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FDA Approves Nuplazid

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Nuplazid (pimavanserin) tablets, the first drug with approval to treat hallucinations and delusions associated with psychosis experienced by some people with Parkinson's disease.

Hallucinations or delusions can occur in as many as 50 percent of patients with Parkinson's disease at some time during the course of their illness. People who experience them see or hear things that are not there (hallucinations) and/or have false beliefs (delusions). The hallucinations and delusions experienced with Parkinson's disease are serious symptoms, and can lead to thinking and emotions that are so impaired that the people experiencing them may not relate to loved ones well or take appropriate care of themselves.

Healthcare professionals and patients are encouraged to report any adverse events or side effects related to the use of this product and/or quality problems to the FDA's MedWatch Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program:

- ✓Complete and submit the report online: www.fda.gov/MedWatch/report.htm
- ✓Complete and return a form by mail (address on the pre-addressed form) or fax (1-800-FDA-0178).

[Call 1-800-332-1088 to request a reporting form or download a form at http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/HowToReport/DownloadForms/default.htm.]

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