

St. Renatus, LLC

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St. Renatus, LLC Announces FDA Approval of KOVANAZE™ (tetracaine HCl and oxymetazoline HCl) Nasal Spray for Use in Dentistry

July 12, 2016 - St. Renatus LLC, a privately held company based in Fort Collins, Colorado, is pleased to announce it received U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval on June 29, 2016 for its first product, a new dental anesthetic, [KOVANAZE™](#) (tetracaine HCl and oxymetazoline HCl) Nasal Spray. This is the first product that allows for dental anesthesia to be administered through a nasal spray without using a needle.

“For more than 100 years, the dental industry has delivered dental anesthesia using a needle injection. Now, through the efforts of a dedicated team, we have developed a revolutionary needle-free method for delivering pulpal anesthesia,” said Steve Merrick, St. Renatus’ CEO.

Kovanaze is intended for use in dentistry as a topical anesthetic, delivered in the nasal cavity to achieve pulpal (tooth nerve) anesthesia for the restorative treatment of teeth. Like traditional dental injections, this product delivers a local dental anesthetic but without the needle.

Kovanaze is indicated for regional anesthesia when performing a restorative procedure on Teeth 4-13 and A-J in adults and children who weigh 40 kg or more.

About St. Renatus

St. Renatus, LLC was founded to develop a revolutionary innovation—the world’s first-known dental anesthetic administered through the nasal cavity, designed for use in procedures involving most of the upper teeth, with a goal of gaining FDA approval to commercialize and distribute. The company’s name comes from the patron saint of anesthesia and has Latin roots meaning *new beginning*.

Learn more about St. Renatus by visiting www.st-renatus.com. Customer support line for Kovanaze: 1-800-770-9400.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use KOVANAZE™ NASAL SPRAY safely and effectively. See the full package insert for prescribing information for KOVANAZE NASAL SPRAY.

KOVANAZE (tetracaine HCl and oxymetazoline HCl) Nasal Spray

Initial U.S. Approval: 2016

-----INDICATIONS AND USAGE-----

KOVANAZE contains tetracaine HCl, an ester local anesthetic, and oxymetazoline HCl, a vasoconstrictor. KOVANAZE is indicated for regional anesthesia when performing a restorative procedure on Teeth 4-13 and A-J in adults and children who weigh 40 kg or more.

-----DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION-----

KOVANAZE is for intranasal use only. Administer KOVANAZE ipsilateral (on the same side) to the maxillary tooth on which the dental procedure will be performed.

| Age Group | Dose |
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| Adults (≥ 18 years old) | 2 sprays (0.2 mL per spray), 4 to 5 minutes apart |
| | 1 additional spray (0.2 mL) if adequate anesthesia has not been achieved 10 minutes after the second spray |
| Children who weigh 40 kg or more | 2 sprays (0.2 mL per spray), 4 to 5 minutes apart |

-----DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS-----

Nasal spray in pre-filled, single-use sprayer: 6 mg tetracaine HCl and 0.1 mg oxymetazoline HCl (equivalent to 5.27 mg tetracaine and 0.088 mg oxymetazoline) in each 0.2 mL spray.

-----CONTRAINDICATIONS-----

Known hypersensitivity to tetracaine, benzyl alcohol, other ester local anesthetics, *p*-aminobenzoic acid (PABA), oxymetazoline, or any other component of the product.

-----WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS-----

Hypertension and Thyroid Disease: Shown to increase blood pressure in some clinical trial patients. Monitor blood pressure. Use in patients with inadequately controlled hypertension or active thyroid disease is not advised (5.1).

Epistaxis: Use is not recommended in patients with a history of frequent nose bleeds (≥5 per month). If a decision to use is made, monitor these patients carefully.

Dysphagia: Carefully monitor patients for dysphagia.

Methemoglobinemia: May cause methemoglobinemia, particularly when used with methemoglobin-inducing agents. Use in patients with history of congenital or idiopathic methemoglobinemia not advised. If central cyanosis unresponsive to oxygen therapy occurs, suspect methemoglobinemia, confirm diagnosis with co-oximetry, and treat with a standard clinical regimen.

Anaphylactic Reactions: Seek emergency help if an anaphylactic reaction occurs.

-----ADVERSE REACTIONS-----

The most common adverse reactions occurring in >10% of patients include rhinorrhea, nasal congestion, lacrimation increased, nasal discomfort, and oropharyngeal pain.

Transient, asymptomatic elevations in systolic blood pressure (≥ 25 mm Hg from baseline) and diastolic blood pressures (≥ 15 mm Hg from baseline) have been reported.

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact St. Renatus, LLC at 1-800-865-4925 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

-----DRUG INTERACTIONS-----

Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs): Concomitant use of MAOIs, nonselective beta adrenergic antagonists, or tricyclic antidepressants may cause hypertension and is not recommended.

Oxymetazoline-containing products: Discontinue use 24 hours prior to KOVANAZE administration.

Intranasal products: Avoid concomitant use.