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Eteplirsen Approval Seen as Marking New Direction at FDA

MedPage Today - December 28



On April 26, an FDA advisory committee voted 7-6 that the exon-skipping drug eteplirsen for Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) failed to meet the standards needed for accelerated approval.

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SUMMARY OF TOP ARTICLES

How employers can solve one of their biggest health care headaches

Benefits Pro - December 26

An explosion of new and innovative biologic drugs has improved the quality of life for patients suffering from a wide array of chronic illnesses.

Pharmacy benefits: Super-sized, minimized or right-sized?

EBNews - December 22

Simplifying product lines requires business decisions that can improve or decrease product quality, satisfaction and costs.

Migraine drugs may repeat rheumatoid arthritis success

Reuters - December 23

Nearly two decades ago, several drugs to treat rheumatoid arthritis hit the shelves in rapid succession, opening up a huge market for the treatment of the autoimmune joint disorder.

Soaring insulin prices prompt insurance shift

USA TODAY - December 26

Many parents of diabetic children and adults suffering with type 1 or type 2 diabetes are bracing for changes in insurance coverage of their insulin next year, as prices of the vital medication continue to soar.

A year of lives lost to diseases science has yet to tame

STAT - December 27

The year 2016 may be remembered for important medical advances, but a glance at the headlines also offers a grim reminder of the many diseases that remain unyielding adversaries for science.

Many don't take blood pressure meds correctly

Orlando Sentinel - December 21

Nearly 5 million Medicare prescription drug enrollees aren't taking their blood pressure medication as directed, increasing their risk of heart attack and stroke, a new study found.

Daily Low-Dose Aspirin May Cut Pancreatic Cancer Risk

HealthDay News - December 20

There's evidence that daily low-dose aspirin may decrease the risk of pancreatic cancer, according to a new study.

Short Course of Antibiotics Not Best for Kids' Ear Infections

HealthDay News - December 21

A shorter period of antibiotic treatment for ear infections in young children does more harm than good, a new study finds.

FDA NEWS

FDA approves first drug for spinal muscular atrophy

FDA - December 23

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration today approved Spinraza (nusinersen), the first drug approved to treat children and adults with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), a rare and often fatal genetic disease affecting muscle strength and movement.

FDA Clears Ovarian Cancer Drug for Hard-to-Treat Disease

Drug Discovery & Development - December 21

U.S. health officials have approved a new option for some women battling ovarian cancer: a drug that targets a genetic mutation seen in a subset of hard-to-treat tumors.



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