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First-time generics announced for PPI Prevacid®

Mylan and Teva announced on Tuesday, November 10, 2009, the introduction of lansoprazole delayed-release capsules - a generic equivalent of TAP Pharmaceuticals' Prevacid® - in the United States. Sandoz Pharmaceuticals is also launching an authorized generic. Lansoprazole is a proton pump inhibitor (PPI) approved for the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), treatment and maintenance of healing of duodenal ulcers, treatment of gastric ulcer, reduction of risk of NSAID-associated gastric ulcer, treatment and maintenance of healing of erosive esophagitis and treatment of pathological hypersecretory conditions including Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome.

Mylan, Teva and Sandoz will market lansoprazole in delayed-release capsules of 15 and 30 mg strengths. Mylan and Teva are the first and, currently, the only companies to launch generic lansoprazole in the U.S. Sandoz' generic version of lansoprazole is an authorized generic, launched through an agreement with TAP.

Novartis' Prevacid® 24HR (lansoprazole delayed-release capsules 15 mg) recently became available over-the-counter (OTC) for the treatment of frequent heartburn.

Prescription Prevacid is also available as a delayed-release oral suspension and SoluTab delayed-release orally disintegrating tablets. However, these formulations are not yet available generically.

► At a glance

- **Generic name/brand reference:** lansoprazole (Prevacid®)
- **Date launched/launch status:** Week of November 9, 2009
- **Generic manufacturer/brand manufacturer:** Mylan and Teva
- **Indication:** Lansoprazole is a proton pump inhibitor approved for the treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), treatment and maintenance of healing of duodenal ulcers, treatment of gastric ulcer, reduction of risk of NSAID-associated gastric ulcer, treatment and maintenance of healing of erosive esophagitis and treatment of pathological hypersecretory conditions including Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome.
- **Dosage form available:** 15 and 30 mg delayed-release capsules
- **Availability at retail:** During the week of November 9, 2009
- **Availability at mail:** During the week of November 9, 2009

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