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**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**
**These highlights do not include all the information needed to use DAPTACEL safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for DAPTACEL.**

**DAPTACEL (Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Vaccine Adsorbed) injectable suspension, for intramuscular use**
**Initial U.S. Approval: 2002**

**----------INDICATIONS AND USAGE----------**
- DAPTACEL is a vaccine indicated for active immunization against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis as a five-dose series in infants and children 6 weeks through 6 years of age (prior to 7th birthday). (1)

**----------DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION----------**
**For intramuscular use.**
- The five dose immunization series consists of a 0.5 mL dose administered intramuscularly at 2, 4, 6 and 15-20 months of age, and at 4-6 years of age. (2.1, 2.2)

**----------DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS----------**
- Injectable suspension. Each dose is 0.5 mL. (3)

**----------CONTRAINDICATIONS----------**
- Severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose of any diphtheria toxoid, tetanus toxoid, or pertussis-containing vaccine, or any component of DAPTACEL. (4.1)
- Encephalopathy within 7 days of a previous pertussis-containing vaccine with no other identifiable cause. (4.2)
- Progressive neurologic disorder until a treatment regimen has been established and the condition has stabilized. (4.3)

**----------WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS----------**
- Carefully consider benefits and risks before administering DAPTACEL to persons with a history of:
  - fever ≥40.5°C (105°F), hypotonic-hyporesponsive episode (HHE) or persistent, inconsolable crying lasting ≥3 hours within 48 hours after a previous pertussis-containing vaccine. (5.2)
  - seizures within 3 days after a previous pertussis-containing vaccine. (5.2)
- If Guillain-Barré syndrome occurred within 6 weeks of receipt of a prior vaccine containing tetanus toxoid, the risk for Guillain-Barré syndrome may be increased following DAPTACEL. (5.3)
- For infants and children with a history of previous seizures, an antipyretic may be administered (in the dosage recommended in its prescribing information) at the time of vaccination with DAPTACEL and for the next 24 hours. (5.4)
- Immunosuppressive therapies, including irradiation, antimetabolites, alkylating agents, cytotoxic drugs and corticosteroids (used in greater than physiologic doses), may reduce the immune response to DAPTACEL. (5.6)
- Apnea following intramuscular vaccination has been observed in some infants born prematurely. The decision about when to administer an intramuscular vaccine, including DAPTACEL, to an infant born prematurely should be based on consideration of the individual infant's medical status and the potential benefits and possible risks of vaccination. (5.7)
- Syncope (fainting) can occur in association with administration of injectable vaccines, including DAPTACEL. Procedures should be in place to avoid injury from fainting. (5.8)

**----------ADVERSE REACTIONS----------**
- Rates of adverse reactions varied by dose number, with systemic reactions most frequent following doses 1-3 and injection site reactions most frequent following doses 4 and 5. Systemic reactions that occurred in >50% of subjects following any dose included fussiness/irritability, inconsolable crying, and decreased activity/lethargy. Fever ≥38.0°C occurred in 6-16% of US subjects, depending on dose number. Injection site reactions that occurred in >30% of subjects following any dose included tenderness, redness and increase in arm circumference. (6.1)

**To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Sanofi Vaccines US Inc., at 1-800-822-2463 (1-800-VACCINE) or VAERS at 1-800-822-7967 or http://vaers.hhs.gov.**

**----------DRUG INTERACTIONS----------**
- In cases where DAPTACEL and Menactra are to be administered to children 4 through 6 years of age, the two vaccines should be administered concomitantly or Menactra should be administered prior to DAPTACEL. Administration of Menactra one month after DAPTACEL has been shown to reduce meningococcal antibody responses to Menactra. (7.1)

**See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION.**

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

## 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

DAPTACEL® is a vaccine indicated for active immunization against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis as a five-dose series in infants and children 6 weeks through 6 years of age (prior to seventh birthday).

## 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

**For intramuscular use.**

### 2.1 Immunization Series

DAPTACEL is to be administered as a 5 dose series at 2, 4 and 6 months of age (at intervals of 6-8 weeks), at 15-20 months of age and at 4-6 years of age. The first dose may be given as early as 6 weeks of age. Four doses of DAPTACEL constitute a primary immunization course for pertussis. The fifth dose is a booster for pertussis immunization. Three doses of DAPTACEL constitute a primary immunization course for diphtheria and tetanus. The fourth and fifth doses are boosters for diphtheria and tetanus immunization. *[see Clinical Studies (14.1, 14.2, 14.3).]*

Mixed Sequences of DAPTACEL and other DTaP-containing Vaccines

DAPTACEL contains the same pertussis antigens, manufactured by the same process, as Pentacel® [Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis Adsorbed, Inactivated Poliovirus and Haemophilus b Conjugate (Tetanus Toxoid Conjugate) vaccine] and VAXELIS (Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoids and Acellular Pertussis, Inactivated Poliovirus, Haemophilus b Conjugate and Hepatitis B Vaccine). Pentacel and VAXELIS contain twice the amount of detoxified pertussis toxin (PT) and four times the amount of filamentous hemagglutinin (FHA) as DAPTACEL.

DAPTACEL may be used as any of the doses in a 5-dose DTaP series initiated with Pentacel or VAXELIS.

Data are not available on the safety and effectiveness of using mixed sequences of DAPTACEL and DTaP-containing vaccines from different manufacturers for successive doses of the DTaP vaccination series.

### 2.2 Administration

Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration, whenever solution and container permit. If either of these conditions exist, the product should not be administered.

Just before use, shake the vial well, until a uniform, white, cloudy suspension results.

Administer DAPTACEL intramuscularly as a single 0.5 mL dose. Discard unused portion.

DAPTACEL should not be combined through reconstitution or mixed with any other vaccine.

When DAPTACEL is given at the same time as another injectable vaccine(s), the vaccines should be administered at different injection sites.

## 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

DAPTACEL is an injectable suspension. A single dose is 0.5 mL.

## 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

### 4.1 Hypersensitivity

A severe allergic reaction (e.g., anaphylaxis) after a previous dose of DAPTACEL or any other tetanus toxoid, diphtheria toxoid, or pertussis-containing vaccine, or any other component of this vaccine is a contraindication to administration of DAPTACEL. *[see Description (11).]* Because of uncertainty as to which component of the vaccine may be responsible, none of the components should be administered. Alternatively, such individuals may be referred to an allergist for evaluation if further immunizations are to be considered.

### 4.2 Encephalopathy

Encephalopathy (e.g., coma, decreased level of consciousness, prolonged seizures) within 7 days of a previous dose of a pertussis containing vaccine that is not attributable to another identifiable cause is a contraindication to administration of any pertussis-containing vaccine, including DAPTACEL.

### 4.3 Progressive Neurologic Disorder

Progressive neurologic disorder, including infantile spasms, uncontrolled epilepsy, or progressive encephalopathy is a contraindication to administration of any pertussis-containing vaccine, including DAPTACEL. Pertussis vaccine should not be administered to individuals with such conditions until a treatment regimen has been established and the condition has stabilized.

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### 5.1 Management of Acute Allergic Reactions

Appropriate medical treatment must be immediately available to manage potential anaphylactic reactions following administration of DAPTACEL.

## 5.2 Adverse Reactions Following Prior Pertussis Vaccination

If any of the following events occur within the specified period after administration of a whole-cell pertussis vaccine or a vaccine containing an acellular pertussis component, the decision to administer DAPTACEL should be based on careful consideration of potential benefits and possible risks. *[see Dosage and Administration (2.1).]*

- Temperature of ≥40.5°C (105°F) within 48 hours, not attributable to another identifiable cause.
- Collapse or shock-like state (hypotonic-hyporesponsive episode [HHE]) within 48 hours.
- Persistent, inconsolable crying lasting ≥3 hours within 48 hours.
- Seizures with or without fever within 3 days.

## 5.3 Guillain-Barré Syndrome and Brachial Neuritis

A review by the Institute of Medicine found evidence for a causal relation between tetanus toxoid and both brachial neuritis and Guillain-Barré syndrome. (1) If Guillain-Barré syndrome occurred within 6 weeks of receipt of a prior vaccine containing tetanus toxoid, the risk for Guillain-Barré syndrome may be increased following DAPTACEL.

## 5.4 Infants and Children with a History of Previous Seizures

For infants or children with a history of previous seizures, an appropriate antipyretic may be administered (in the dosage recommended in its prescribing information) at the time of vaccination with a vaccine containing an acellular pertussis component (including DAPTACEL) and for the following 24 hours, to reduce the possibility of post-vaccination fever.

## 5.5 Limitations of Vaccine Effectiveness

Vaccination with DAPTACEL may not protect all individuals.

## 5.6 Altered Immunocompetence

If DAPTACEL is administered to immunocompromised persons, including persons receiving immunosuppressive therapy, the expected immune response may not be obtained. Immunosuppressive therapies, including irradiation, antimetabolites, alkylating agents, cytotoxic drugs and, corticosteroids (used in greater than physiologic doses), may reduce the immune response to vaccines.

## 5.7 Apnea in Premature Infants

Apnea following intramuscular vaccination has been observed in some infants born prematurely. The decision about when to administer an intramuscular vaccine, including DAPTACEL, to an infant born prematurely should be based on consideration of the individual infant's medical status and the potential benefits and possible risks of vaccination.

## 5.8 Syncope

Syncope (fainting) can occur in association with administration of injectable vaccines, including DAPTACEL. Procedures should be in place to avoid injury from fainting.

# 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

## 6.1 Data from Clinical Studies

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a vaccine cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another vaccine and may not reflect the rates observed in practice. The adverse reaction information from clinical trials does, however, provide a basis for identifying the adverse events that appear to be related to vaccine use and for approximating rates of those events.

Approximately 18,000 doses of DAPTACEL have been administered to infants and children in 9 clinical studies. Of these, 3 doses of DAPTACEL were administered to 4,998 children, 4 doses of DAPTACEL were administered to 1,725 children, and 5 doses of DAPTACEL were administered to 485 children. A total of 989 children received 1 dose of DAPTACEL following 4 prior doses of Pentacel.

In a randomized, double-blinded pertussis vaccine efficacy trial, the Sweden I Efficacy Trial, conducted in Sweden during 1992-1995, the safety of DAPTACEL was compared with DT and a whole-cell pertussis DTP vaccine. A standard diary card was kept for 14 days after each dose and follow-up telephone calls were made 1 and 14 days after each injection. Telephone calls were made monthly to monitor the occurrence of severe events and/or hospitalizations for the 2 months after the last injection. There were fewer of the solicited common local and systemic reactions following DAPTACEL than following the whole-cell pertussis DTP vaccine. As shown in Table 1, the 2,587 infants who received DAPTACEL at 2, 4 and 6 months of age had similar rates of reactions within 24 hours as recipients of DT and significantly lower rates than infants receiving whole-cell pertussis DTP.

**Table 1: Percentage of Infants from Sweden I Efficacy Trial with Local or Systemic Reactions within 24 Hours Post-Dose 1, 2 and 3 of DAPTACEL compared with DT and Whole-Cell Pertussis DTP Vaccines**

| Event | Dose 1 (2 MONTHS) DAPTACEL N = 2,587 | Dose 1 (2 MONTHS) DT N = 2,574 | Dose 1 (2 MONTHS) DTP N = 2,102 | Dose 2 (4 MONTHS) DAPTACEL N = 2,563 | Dose 2 (4 MONTHS) DT N = 2,555 | Dose 2 (4 MONTHS) DTP N = 2,040 | Dose 3 (6 MONTHS) DAPTACEL N = 2,549 | Dose 3 (6 MONTHS) DT N = 2,538 | Dose 3 (6 MONTHS) DTP N = 2,001 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Local** | | | | | | | | | |
| Tenderness (Any) | 8.0* | 8.4 | 59.5 | 10.1* | 10.3 | 60.2 | 10.8* | 10.0 | 50.0 |
| Redness ≥2 cm | 0.3* | 0.3 | 6.0 | 1.0* | 0.8 | 5.1 | 3.7* | 2.4 | 6.4 |
| Swelling ≥2 cm | 0.9* | 0.7 | 10.6 | 1.6* | 2.0 | 10.0 | 6.3*† | 3.9 | 10.5 |
| **Systemic** | | | | | | | | | |
| Fever‡ ≥38°C (100.4°F) | 7.8* | 7.6 | 72.3 | 19.1* | 18.4 | 74.3 | 23.6* | 22.1 | 65.1 |
| Fretfulness§ | 32.3 | 33.0 | 82.1 | 39.6 | 39.8 | 85.4 | 35.9 | 37.7 | 73.0 |
| Anorexia | 11.2* | 10.3 | 39.2 | 9.1* | 8.1 | 25.6 | 8.4* | 7.7 | 17.5 |
| Drowsiness | 32.7* | 32.0 | 56.9 | 25.9* | 25.6 | 50.6 | 18.9* | 20.6 | 37.6 |
| Crying ≥1 hour | 1.7* | 1.6 | 11.8 | 2.5* | 2.7 | 9.3 | 1.2* | 1.0 | 3.3 |
| Vomiting | 6.9* | 6.3 | 9.5 | 5.2¶ | 5.8 | 7.4 | 4.3 | 5.2 | 5.5 |

DT: Swedish National Biologics Laboratories
DTP: whole-cell pertussis DTP, Sanofi Vaccines US Inc.

N = Number of evaluable subjects
* p<0.001: DAPTACEL versus whole-cell pertussis DTP
† p<0.0001: DAPTACEL versus DT
‡ Rectal temperature
§ Statistical comparisons were not made for this variable
¶ p<0.003: DAPTACEL versus whole-cell pertussis DTP

The incidence of serious and less common selected systemic events in the Sweden I Efficacy Trial is summarized in Table **2**.

**Table 2: Selected Systemic Events: Rates Per 1,000 Doses after Vaccination at 2, 4 and 6 Months of Age in Sweden I Efficacy Trial**

| EVENT | Dose 1 (2 MONTHS) DAPTACEL N = 2,587 | Dose 1 (2 MONTHS) DT N = 2,574 | Dose 1 (2 MONTHS) DTP N = 2,102 | Dose 2 (4 MONTHS) DAPTACEL N = 2,565 | Dose 2 (4 MONTHS) DT N = 2556 | Dose 2 (4 MONTHS) DTP N = 2,040 | Dose 3 (6 MONTHS) DAPTACEL N = 2,551 | Dose 3 (6 MONTHS) DT N = 2,539 | Dose 3 (6 MONTHS) DTP N = 2,002 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rectal temperature ≥40°C (104°F) within 48 hours of vaccination | 0.39 | 0.78 | 3.33 | 0 | 0.78 | 3.43 | 0.39 | 1.18 | 6.99 |
| Hypotonic-hypo-responsive episode within 24 hours of vaccination | 0 | 0 | 1.9 | 0 | 0 | 0.49 | 0.39 | 0 | 0 |
| Persistent crying ≥3 hours within 24 hours of vaccination | 1.16 | 0 | 8.09 | 0.39 | 0.39 | 1.96 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |
| Seizures within 72 hours of vaccination | 0 | 0.39 | 0 | 0 | 0.39 | 0.49 | 0 | 0.39 | 0 |

DT: Swedish National Biologics Laboratories
DTP: whole-cell pertussis DTP, Sanofi Vaccines US Inc.
N = Number of evaluable subjects

In the Sweden I Efficacy Trial, one case of whole limb swelling and generalized symptoms, with resolution within 24 hours, was observed following dose 2 of DAPTACEL. No episodes of anaphylaxis or encephalopathy were observed. No seizures were reported within 3 days of vaccination with DAPTACEL. Over the entire study period, 6 seizures were reported in the DAPTACEL group, 9 in the DT group and 3 in the whole-cell pertussis DTP group, for overall rates of 2.3, 3.5 and 1.4 per 1,000 vaccinees, respectively. One case of infantile spasms was reported in the DAPTACEL group. There were no instances of invasive bacterial infection or death.

In a US study, children received 4 doses of DAPTACEL at 2, 4, 6 and 15-17 months of age. A total of 1,454 children received DAPTACEL and were included in the safety analyses. Of these, 51.7% were female, 77.2% Caucasian, 6.3% Black, 6.5% Hispanic, 0.9% Asian and 9.1% other races. The use of DAPTACEL as a fifth dose of DTaP vaccine was evaluated in 2 subsequent US clinical studies. In one study, a total of 485 children received DAPTACEL at 4-6 years of age following 4 prior doses of DAPTACEL in infancy (DAPTACEL-primed). In a separate study, a total of 989 children received DAPTACEL at 4-6 years of age following 4 prior doses of Pentacel in infancy (Pentacel-primed). The children included in these fifth dose studies were non-random subsets of participants from previous DAPTACEL or Pentacel studies. The subsets were representative of all children who received 4 doses of DAPTACEL or Pentacel in the earlier studies with regard to frequencies of solicited local and systemic adverse events following the fourth dose.

In the US 4-dose DAPTACEL study, at 2, 4, and 6 months of age, DAPTACEL was administered concomitantly with *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine (tetanus toxoid conjugate) (Sanofi Pasteur SA), inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) (Sanofi Pasteur SA), and 7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Inc.). Infants had received the first dose of hepatitis B vaccine at 0 months of age. At 2 and 6 months of age, hepatitis B vaccine (recombinant) (Merck & Co., Inc.) was also administered concomitantly with DAPTACEL. Based on random assignment, the fourth dose of DAPTACEL was administered either alone; concomitantly with Hib conjugate (tetanus toxoid conjugate) vaccine; or concomitantly with Hib conjugate (tetanus toxoid conjugate) vaccine, 7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine (Merck & Co., Inc.), and varicella vaccine (Merck & Co., Inc.). In the fifth dose studies, DAPTACEL was administered concomitantly with IPV (all DAPTACEL-primed subjects and 47% of Pentacel-primed subjects) and MMR vaccine.

In the US studies, the occurrence of solicited local and systemic adverse events listed in Table 3 was recorded daily by parents or guardians for Days 0-7 following vaccination. For Days 0 and 1 following the first three doses of DAPTACEL, signs and symptoms of HHE also were solicited. Periodic telephone calls were made to inquire about adverse events. Serious adverse events were monitored during the three studies, through 6 months following the last dose of DAPTACEL.

The incidence and severity of selected solicited local and systemic adverse events that occurred within 3 days following each dose of DAPTACEL are shown in Table 3. The incidence of redness, tenderness and swelling at the DAPTACEL injection site increased with the fourth and fifth doses, with the highest rates reported after the fifth dose. The incidence of redness, tenderness and swelling at the DAPTACEL injection site was similarly increased when DAPTACEL was given as a fifth dose of DTaP vaccine in Pentacel-primed children.

**Table 3: Number (Percentage) of Children from US Studies with Selected Solicited Local and Systemic Adverse Events by Severity Occurring Between 0 to 3 Days after Each Dose of DAPTACEL**

| | Dose 1* N = 1390-1406 % | Dose 2* N = 1346-1360 % | Dose 3* N = 1301-1312 % | Dose 4* N = 1118-1144 % | Dose 5 DAPTACEL-primed* N = 473-481 % | Dose 5 Pentacel-primed* N = 936-981 % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Injection Site Reactions (DAPTACEL injection site)** | | | | | | |
| **Redness** | | | | | | |
| >5 mm | 6.2 | 7.1 | 9.6 | 17.3 | 35.8 | 20.2 |
| 25 - 50 mm | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 6.3 | 10.4 | 6.8 |
| >50 mm | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 15.8 | 6.6 |
| **Swelling** | | | | | | |
| >5 mm | 4.0 | 4.0 | 6.5 | 11.7 | 23.9 | 12.0 |
| 25 - 50 mm | 1.2 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 3.2 | 5.8 | 4.1 |
| >50 mm | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 7.7 | 2.9 |
| **Tenderness**[†] | | | | | | |
| Any | 48.8 | 38.2 | 40.9 | 49.5 | 61.5 | 50.0 |
| Moderate | 16.5 | 9.9 | 10.6 | 12.3 | 11.2 | 7.4 |
| Severe | 4.1 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 0.3 |
| **Increase in Arm Circumference**[‡] | | | | | | |
| >5 mm | - | - | - | 30.1 | 38.3 | 28.6 |
| 20 - 40 mm | - | - | - | 7.0 | 14.0 | 7.6 |
| >40 mm | - | - | - | 0.4 | 1.5 | 1.2 |
| **Interference with Normal Activity of the Arm**[§] | | | | | | |
| Any | - | - | - | - | 20.4 | 8.8 |
| Moderate | - | - | - | - | 5.6 | 1.7 |
| Severe | - | - | - | - | 0.4 | 0.0 |
| **Systemic Reactions** | | | | | | |
| **Fever**[¶] | | | | | | |
| ≥38.0°C | 9.3 | 16.1 | 15.8 | 10.5 | 6.1 | 4.6 |
| >38.5-39.5°C | 1.5 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.0 |
| >39.5°C | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| **Decreased Activity/Lethargy**[#] | | | | | | |
| Any | 51.1 | 37.4 | 33.2 | 25.3 | 21.0 | 12.6 |
| Moderate | 23.0 | 14.4 | 12.1 | 8.2 | 5.8 | 3.6 |
| Severe | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.4 |
| **Inconsolable Crying**[Þ] | | | | | | |
| Any | 58.5 | 51.4 | 47.9 | 37.1 | 14.1 | 7.2 |
| Moderate | 14.2 | 12.6 | 10.8 | 7.7 | 3.5 | 1.9 |
| Severe | 2.2 | 3.4 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 |

| | Dose 1* N = 1390-1406 % | Dose 2* N = 1346-1360 % | Dose 3* N = 1301-1312 % | Dose 4* N = 1118-1144 % | Dose 5 DAPTACEL-primed* N = 473-481 % | Dose 5 Pentacel-primed* N = 936-981 % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Fussiness/Irritability**[β] | | | | | | |
| Any | 75.8 | 70.7 | 67.1 | 54.4 | 34.9 | 22.9 |
| Moderate | 27.7 | 25.0 | 22.0 | 16.3 | 7.5 | 5.3 |
| Severe | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 3.9 | 0.4 | 0.5 |

* In one US study, children received four doses of DAPTACEL. A non-random subset of these children received a fifth dose of DAPTACEL in a subsequent study. A non-random subset of children previously vaccinated with 4 doses of Pentacel in previous clinical studies received a dose of DAPTACEL at 4-6 years of age as the fifth dose of DTaP vaccine in another clinical study.

† Doses 1-4 - Moderate: subject cries when site is touched; Severe: subject cries when leg or arm is moved. Dose 5 - Moderate: interfered with activities, but did not require medical care or absenteeism; Severe: incapacitating, unable to perform usual activities, may have/or required medical care or absenteeism.

‡ The circumference of the DAPTACEL-injected arm at the level of the axilla was monitored following the fourth and fifth doses only. Increase in arm circumference was calculated by subtracting the baseline circumference pre-vaccination (Day 0) from the circumference post-vaccination.

§ Moderate: decreased use of arm, but did not require medical care or absenteeism; Severe: incapacitating, refusal to move arm, may have/or required medical care or absenteeism.

¶ For Doses 1-3, 53.7% of temperatures were measured rectally, 45.1% were measured axillary, 1.0% were measured orally, and 0.1% were measured by an unspecified route. For Dose 4, 35.7% of temperatures were measured rectally, 62.3% were measured axillary, 1.5% were measured orally, and 0.5% were measured by an unspecified route. For Dose 5 in DAPTACEL-primed children, 0.2% of temperatures were measured rectally, 11.3% were measured axillary, and 88.4% were measured orally. For Dose 5 in Pentacel-primed children, 0.2% of temperatures were measured rectally, 0.5% were measured tympanically, 17% were measured axillary, and 81.7% were measured orally. Fever is based upon actual temperatures recorded with no adjustments to the measurement for route.

# Dose 1-4 - Moderate: interferes with and limits daily activity, less interactive; Severe: disabling (not interested in usual daily activity, subject cannot be coaxed to interact with caregiver). Dose 5 - Moderate: interfered with activities, but did not require medical care or absenteeism; Severe: incapacitating, unable to perform usual activities, may have/or required medical care or absenteeism.

Þ Doses 1-4 - Moderate: 1 to 3 hours inconsolable crying; Severe: >3 hours inconsolable crying. Dose 5 - Moderate: interfered with activities, but did not require medical care or absenteeism; Severe: incapacitating, unable to perform usual activities, may have/or required medical care or absenteeism.

β Doses 1-4 - Moderate: Irritability for 1 to 3 hours; Severe: irritability for >3 hours. Dose 5 - Moderate: interfered with activities, but did not require medical care or absenteeism; Severe: incapacitating, unable to perform usual activities, may have/or required medical care or absenteeism.

In the US study in which children received 4 doses of DAPTACEL, of 1,454 subjects who received DAPTACEL, 5 (0.3%) subjects experienced a seizure within 60 days following any dose of DAPTACEL. One seizure occurred within 7 days post-vaccination: an infant who experienced an afebrile seizure with apnea on the day of the first vaccination. Three other cases of seizures occurred between 8 and 30 days post-vaccination. Of the seizures that occurred within 60 days post-vaccination, 3 were associated with fever. In this study, there were no reported cases of HHE following DAPTACEL. There was one death due to aspiration 222 days post-vaccination in a subject with ependymoma. Within 30 days following any dose of DAPTACEL, 57 (3.9%) subjects reported at least one serious adverse event. During this period, the most frequently reported serious adverse event was bronchiolitis, reported in 28 (1.9%)

subjects. Other serious adverse events that occurred within 30 days following DAPTACEL include three cases of pneumonia, two cases of meningitis and one case each of sepsis, pertussis (post-dose 1), irritability and unresponsiveness.

In the US study in which DAPTACEL was administered as a fifth DTaP dose in DAPTACEL-primed subjects, within 30 days following the fifth consecutive dose of DAPTACEL, 1 (0.2%) subject reported 2 serious adverse events (bronchospasm and hypoxia). In the US study in which DAPTACEL was administered as a fifth DTaP dose in Pentacel-primed subjects, within 30 days following DAPTACEL, 4 (0.4%) subjects reported one or more serious adverse events (asthma and pneumonia; idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura; vomiting; cellulitis not at the injection site). In these two studies, there were no reports of seizures within 30 days following DAPTACEL in either the DAPTACEL-primed subjects or Pentacel-primed subjects.

In another study (Sweden II Efficacy Trial), 3 DTaP vaccines and a whole-cell pertussis DTP vaccine, none of which are licensed in the US, were evaluated to assess relative safety and efficacy. This study included HCPDT, a vaccine made of the same components as DAPTACEL but containing twice the amount of detoxified PT and four times the amount of FHA (20 mcg detoxified PT and 20 mcg FHA). HHE was observed following 29 (0.047%) of 61,220 doses of HCPDT; 16 (0.026%) of 61,219 doses of an acellular pertussis vaccine made by another manufacturer; and 34 (0.056%) of 60,792 doses of a whole-cell pertussis DTP vaccine. There were 4 additional cases of HHE in other studies using HCPDT vaccine for an overall rate of 33 (0.047%) in 69,525 doses.

In a randomized, parallel-group, US multi-center clinical trial conducted in children 4 through 6 years of age, DAPTACEL was administered as follows: concomitantly with IPV (Sanofi Pasteur SA) followed 30 days later by Menactra® [Meningococcal (Groups A, C, Y and W-135) Polysaccharide Diphtheria Toxoid Conjugate vaccine, Sanofi Vaccines US Inc.] [Group A]; concomitantly with Menactra followed 30 days later by IPV [Group B]; or 30 days after concomitant administration of Menactra and IPV [Group C]. Solicited injection site and systemic reactions were recorded in a diary card for 7 consecutive days after each vaccination. For all study groups, the most frequently reported solicited local reaction at the DAPTACEL injection site was pain: 71.7%, 69.4% and 52.1% of subjects in Groups A, B and C, respectively. For all study groups, the most frequently reported systemic reaction after DAPTACEL vaccination was myalgia: 46.2%, 37.3% and 25.8% of subjects in Groups A, B and C, respectively. Fever >39.5ºC occurred at <1.0% in all groups.

## 6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following adverse events have been spontaneously reported during the postmarketing use of DAPTACEL in the US and other countries. Because these events are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it may not be possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to vaccine exposure.

The following adverse events were included based on one or more of the following factors: severity, frequency of reporting, or strength of evidence for a causal relationship to DAPTACEL.

- **Blood and lymphatic disorders**

  Lymphadenopathy

- **Cardiac disorders**

Cyanosis

- **Gastro-intestinal disorders**

  Nausea, diarrhea

- **General disorders and administration site conditions**

  Local reactions: injection site pain, injection site rash, injection site nodule, injection site mass, extensive swelling of injected limb (including swelling that involves adjacent joints).

- **Infections and infestations**

  Injection site cellulitis, cellulitis, injection site abscess

- **Immune system disorders**

  Hypersensitivity, allergic reaction, anaphylactic reaction (edema, face edema, swelling face, pruritus, rash generalized) and other types of rash (erythematous, macular, maculo-papular)

- **Nervous system disorders**

  Convulsions: febrile convulsion, grand mal convulsion, partial seizures
  HHE, hypotonia, somnolence, syncope

- **Psychiatric disorders**

  Screaming

# 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

## 7.1 Concomitant Vaccine Administration

DAPTACEL can be administered concomitantly with one or more of the following US licensed vaccines: Hib conjugate vaccine, IPV, hepatitis B vaccine, pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, Meningococcal (Groups A, C, Y and W-135) Polysaccharide Diphtheria Toxoid Conjugate vaccine, MMR vaccine, and varicella vaccine. [*see Adverse Reactions (6.1)* and *Clinical Studies (14.4).*]

In cases where DAPTACEL and Menactra are to be administered to children 4 through 6 years of age, the two vaccines should be administered concomitantly or Menactra should be administered prior to DAPTACEL. Administration of Menactra one month after DAPTACEL has been shown to reduce meningococcal antibody responses to Menactra. *[see Adverse Reactions (6.1) and Clinical Studies (14.4).]*

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.4 Pediatric Use

DAPTACEL is not indicated for use in infants below 6 weeks of age or children 7 years of age or older. Safety and effectiveness of DAPTACEL in these age groups have not been established.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

DAPTACEL is a sterile isotonic injectable suspension of pertussis antigens and diphtheria and tetanus toxoids adsorbed on aluminum phosphate, for intramuscular use.

Each 0.5 mL dose contains 15 Lf diphtheria toxoid, 5 Lf tetanus toxoid and acellular pertussis antigens [10 mcg detoxified pertussis toxin (PT), 5 mcg filamentous hemagglutinin (FHA), 3 mcg pertactin (PRN), and 5 mcg fimbriae types 2 and 3 (FIM)].

Other ingredients per 0.5 mL dose include 1.5 mg aluminum phosphate (0.33 mg of aluminum) as the adjuvant, ≤5 mcg residual formaldehyde, <50 ng residual glutaraldehyde and 3.3 mg (0.6% v/v) 2-phenoxyethanol (not as a preservative).

The acellular pertussis vaccine components are produced from *Bordetella pertussis* cultures grown in Stainer-Scholte medium (2) modified by the addition of casamino acids and dimethyl-beta-cyclodextrin. PT, FHA and PRN are isolated separately from the supernatant culture medium. The FIM components are extracted and co-purified from the bacterial cells. The pertussis antigens are purified by sequential filtration, salt-precipitation, ultrafiltration and chromatography. PT is detoxified with glutaraldehyde. FHA is treated with formaldehyde, and the residual aldehydes are removed by ultrafiltration. The individual antigens are adsorbed separately onto aluminum phosphate.

*Corynebacterium diphtheriae* is grown in modified Mueller's growth medium (3) After purification by ammonium sulfate fractionation, diphtheria toxin is detoxified with formaldehyde and diafiltered. *Clostridium tetani* is grown in modified Mueller-Miller casamino acid medium without beef heart infusion. (4) Tetanus toxin is detoxified with formaldehyde and purified by ammonium sulfate fractionation and diafiltration. Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids are individually adsorbed onto aluminum phosphate.

The adsorbed diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis components are combined with aluminum phosphate (as adjuvant), 2-phenoxyethanol (not as a preservative) and water for injection.

The potency of tetanus and diphtheria toxoids is measured by *in vitro* antigenicity enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISAs), which detect immunologically relevant epitopes. The potency of the acellular pertussis vaccine components is determined by the antibody response of immunized mice to detoxified PT, FHA, PRN and FIM as measured by ELISA.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

Diphtheria

Diphtheria is an acute toxin-mediated disease caused by toxigenic strains of *C diphtheriae*. Protection against disease is due to the development of neutralizing antibodies to diphtheria toxin. A serum diphtheria antitoxin level of 0.01 IU/mL is the lowest level giving some degree of protection. Antitoxin levels of at least 0.1 IU/mL are generally regarded as protective. (5) Levels of 1.0 IU/mL have been associated with long-term protection. (6)

Tetanus

Tetanus is an acute disease caused by an extremely potent neurotoxin produced by *C tetani*. Protection against disease is due to the development of neutralizing antibodies to tetanus toxin. A serum tetanus antitoxin level of at least 0.01 IU/mL, measured by neutralization assay is considered the minimum protective level. (5) (7) A tetanus antitoxin level ≥0.1 IU/mL as measured by the ELISA used in clinical studies of DAPTACEL is considered protective.

Pertussis

Pertussis (whooping cough) is a respiratory disease caused by *B pertussis*. This Gram-negative coccobacillus produces a variety of biologically active components, though their role in either the pathogenesis of, or immunity to, pertussis has not been clearly defined.

## 13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

### 13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

DAPTACEL has not been evaluated for carcinogenic or mutagenic potential or impairment of fertility.

## 14 CLINICAL STUDIES

### 14.1 Diphtheria

In a US study in which children received 4 doses of DAPTACEL at 2, 4, 6 and 15-17 months of age, after the third dose, 100% (N = 1,099) achieved diphtheria antitoxin levels of ≥0.01 IU/mL and 98.5% achieved diphtheria antitoxin levels of ≥0.10 IU/mL. Among a random subset of children who received the fourth dose of DAPTACEL at 15-16 months of age, 96.5% (N = 659) achieved diphtheria antitoxin levels of ≥1.0 IU/mL after the fourth dose.

### 14.2 Tetanus

In a US study in which children received 4 doses of DAPTACEL at 2, 4, 6 and 15-17 months of age, after the third dose, 100% (N = 1,037) achieved tetanus antitoxin levels of ≥0.10 IU/mL. Among a random subset of children who received the fourth dose of DAPTACEL at 15-16 months of age, 98.8% (N = 681) achieved tetanus antitoxin levels of ≥1.0 IU/mL after the fourth dose.

### 14.3 Pertussis

A randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled efficacy and safety study was conducted in Sweden during 1992-1995 (Sweden I Efficacy Trial) under the sponsorship of the National

Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. A total of 9,829 infants received 1 of 4 vaccines: DAPTACEL (N = 2,587); another investigational acellular pertussis vaccine (N = 2,566); whole-cell pertussis DTP vaccine (N = 2,102); or DT vaccine as placebo (Swedish National Bacteriological Laboratory, N = 2,574). Infants were immunized at 2, 4 and 6 months of age. The mean length of follow-up was 2 years after the third dose of vaccine. The protective efficacy of DAPTACEL against pertussis after 3 doses using the World Health Organization (WHO) case definition (≥21 consecutive days of paroxysmal cough with culture or serologic confirmation or epidemiologic link to a confirmed case) was 84.9% (95% confidence interval [CI] 80.1 to 88.6). The protective efficacy of DAPTACEL against mild pertussis (≥1 day of cough with laboratory confirmation) was 77.9% (95% CI 72.6 to 82.2). Protection against pertussis by DAPTACEL was sustained for the 2-year follow-up period.

In order to assess the antibody response to the pertussis antigens of DAPTACEL in the US population, 2 lots of DAPTACEL, including the lot used in the Sweden I Efficacy Trial, were administered to US infants in the US Bridging Study. In this study, antibody responses following 3 doses of DAPTACEL given to US children at 2, 4 and 6 months of age were compared to those from a subset of the infants enrolled in the Sweden I Efficacy Trial. Assays were performed in parallel on the available sera from the US and Swedish infants. Antibody responses to all the antigens were similar except for those to the PRN component. For both lots of DAPTACEL, the geometric mean concentration (GMC) and percent response to PRN in US infants (Lot 006, N = 107; Lot 009, N = 108) were significantly lower after 3 doses of vaccine than in Swedish infants (N = 83). In separate US and Canadian studies in which children received DAPTACEL at 2, 4 and 6 months of age, with a fourth dose at either 17-20 months (Canadian study) or 15-16 months (random subset from US study) of age, antibody responses to each pertussis antigen following the fourth dose (Canadian study N = 275; US study N = 237-347) were at least as high as those seen in the Swedish infants after 3 doses. While a serologic correlate of protection for pertussis has not been established, the antibody response to all antigens in North American infants after 4 doses of DAPTACEL at 2, 4, 6 and 15-20 months of age was comparable to that achieved in Swedish infants in whom efficacy was demonstrated after 3 doses of DAPTACEL at 2, 4 and 6 months of age.

In the US Study 005, infants were randomized to receive 3 doses of VAXELIS at 2, 4, and 6 months of age and DAPTACEL and PedvaxHIB [Haemophilus b Conjugate Vaccine (Meningococcal Protein Conjugate)] at 15 months of age, or Control group vaccines (3 doses of Pentacel vaccine at 2, 4, and 6 months of age + RECOMBIVAX HB [Hepatitis B Vaccine (Recombinant)] at 2 and 6 months of age and DAPTACEL and ActHIB [Haemophilus b Conjugate Vaccine (Tetanus Toxoid Conjugate)] at 15 months of age). All subjects received concomitant Prevnar 13 (Pneumococcal 13-valent Conjugate Vaccine [Diphtheria CRM197 Protein]) at 2, 4, 6, and 15 months of age. To complete the 4-dose pertussis primary vaccination series, participants in both groups received DAPTACEL at 15 months of age and were evaluated for immune responses to pertussis antigens one month later.

The non-inferiority criteria for vaccine response rates and GMCs for all pertussis antigens were met following the fourth dose. (8)

### 14.4 Concomitantly Administered Vaccines

In the US Bridging study, DAPTACEL was given concomitantly with Hib conjugate vaccine (Sanofi Pasteur SA) according to local practices. Anti-PRP immune response was evaluated in

261 infants who received 3 doses of Hib conjugate vaccine. One month after the third dose, 96.9% achieved anti-PRP antibody levels of at least 0.15 mcg/mL and 82.7% achieved antibody levels of at least 1.0 mcg/mL.

In the US study in which infants received DAPTACEL concomitantly with Hib conjugate (tetanus toxoid conjugate) vaccine, IPV, 7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, and hepatitis B vaccine [*see Adverse Reactions (6.1)*], at 7 months of age, 100.0% of subjects (N = 1,050-1,097) had protective neutralizing antibody levels (≥1:8 1/dil) for poliovirus types 1, 2 and 3; and 92.4% (N = 998) achieved anti-hepatitis B surface antigen levels ≥10.0 mIU/mL. Although there is no established serologic correlate of protection for any of the pneumococcal serotypes, at 7 months of age 91.3%-98.9% (N = 1,027-1,029) achieved anti-pneumococcal polysaccharide levels ≥0.5 mcg/mL for serotypes 4, 9V, 14, 18C, 19F and 23F and 80.7% (N = 1,027) achieved an anti-pneumococcal polysaccharide level ≥0.5 mcg/mL for serotype 6B. The mumps seroresponse rate was lower when DAPTACEL was administered concomitantly (86.6%; N = 307) vs. non-concomitantly (90.1%; N = 312) with the first dose of MMR vaccine [upper limit of 90% confidence interval for difference in rates (non-concomitant minus concomitant) >5%]. There was no evidence for interference in the immune response to the measles, rubella, and varicella antigens or to the fourth dose of the 7-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine with concomitant administration of DAPTACEL.

In a randomized, parallel-group, US multi-center clinical trial conducted in children 4 through 6 years of age, DAPTACEL was administered as follows: concomitantly with IPV (Sanofi Pasteur SA) followed 30 days later by Menactra [Group A]; concomitantly with Menactra followed 30 days later by IPV [Group B]; or 30 days after concomitant administration of Menactra and IPV [Group C]. Sera were obtained approximately 30 days after each respective vaccination. When DAPTACEL was administered concomitantly with Menactra [Group B], antibody responses to PT, FHA and PRN (GMC), tetanus (% participants with antibody concentrations ≥1.0 IU/mL), and diphtheria (%participants with antibody concentrations ≥1.0 IU/mL) were non-inferior to those observed when DAPTACEL (and IPV) were administered [Group A]. The anti-FIM GMCs were marginally lower when DAPTACEL and Menactra were administered concomitantly but the clinical significance is unknown because there are no established serological correlates of protection for pertussis. When DAPTACEL (and IPV) were administered 30 days prior to Menactra [Group A], significantly lower serum-bactericidal assay-human complement (SBA-H) GMTs to all 4 meningococcal serogroups were observed compared to when Menactra (and IPV) were administered 30 days prior to DAPTACEL [Group C]. When DAPTACEL was administered concomitantly with Menactra [Group B], SBA-H GMTs to meningococcal serogroups A, C, and W-135 were non-inferior to those observed when Menactra (and IPV) were administered [Group C]. The non-inferiority criterion was marginally missed for meningococcal serogroup Y. [*see Drug Interactions (7.1)*.]

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## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

The vial stopper for this product is not made with natural rubber latex.

DAPTACEL is supplied in a single-dose vial (NDC No. 49281-286-58):

- in packages of 1 vial: NDC No. 49281-286-01;
- in packages of 5 vials: NDC No. 49281-286-05;
- in packages of 10 vials: NDC No. 49281-286-10.

DAPTACEL should be stored at 2° to 8°C (35° to 46°F). DO NOT FREEZE. Product which has been exposed to freezing should not be used. Do not use after expiration date shown on the label.

## 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Inform the parent or guardian of the following:

- The potential benefits and risks of immunization with DAPTACEL.
- The common adverse reactions that have occurred following administration of DAPTACEL or other vaccines containing similar components.
- Other adverse reactions can occur. Call healthcare provider with any adverse reactions of concern.

Provide the Vaccine Information Statements (VIS), that are required by the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 to be given with each immunization.

Instruct the parent or guardian to report any adverse events to their healthcare provider or to the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) at 1-800-822-7967 or https://vaers.hhs.gov.

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