s an unmet need to provide patients with a migraine treatment that works fast and offers an alternative to oral and needle-based formulations,” said Dr. Sheena Aurora, Swedish Headache Center, Seattle. “SUMAVEL DosePro is an important new treatment option that can offer patients a fast and easy treatment for migraines associated with sudden onset, waking, nausea and/or vomiting.”

Anyone experiencing migraine headaches should consult a physician to determine a proper treatment plan. Visit [www.SUMAVEL DosePro.com](http://www.SUMAVELDosePro.com) for more information and for full prescribing information.



Editor's Note: IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- SUMAVEL DosePro is not used to treat other types of headaches or to prevent or lessen the number of migraine or cluster headache attacks you have.
- Do not take SUMAVEL DosePro if you have heart disease or a history of heart disease, narrowing of blood vessels to the legs, arms, stomach or kidney, uncontrolled high blood pressure, migraines that cause temporary paralysis on one side of your body or basilar migraine, had a stroke, transient ischemic attacks or problems with your blood circulation, have taken another triptan or ergotamine medicine in the last 24 hours, or are allergic to sumatriptan.
- Tell your doctor if you have heart disease or a family history of heart disease or stroke, high cholesterol, diabetes, have gone through menopause, are a smoker, have had epilepsy or seizures, or if you are pregnant, nursing or could become pregnant before taking SUMAVEL DosePro. Especially tell your doctor if you take antidepressant medicines called SSRIs, SNRIs or MAO Inhibitors. A life-threatening problem called serotonin syndrome may occur with SUMAVEL DosePro, especially if used with antidepressants.
- SUMAVEL DosePro can cause serious side effects, including death. Possible side effects include heart attack, fast heartbeat, increase in blood pressure, stroke, changes in mental status such as agitation, hallucinations or coma, tight muscles or trouble walking, changes in color or sensation to fingers or toes, or decreased blood flow to the extremities or intestines.
- Get medical help right away if you have severe tightness, pain, pressure or heaviness in your chest, throat, neck or jaw, shortness of breath or wheezing, sudden or severe stomach pain, hives, swelling of your tongue, mouth or throat, high temperature, trouble seeing, unusual weakness or numbness, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea or unusual sweating.
- Tell your doctor about all medications you take including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements.
- Please go to www.SUMAVELDosePro.com for full prescribing information.