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## OTC WEIGHT CONTROL RULEMAKING CHRONOLOGY

- Feb 1982 - Advisory Panel Report published in the FEDERAL REGISTER
- Sept 1990 - Senator Ron Wyden hearing:  
Dr. Paul Raford testifies on PPA abuse and ADRs
- Oct 1990 - Proposed Rule - Certain Active Ingredients (Removes 111 Category II and III weight control ingredients from the OTC market)
- May 1991 - Public Meeting on PPA safety, efficacy, and misuse
- Aug 1991 - Final Rule - Removes 111 Category II and III ingredients (PPA and benzocaine are Cat. I)
- June 1992 - Stroke data sent to consultants (Jack Whisnant, Mayo Clinic, Steven Kittner, U. Maryland, Janet Daling, U. Washington)
- July 1992 - Consultants agree that data do not support an increased risk of stroke associated with PPA
- Nov 1992 - Feedback Meeting Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association (NDMA): proposal for PPA/Stroke study
- Mar 1993 - NDMA submits draft protocol for case-control study of PPA and stroke
- Mar 1993 - FDA Feedback Letter to NDMA re PPA safety: will place PPA in Category III, should conduct safety study
- May 1993 - Epidemiology Branch reviews protocol
- June 1993 - Feedback Letter on the PPA/stroke case-control protocol.
- Aug 1993 - Feedback Meeting: PPA/Stroke Study Protocol
- Oct 1993 - NDMA response to feedback meeting
- Nov 1993 - Epidemiology review of NDMA response
- May 1994 - Effectiveness Feedback Letter:  
4 studies support efficacy of controlled-release (CR) combined with diet - CR will need NDA at final rule - studies do not support immediate-release
- Sep 1994 - Case-control safety study begins (expected 4 years)

PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE (PPA)

- Pre-1982 PPA weight control dosages:  
25-37.5 mg single doses; 75-mg timed-release dose  
75 mg total daily limit.
- September, 1976  
NASAL DECONGESTANT Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking  
(Advisory Panel Report)  
Advisory Panel recommends Category I adult doses:  
25 mg/4 hrs. or 50 mg/8 hrs.  
150 mg total daily limit.
- February, 1982  
WEIGHT CONTROL Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking  
(Advisory Panel Report)  
Advisory Panel recommends Category I adult doses:  
25-50 mg single doses  
150 mg total daily limit.

SAFETY ISSUE: reports that PPA causes elevation of blood pressure.

FDA limits weight control doses:  
25-37.5 mg single dose, 75-mg timed release  
75mg total daily limit.

FDA requests blood pressure studies.

- January, 1985  
NASAL DECONGESTANT PROPOSED RULE:  
PPA deferred because of safety issues.
- FDA REVIEWS BLOOD PRESSURE STUDIES.  
CONCLUSIONS:
  1. PPA causes a biphasic BP response.
  2. Pressor/depressor effects are dose-related.
  3. Effects on BP diminish with repeated dosing.
  4. FDA concludes that single doses up to 50 mg are safe, and pressor effects are small compared to normal variations in BP.
- Small number of ADRs in Spontaneous Reporting System:  
possibility of a relationship between PPA use and an increased risk of hemorrhagic stroke.
  1. Most reports: weight control (25% use), excess dose
  2. Few reports: cough-cold (75% use), doses  $\geq$  weight control
  3. Degree of underreporting unknown.

CONCLUSION: no convincing evidence of a causal relationship; no need to remove PPA from market.

- FDA REVIEWS WEIGHT CONTROL EFFICACY STUDIES:  
CONCLUSION: 75-mg controlled release effective when used with a reduced-calorie diet.
- March, 1993 Letter to NDMA:  
PROPOSED RULES WILL PLACE PPA NASAL DECONGESTANT AND WEIGHT CONTROL DRUGS IN CATEGORY III.  
Industry submits protocol for safety study of PPA and hemorrhagic stroke.
- September, 1994  
Safety study begins.