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SUBJECT: Merck and Novartis Voluntarily Discontinuing FORADIL[®] AEROLIZER[®] (formoterol fumarate inhalation powder) FOR ORAL INHALATION ONLY

Dear Health Care Professional:

We would like to inform you that, for business reasons, Merck and Novartis have jointly decided to voluntarily discontinue the manufacture of FORADIL AEROLIZER for distribution in the United States and Puerto Rico. This joint decision was made for business reasons and was not due to the efficacy and safety profile of FORADIL AEROLIZER.

Based on current inventory levels and expected demand, we anticipate that inventory will be exhausted and no longer distributed in or around January 2016, though inventory may be exhausted earlier.

To help patients currently undergoing therapy with FORADIL AEROLIZER, Merck will continue to supply FORADIL AEROLIZER to wholesalers until existing inventories have been exhausted, however, we encourage health care providers to identify an appropriate alternative treatment as soon as possible.

Merck plans to discontinue commercial supply of the following doses of FORADIL AEROLIZER in the United States and Puerto Rico:

Deleted Product Name / Strength	Description	NDC
FORADIL AEROLIZER (formoterol fumarate inhalation powder) FOR ORAL INHALATION ONLY / 12mcg	Unit Dose (blister pack) Box of 12 (strips of 6) and One AEROLIZER Inhaler	0085-1402-01
FORADIL AEROLIZER (formoterol fumarate inhalation powder) FOR ORAL INHALATION ONLY / 12mcg	Unit Dose (blister pack) Box of 60 (strips of 6) and One AEROLIZER Inhaler	0085-1401-01

Before prescribing FORADIL AEROLIZER, please read the accompanying [Prescribing Information](#), including the [Boxed Warning about asthma-related death](#). The [Medication Guide](#) also is available.

Health care professionals with questions can contact the Merck National Service Center at 800-NSC-MERCK (800-672-6372).

Sincerely,

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