

First Treatment Approved for Chorea in HD Now Available in the U.S.

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce that as of today, Xenazine* (tetrabenazine) Tablets, the first and only U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved drug for the treatment of chorea associated with Huntington's disease (HD), is **available** in the United States. Chorea is the involuntary movements that affects all parts of the body and can make life miserable for people with HD.

Tetrabenazine is not a cure and does nothing to slow the advance of the disease. Moreover it can have significant side effects. But while tetrabenazine is not for everyone with HD, it can relieve the miseries of chorea for many people and can help make a better quality of life.

Congratulations to the families and friends who fought to help bring this treatment to the U.S.! It has been a long struggle! Your voices were finally heard! And we are very grateful to you for these accomplishments!! Tetrabenazine has been available in Britain since 1971, and in many other countries as well, and we in the U.S. are finally catching up! The availability of Xenazine in the U.S. marks a true milestone for our community. We look forward to future announcements of additional advancements in the treatment of HD.

We and the Huntington's disease community continue to search passionately for a cure for HD. We are hopeful that within a few years we will have developed drugs that can halt or prevent the onset of symptoms altogether – our ultimate goal. In the meantime, Xenazine offers one more option for those living with Huntington's in the U.S., an option that has been available elsewhere for a long time.

Ovation has promised that they have a strong commitment to making this drug accessible to as many patients as need it. As part of this commitment, Ovation has developed comprehensive patient support programs with the goal of eliminating financial and administrative barriers to therapy for patients and ensuring all patients who need it can receive Xenazine.

Xenazine will be sold in the U.S. through a network of specialty pharmacies. To find out more about Xenazine and the Ovation patient support programs, please visit www.xenazineusa.com; or you can see your physician and call 1-888-882-6013.

Sincerely,
Nancy Wexler, PhD
President, Hereditary Disease Foundation

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