Drug Injury Watch: Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Medication Gilenya: Timeline Of Actions Taken In US, Canada, And Europe

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Increasing Safety Concerns About Novartis Drug Gilenya Are Primarily Cardiovascular Side Effects And Unexplained Death

SUMMARY: Gilenya (fingolimod) was approved by the FDA in September 2010, and its safety is currently under review by the FDA, Health Canada, and the European Medicines Agency (EMA) following reports of cardiovascular side effects and patient deaths occurring immediately after starting the drug.

In August 2012 Novartis, the drug company responsible for this multiple sclerosis (MS) medication, sent a so-called "Dear Doctor" letter to healthcare professionals in Canada alerting them to a label change for Gilenya that included stronger warnings about these adverse reactions.

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