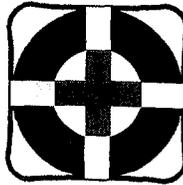


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Attn: Janet Woodcock, M.D.

Dear Dr. Woodcock,

As a clinical investigator for Glaxo-Wellcome IBS medication Lotronex, and a primary care physician, I am writing this letter in defense of this medication when used correctly for appropriate patients.

My personal findings with Lotronex were in the age group of 20-60 (maximum age) with predominantly diarrhea associated IBS. The medication worked well, almost too well for some at the 1mg twice daily dosage. I have adjusted the dosage to .5mg in some people and .25mg in others with excellent resolution of symptoms without side effects. The major concern, of ischemic bowel, has not been an issue in this age group according to the literature I've reviewed. The problems occur in patients over the age of 65 who generally are not IBS patients.

In conclusion, Lotrenex, in all fairness is an excellent medication in treating diarrhea predominant IBS, maybe even at lower dosages for people below the age of 65.

Please feel free to contact me at the above address, if discussing my findings are relevant to seeing that this good medication remains available to patients.

Sincerely,

Arnold J. Brender, M.D.

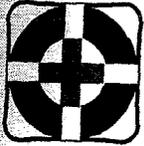
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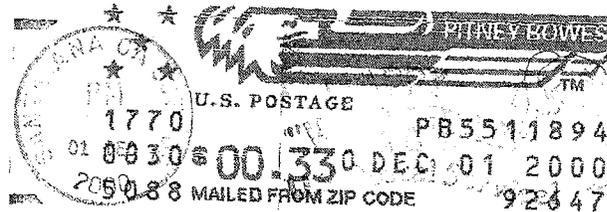
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