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Important Information
HIVID[®]
(zalcitabine)

Dear Customer:

Effective immediately, HIVID[®] (zalcitabine) 0.375 mg tablets, bottles of 100 (NDC 0004-0220-01) will have less than twelve months of shelf life remaining, and this will decrease each month until the current inventory has been depleted. Additional lots of HIVID are not expected. Roche is phasing out HIVID in 2006 and until that time we need for you to continue maintaining inventory for the medical community and its patients.

Please continue to sell all existing stock of HIVID until your inventories have been depleted as returns to reduce inventory will not be accepted.

We ask that you notify your customers and all appropriate personnel within your organization of this change.

Roche Laboratories thanks you for your continued support and assistance. If you have any questions, please contact your Trade and Professional Relations Manager or call our Order Fulfillment Organization at 1-800-526-0625.

Sincerely,

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