

## Tamiflu 2014-15 Flu Season Supply

Based upon our forecasts, we anticipate having ample supply of both Tamiflu® (oseltamivir phosphate) formulations (oral suspension and 75mg capsules) for the 2014-15 flu season.

We have produced sufficient supply of all Tamiflu formulations for a severe flu season and are currently working with distributors and national retail pharmacies to provide consistent access to Tamiflu.

Flu activity is unpredictable and, as the manufacturer of Tamiflu, we do our best each season to anticipate flu spikes and work with our network of national distributors and pharmacies to provide Tamiflu to those areas of the country that need it most. According to the CDC, influenza activity is continuing to increase in the U.S, and, as such, we are beginning to see increased demand in some parts of the country. Despite robust supply nationally, from time-to-time, spot shortages may occur in local areas. If needed, pharmacies should work with authorized distributors to obtain additional supply of Tamiflu capsules and Tamiflu Oral Suspension.

If Tamiflu Oral Suspension is unavailable at a local pharmacy, pharmacists may mix Tamiflu 75 mg capsules into an oral suspension (liquid) for those people who need it. The current healthcare provider instructions for dosing and compounding are found in the Tamiflu package, and also may be accessed at [www.tamiflu.com](http://www.tamiflu.com).

Resources for reporters about flu and Tamiflu are available at <http://www.gene.com/media/news-features/flu-season>

## Indications

Tamiflu is a prescription medicine used to treat the flu (influenza) in people 2 weeks of age and older who have had flu symptoms for no more than 2 days. Tamiflu can also reduce the chance of getting the flu in people 1 year and older.

Tamiflu does not prevent bacterial infections that may happen with the flu.

Tamiflu is not a substitute for an annual flu vaccination.

Patients must not take Tamiflu if they are allergic to oseltamivir phosphate or any of the ingredients in Tamiflu.

## Important Safety Information

- If patients have an allergic reaction or a severe rash with Tamiflu, they must stop taking it and contact their doctor right away. This may be very serious
- People with the flu, particularly children and adolescents, may be at an increased risk of seizure, confusion, or abnormal behavior early during their illness

- Patients must let their doctor know if they are pregnant, nursing, have heart problems, breathing problems, a weakened immune system (immunocompromised), kidney problems or other medical conditions as Tamiflu may not be right for them
- Patients must also tell their doctor about any medications they are taking or if they've received a nasal-spray flu vaccine in the past two weeks
- The most common side effects are mild to moderate nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach pain

**Report side effects to the FDA at (800) FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch). Patients and caregivers may also report side effects to Genentech at (888) 835-2555.**