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Measles Outbreak in Boarding School The largest reported school-based measles outbreak in the United States since 1998 was limited to nine cases—eight students and one adult staff member-in a boarding school of more than 600 students, said Dr. Lorraine F. Yeung of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, and her associates.

A total of 629 (95%) of the 663 students aged 13-26 years had received at least two doses of measles-containing vaccine (MCV); two of those students had accidentally received a third dose. Eight stu-

dents had not received any vaccination (Pediatrics 2005;116:1287-91). The vaccine effectiveness rate was 97% among the 627 students who received two doses.

Six of the eight student cases had received two doses of vaccine, and two were unvaccinated. Of the six vaccinated patients, three had received their doses outside of the United States, including the source patient, a 17-year-old boy who had traveled to Beirut, Lebanon, and became ill upon his return.

The most severe cases occurred in the two unvaccinated students-13-year-old twins who were hospitalized for dehydration. Overall, the six vaccinated patients had significantly fewer days of rash (5 vs. 10) and fewer missed days of school or work (5 vs. 8), compared with the unvaccinated patients, the investigators said.

## **Hepatitis A Vaccine Cuts Outbreaks**

Routine implementation of the hepatitis A vaccine contributed to historically low levels of infection in Maricopa County, Ariz., said Hesha Jani Duggirala, Ph.D., of Tulane University, New Orleans, and the Maricopa County Department of Public Health in Phoenix.

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# BONIVA® (ibandronate sodium) TABLETS BRIEF SUMMARY CONSULT PACKAGE INSERT FOR FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

CONTRAINDICATIONS • Known hypersensitivity to BONIVA or to any of its excipients • Uncorrected hypocalcemia (see **PRECAUTIONS: General**) • Inability to stand or sit upright for at least 60 minutes (see **DÓSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**)

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WARNINGS
BONIVA, like other bisphosphonates administered orally may cause upper gastrointestinal disorders such as dysphagia, esophagitis, and esophageal or gastro inter (see PRECAUTIONS).
PRECAUTIONS: General
Mineral Metabolism: Hyoocalcemia and other disturbances of bone and mineral metabolism should be effectively treated before starting BONIVA therapy. Adequate intake of calcium and vitamin D is important in all patients.
Upper Gastrointestinal Effects: Bisphosphonates administered orally have been association has been reported for bisphosphonates in postmarketing experience but has not been found in most preaproval clinical trials, including those conducted with BONIVA. Therefore, patients should be advised to pay particular attention to and be able to comply with the dosing instructions to minimize the risk of these effects (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).
Severe Renal Impairment: BONIVA is not recommended for use in patients with postenerozosis include a diagnosis of cancer, concomitant therapies (eg, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, corticosteroids), and co-morbid disorders (eg, anemia, cagaujoathy, infecton, prevainting clarance -a30 m/min).
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pagent based on individual benefit/risk assessment. Musculoskeletal Pain: In postmarketing experience, severe and occasionally incapacitating bone, joint, and/ or muscle pain has been reported in patients taking bisphosphonates that are approved for the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis (see **ADVERSE REACTIONS**). However, such reports have been infrequent. This category of drugs include BONNA (lbandronate sodium) Tablets. Most of the patients were postmenopausal women. The time to onset of symptoms varied from one day to several months after starting the drug. Most patients had reichallenged with the same drug or another bisphosphonate. In placebo-controlled studies with BONNA, the percentages of patients with these symptoms were similar in the BONNA and placebo groups. Information for **Patients**: Statients should be instructed to read the Patient

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AND ADMINISTRATION. THE RECENT. 150-mg tablet every month in the moming of their chosen day, according to the standard schedule. -The patients must not take two 150-mg tablets within the same week. If the patients next schedule BONIVA day is only 1 to 7 days away, the patient must wait until their next scheduled BONIVA day to take their tablet. The patient must wait until their next scheduled BONIVA for the tablet every month in the moming of their chosen day, according to their original schedule. Patients should receive supplemental calcium and vitamin D if dietary intake is inadequate. Intake of supplemental calcium and vitamin D should be delayed for at least 60 minutes following oral administration of BONIVA in order to maximize absorption of BONIVA.

assorption or Bouwa. Physicians should be alert to signs or symptoms signaling a possible esophageal reaction during therapy and patients should be instructed to discontinue BONWA and seek medical attention if they develop symptoms of esophageal irritation such as new or worsening dysphagia, pain on swallowing, retrosternal pain, or heartburn.

new or worsening dysphagia, pain on swallowing, retrosternal pain, or heartburn. **Drug Interactions**  *Calcium Supplements/Antacids*: Products containing calcium and other multivalent cations (such as aluminum, magnesium, iron) are likely to interfere with absorption of BOWJA BOMUA should be taken at least 60 minutes before any oral medications containing multivalent cations (including antacids, supplements or vitamins) (see **PRECAUTIONS: Information for Patients**). *H2 Blockers and Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPs)*: Of over 3500 patients enrolled in the BOWJA osteoporosis Treatment and Prevention Studies, 15% used anti-peptic agents (primarily H2 blockers and PPs). Anong these patients, the incidence of upper gastrointestinal adverse experiences in the patients treated with BONNA 150 ng energy and anti-peptic agents. Among these patients. the incidence of upper gastrointestinal adverse experiences in the patients treated with BONNA 150 ng once monthly was similar to that in patients treated with BONNA 150 mg once monthly was similar to that in patients treated with BONNA 150 mg once monthly was similar to that in patients treated with BONNA 150 mg once monthly was similar to that an patients treated with BONNA 150 mg once anonthly was similar to that in patients treated with BONNA 150 mg once monthly was similar to that an patients treated with BONNA 150 mg once anonthly was similar to that an antients treated with BONNA 150 mg once anonthly was similar to that in patients treated with BONNA 150 mg once anonthly was similar to that in patients treated with BONNA 150 mg once monthly was similar to that in patients treated with BONNA 150 mg once monthly was similar to that in patients treated with BONNA 150 mg once monthly was similar to that in patients taken by 30% of the 1602 patients. The incidence of upper gastrointestinal adverse events in patients concomitantly taking aspirin or NAIDs was similar in patients taking bandronate 2.5 mg Gally (2.17%) and 150 mg once monthly (22.0%), howev Drug/Laboratory Test Interactions: Bisphosphonates are known to interfere with the use of bone-imaging agents. Specific studies with ibandronate have not

an periorineu. rcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: Carcinogenesis: In a 104-ek carcinogenicity study, doses of 3, 7, or 15 mg/kg/day were administered oral gavage to male and female Wistar rats (systemic exposures up to 12 and 7

times, respectively, human exposure at the recommended daily oral dose of 2.5 mg, and cumulative exposures up to 3.5 and 2 times, respectively, human exposure at the recommended once-monthly oral dose of 150 mg, based on AUC comparison). There were no significant drug-related tumor findings in male or female rats. In a 78-week carcinogenicity study, doses of 5, 20, or 40 mg/kg/day were administered by oral gavage to male and female MMRI mice (exposures up to 475 and 70 times, respectively, human exposure at the recommended daily oral dose of 2.5 mg and cumulative exposures up to 135 and 20 times, respectively, human exposure at the recommended once-monthly oral dose of 150 mg, based on AUC comparison). There were no significant drug-related tumor findings in male or female mice. In a 90-week carcinogenicity study, doses of 5, 20, or 80 mg/kg/day were administered in the drinking water to NMRI mice (cumulative monthly exposures in males and females up to 70 and 115 times, respectively, human exposure at the recommended dose of 150 mg, based on AUC comparison). A dose-related increased incidence of adrenal subcapsular adenoma/carcinoma was observed in female mice, which was statistically significant at 80 mg/kg/day (220 to 400 times human exposure at the recommended daily oral dose of 150 mg, based on AUC comparison). The relevance of these findings to humans is unknown. *MuLagenesis*: There was no evidence for a mutagenic or clastogenic potential of inducance in the following assays: in vitro bacterial autuagenesis assay in *Salmonella typhimurium* and *Escherichia coli* (Ames test), mammalian cell mutagenesis assay in Chinese harset V79 cells, and chromosomal aberration lest in human peripheral imphocytes, each with and withour metabolic calvation. Badmonate was not genotoxic in the in vitro bacterial aberration lest mutagenesis dasay in chinese harset rede from 14 days prior to mating through peripheral was not genotoxic in the and imbactered promotered througenees the metameter inten

Seminonemia systemiciani and essentiate V7 cells, and chronosomal aberration test in turagenesis assay in Chinese hamster V7 cells, and chronosomal aberration test in human peripheral lymphocytes, each with and without metabolic activation. Imaaiment of Fertility: In female rats treated from 14 days prior to mating through gestation, decreases in fertility, corpora lutea, and implantation sites were observed at an oral dose of 16 mg/kg/day (45 times human exposure at the recommended day) oral dose of 150 mg, based on AUC comparison). **Pregnancy:** *Pregnancy: Category C:* In female rats given oral doses of 1, 4, or 16 mg/kg/day beginning 14 days before mating and continuing through lactation, maternal deatts were observed at the time of delivery in all dose groups (3 times human exposure at the recommended daily oral dose of 2.5 mg or 1 times human exposure at the recommended once-monthly oral dose of 150 mg, based on AUC comparison). Perinatal pup loss in dams given 16 mg/kg/day (45 times human exposure at the recommended once-monthly oral dose of 150 mg, based on AUC comparison). Perinatal pup loss in dams given 16 mg/kg/day. (45 times human exposure at the recommended once-monthly oral dose of 150 mg, based on AUC comparison) vas likely related to maternal dystocia. In pregnant rats given on 3 doses of 6, 20, or 60 mg/kg/day during gestation, calcinus supplementation (32 mg/kg/day by subcutaneous injection from gestation day 18 to parturiton) did not compiletely prevent dystocia and periparturient mortality in any of the treated groups (16 times human exposure at the recommended daily oral obse of 2.5 mg and 4.6 times human exposure at the recommended daily oral obse of 2.5 mg and 4.6 times human exposure at the recommended daily oral obse of 2.5 mg and 4.6 times human exposure at the recommended daily oral obse of 2.5 mg and 4.6 times human exposure at the recommended daily oral obse of 2.5 mg and 4.6 times human exposure at the recommended daily oral obsental mortality, were observ

potential risk to the mother and fetus. Nursing Mothers: In lactating rats treated with intravenous doses of 0.08 mg/kg, ibandronate was present in breast milk at concentrations of 8.1 to 0.4 ng/mL from 2 to 24 hours after dose administration. Concentrations in milk averaged 1.5 times plasma concentrations. It is not known whether BONIVA is excerted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when BONIVA is administered to a nursing woman. Pediatric Use: Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established.

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established. Geriatric Use: Of the patients receiving BONIVA 2.5 mg daily in postmenopausal osteoporosis studies, 52% were over 65 years of age, and 10% were over 75 years of age. Of the patients receiving BONIVA 150 mg once monthly in the postmenopausal osteoporosis 1-year study, 52% were over 65 years of age, and 9% were over 65 years of age. No overall differences in effectiveness or safety were observed betwent These patients and younger patients but greater sensitivity in some older individuals cannot be ruled out. **AVCHSE FEACTONS Daily Dosing:** Daily treatment with oral BONIVA was studied in over 3900 patients in portemenopausal optenomesis trials of un to 3000 patients to not monomasi of periods.

in postmenopausal osteoporosis trials of up to 3 years duration. The overall adverse event profile of BONVA 2.5 mg once daily in these studies was similar to that of placebo.

of placebo. Treatment and Prevention of Postmenopausal Osteoporosis: Most adverse events were mild or moderate and did not lead to discontinuation. The incidence of serious adverse events was 20% in the placebo group and 23% in the BONIVA 2.5 mg daily group. The percentage of patients who withdrew from treatment due to adverse events was approximately 17% in both the BONIVA 2.5 mg daily group and the placebo group. Overall, and according to body system, there was no difference between BONIVA and placebo, with adverse events of the digestive system being the most common reason for withdrawal. Table 1 liet adverse avent for the Treatment and Brownolino Studies monoted in

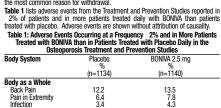


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Allergic Reaction	1.9	2.5
Digestive System		
Dyspepsia	9.8	11.9
Diarrhea	5.0	6.8
Tooth Disorder	2.3	3.5
Vomiting	2.1	2.7
Gastritis	1.9	2.2
Metabolic and Nutritional Dis	orders	
Hypercholesterolemia	4.2	4.8
Musculoskeletal System		
Myalgia	5.1	5.7
Joint Disorder	3.3	3.6
Arthritis	2.7	3.2
Nervous System		
Headache	5.8	6.5
Dizziness	2.6	3.7
Vertigo	2.5	3.0
Nerve Root Lesion	1.9	2.2
Respiratory System		
Upper Respiratory Infection	33.2	33.7
Bronchitis	6.8	10.0
Pneumonia	4.3	5.9
Pharyngitis	1.5	2.5
Urogenital System		
Urinary Tract Infection	4.2	5.5
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Once-Monthly Dosing: In a 1-year, double-bind, multicenter study con BONIVA 2.5 mg once daily and BONIVA 150 mg once monthly in wome postmenopausal osteoporosis, the overall safety and tolerability profiles of the t dosing regimens were similar. The incidence of serious adverse events was 4 the BONIVA 2.5 mg daily group and 7.1% in the BONIVA 150 mg once-group. The percentage of patients who withdrew from treatment due to events was approximately 8,9% in the BONIVA 2.5 mg daily group and 7.89 BONIVA 150 mg once-monthly group. Table 2 lists the adverse events rep 2% of natients without attribution of causelity. ely 8.9% in the BONIVA 2.5 mg daily group and 7.8% in the monthly group. Table 2 lists the adverse events reported in tratribution of causality.

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Body System/Adverse Event	BONIVA	BONIVA
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	%	%
	(n=395)	(n=396)
lascular Disorders		
Hypertension	7.3	6.3
Gastrointestinal Disorders		
Dyspepsia	7.1	5.6
Nausea	4.8	5.1
Diarrhea	4.1	5.1
Constipation	2.5	4.0
Abdominal Pain <sup>a</sup>	5.3	7.8
Musculoskeletal and Connective	Tissue Disorders	
Arthralgia	3.5	5.6
Back Pain	4.3	4.5
Pain in Extremity	1.3	4.0
Localized Osteoarthritis	1.3	3.0
Myalgia	0.8	2.0
Muscle Cramp	2.0	1.8
nfections and Infestations		
Influenza	3.8	4.0
Nasopharyngitis	4.3	3.5
Bronchitis	3.5	2.5
Urinary Tract Infection	1.8	2.3
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	2.0	2.0
Nervous System Disorders		
Headache	4.1	3.3
Dizziness	1.0	2.3
General Disorders and Administra	tion Site Condition	15
Influenza-like Illness <sup>b</sup>	0.8	3.3
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Di	sorders	

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ery demandus, demands, demands, demands and gu, demands indectamientosa, ery demand and exanither Patients with a previous history of gastrointestinal disease, including patients with peptic ulcer without recent bleeding or hospitalization and patients with dyspesia or reflux controlled by medication, were included in the once-monthly treatment study. For these patients, there was no difference in upper gastrointestinal adverse events with the 150 mg once-monthly regimen compared to the 2.5 mg once-daily regimen. **Ocular Adverse Events:** Reports in the medical literature indicate that bisphosphonates may be associated with ocular inflammation such as uveitis and scientis. In some cases, these events did not resolve until the bisphosphonate was discontinued. There were no reports of ocular inflammation in studies with BONIVA 2.5 mg daily. Two patients who received BONIVA once monthly experienced ocular inflammation, one was a case of uveitis and the other scientis.

inflamination, one was a case of uveitis and the other scleritis. Laboratory Test Findings: In the 3-year treatment study with BONIVA 2.5 mg daily, there were no clinically significant changes from baseline values or shifts in any laboratory variable for each of the treatment groups. As expected with bisphosphonather treatment, a decrease in total alkaline phosphatase levels was seen in the active treatment groups compared to placebo. There was no difference compared with placebo for laboratory anormanities indicative of hepatic or renal dysfunction, hypocateomia, or hypophosphatemia. Similarly, no changes were noted for the 150 mg once-monthly administration in the 1-year study. **DVERDINGARE**. No specific includes a submission of the study study and the study of the study. Were notee for the 150 mg once-moning administration in the 1-year study. OVERDOSACE. No specific information is available on the treatment of overdosage with BONIVA. However, based on knowledge of this class of compounds, oral overdosage may result in hypocalcemia, hypophosphatemia, and upper gastrointestimal adverse events, such as upset stomach, dyspersia, esophaglis, gastritis, or uicer. Milk or antacids should be given to bind BONIVA. Due to the risk of esophagea limitation, vomiting should not be induced, and the patient should remain fully upright. Dialysis would not be beneficial.

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38 hepatitis cases per 100,000 peoplemore than three times the national average. In a communitywide outbreak in 1997, hepatitis patients were more than six times as likely to have a history of attending or working in a child care center, compared with healthy people, and approximately 40% of cases in 1997 were linked to direct or indirect child care contact. This finding prompted the requirement of hepatitis A vaccination for all children aged 2-5 years who attended child care centers (Pediatr. Infect. Dis. J. 2005;24:974-8).

According to data from the Arizona State Immunization Information System, 23,817 children aged 2-5 years living in Maricopa County received one dose of the hepatitis A vaccine between February 1999 and June 2000; this number represented approximately 12% of children aged 2-5 years living in the county.

During 1998-2001, the age-specific incidence declined for all age groups; the steepest declines occurred among children aged 0-4 years (-91%) and aged 5-9 years (-94%).

In contrast to the 1997 outbreak, few cases reported during 1998-2001 were associated with child care centers.

## FluMist School Program Shows Benefit

Use of live, attentuated flu vaccine significantly reduced the rates of fever and respiratory illness in a pilot study of 185 school-aged children, said Dr. James C. King of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and his associates.

Children at a designated test school received the live, attenuated vaccine (Flu-Mist) prior to the 2003-2004 flu season, while children from two other schools in the community served as controls.

Overall, both adults and children in the test school households reported significantly fewer fever- and respiratory illness-related ambulatory physician visits, compared with controls, during a 7-day recall period near the peak influenza week in December 2003. The most significant differences between the test and control groups included the mean number of medical visits per 100 children (5.6 in the test school group, compared with 15.3 and 18.3 in the two control groups) and the number of over-the-counter medicines purchased per 100 households (25.9 in the test group vs. 51.2 and 44.5 for the two control groups).

## **Chlamydia Follow-Up Needs Work**

The majority of adolescents received appropriate antibiotics for chlamydia an average of 6 days after testing positive, but few received other types of follow-up care, based on a study of 122 patients, said Dr. Loris Y. Hwang and colleagues at the University of California, San Francisco.

The 96 girls and 26 boys aged 14-19 years had tested positive for Chlamydia trachomatis infection during the study period, and 118 cases were treated. Although 97% of the adolescents received appropriate antibiotics, only 79% received safe sex counseling and 52% received partner management advice (Arch. Pediatr. Adolesc. Med. 2005;159:1162-6).

Significantly fewer boys than girls received either safe sex counseling (62% vs. 83%) or partner management advice (31% vs. 57%). The lack of counseling illustrates a missed opportunity to moderate high-risk behavior, the researchers noted. —Heidi Splete