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## **Lilly's Trulicity® (dulaglutide) Label Updated to Include Use in Combination with Basal Insulin for Adults with Type 2 Diabetes**

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 8, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- The label for Eli Lilly and Company's (NYSE: LLY) once-weekly Trulicity® (dulaglutide) is now updated to include use in combination with basal insulin for adults with type 2 diabetes. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) included the changes to the approved product labeling to reflect this important information for prescribers. Trulicity is available in a prefilled pen in 0.75 and 1.5 mg doses.

"Despite best efforts to manage their A1C, many adults with type 2 diabetes may need to add to or change their treatment plan to help them reach their blood sugar goals," said Sherry Martin, M.D., vice president, Global Medical Affairs, Lilly Diabetes. "They now have the option to use Trulicity, with its powerful efficacy in a once-weekly, easy-to-use pen,\* along with basal insulin for even greater control."

Trulicity is a once-weekly glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonist injectable prescription medicine to improve blood sugar (glucose) in adults with type 2 diabetes. It should be used along with diet and exercise.

Trulicity is not recommended as the first medication to treat diabetes. It has not been studied in people who have had inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis). It is not a substitute for insulin. Trulicity should not be used by people with type 1 diabetes, people with diabetic ketoacidosis, or people with a history of severe stomach or intestinal problems. It has not been studied in children under 18 years of age.

Trulicity has a Boxed Warning about potential thyroid tumors, including cancer. It should not be taken by someone with a personal or family history of medullary thyroid cancer, a personal history of Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2, or an allergy to Trulicity.

The Trulicity label update is based on FDA review of results from the [AWARD-9 clinical trial](#), a Phase 3b, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, 28-week study that evaluated the efficacy and safety of once-weekly Trulicity 1.5 mg as an add-on to titrated insulin glargine, with or without metformin, compared to placebo as an add-on to titrated insulin glargine, with or without metformin.<sup>1</sup> Study results showed that Trulicity 1.5 mg significantly reduced A1C as an add-on to insulin glargine (1.4 percent) after 28 weeks compared to placebo plus insulin glargine (0.7 percent).

The label was also updated to include results from the [AWARD-8 clinical trial](#), a Phase 3b randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, 24-week study that evaluated the efficacy and safety of Trulicity 1.5 mg as an add-on to sulfonylurea compared to placebo plus sulfonylurea.<sup>2</sup>

Trulicity was first approved in September 2014 as a once-weekly injectable prescription medicine to improve blood sugar (glucose) in adults with type 2 diabetes, based in part on results from five Phase 3 studies of Trulicity used alone or in combination with other diabetes medications, including metformin, pioglitazone, glimepiride and insulin lispro. With this update, Trulicity is the first and only GLP-1 receptor agonist with a label that allows its use in combination with mealtime insulin or basal insulin.

*\*In a usability study, 94 percent of people said the pen was easy to use. Patients should read the Instructions for Use included with their pen.*

### **Important Safety Information for Trulicity®**

**Patients should tell their healthcare provider if they get a lump or swelling in their neck, have hoarseness, trouble swallowing, or shortness of breath while taking Trulicity. These may be symptoms of thyroid cancer. In studies with rats or mice, Trulicity and medicines that work like Trulicity caused thyroid tumors, including thyroid cancer. It is not known if Trulicity will cause thyroid tumors or a type of thyroid cancer called medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC) in people. Patients should not take Trulicity if they or any of their family members have ever had MTC or if they have Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome type 2 (MEN 2).**

Patients should not take Trulicity if they have had an allergic reaction to dulaglutide or any of the other ingredients in Trulicity.

**Trulicity may cause serious side effects, including:**

- | **Inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis).** If a patient has pain in their stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away, they should stop taking Trulicity and call their healthcare provider right away. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. It may be felt going from the abdomen through to the back.
- | **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).** If patients are using another medicine that can cause low blood sugar (such as insulin or a sulfonylurea) while taking Trulicity, their risk for getting low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) may be higher. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include dizziness, blurred vision, anxiety, irritability, mood changes, sweating, slurred speech, hunger, confusion or drowsiness, shakiness, weakness, headache, fast heartbeat, or feeling jittery. Patients should talk to their healthcare provider about low blood sugar and how to manage it.
- | **Serious allergic reactions.** Patients should stop taking Trulicity and get medical help right away if they have symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, such as itching, rash, or difficulty breathing.
- | **Kidney problems (kidney failure).** In people who have kidney problems, diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting may cause a loss of fluids (dehydration). This may cause kidney problems to get worse.
- | **Severe stomach problems.** Trulicity may cause stomach problems, which could be severe.

**Patients should tell their healthcare provider if they:**

- | have or have had problems with their pancreas, kidneys, or liver.
- | have severe problems with their stomach, such as slowed emptying of the stomach (gastroparesis) or problems with digesting food.
- | have any other medical conditions.
- | are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, or if they become pregnant while taking Trulicity. It is not known if Trulicity will harm their unborn baby.
- | are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if Trulicity passes into breast milk. Patients should not use Trulicity while breastfeeding without first talking to their healthcare provider.
- | are taking other medicines including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Trulicity may affect the way some medicines work and some medicines may affect the way Trulicity works.
- | are taking other medicines to treat diabetes, including insulin or sulfonylureas.

**The most common side effects with Trulicity may include:** nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, decreased appetite, and indigestion. Patients should talk to their healthcare provider about any side effect that bothers them or does not go away. These are not all the possible side effects of Trulicity. Patients should call their doctor for medical advice about side effects.

Patients are encouraged to report side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch) or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please click to access [Prescribing Information](#), including **Boxed Warning about possible thyroid tumors including thyroid cancer**, and [Medication Guide](#).

**Please see Instructions for Use included with the pen.**

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**About Diabetes**

Approximately 29 million Americans<sup>3</sup> and an estimated 415 million people worldwide have type 1 and type 2 diabetes.<sup>4</sup> Type 2 diabetes is the most common type, accounting for an estimated 90 to 95 percent of all diabetes cases.<sup>3</sup> Diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs when the body does not either properly produce or use the hormone insulin.

**About Lilly Diabetes**

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<sup>1</sup> Pozzilli P, Norwood P, Jodar E, *et. al.* Improved Glycemic Control and Weight Loss with Once Weekly Dulaglutide versus Placebo, Both Added to Titrated Daily Insulin Glargine, in Type 2 Diabetes Patients (AWARD-9). Data presented at 76<sup>th</sup> American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions, New Orleans, LA.

<sup>2</sup> Dungan, K, Weitgasser R, Manghi FP, *et. al.* Efficacy and Safety of Once Weekly Dulaglutide Added on to Sulfonylurea in Type 2 Diabetes (AWARD-8). Abstract 0219-PD. Presented at 2015 International Diabetes Federation (IDF) World Congress; 30 November - 4 December, Vancouver, Canada.

<sup>3</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Diabetes Statistics Report, 2014. Available at: <http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/pubs/statsreport14/national-diabetes-report-web.pdf> . October 2014.

<sup>4</sup> International Diabetes Federation. *IDF Diabetes Atlas*, 7th edn. Brussels, Belgium: International Diabetes Federation, 2015. <http://www.idf.org/diabetesatlas>.

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